

What's new @ NU



Monthly Newsletter

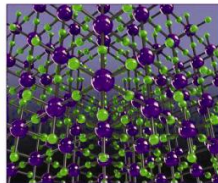
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Recent Events

NU Cooperates in Establishing the First Nanotechnology Research Center in Egypt

The Egyptian government and IBM signed a Cooperation Agreement for establishing the first nanotechnology research center in Egypt and North Africa. Partners with IBM in the Center are Nile University and Cairo University; with main fields of research being in the areas of simulation and modeling software, alternative energy sources (thin film silicon photovoltaics) and energy recovery for desalination.

"Recently, a lot of attention has been given to materials and their properties to nanometer scale (1/100,000 the size of a human hair). This was motivated by the realization that materials exhibit different properties on that scale." Says Dr. Hazem Ezzat, Chief Research Officer, and Acting V.P. for R&D at Nile University, and when asked about where this technology is taking us he replies "The answer to this question is simply a matter of imagination and innovation.", he adds "In a nutshell, nanotechnology promises to be the vehicle that takes science and engineering from "simplicity on this side of complexity to simplicity on the other side of complexity" (anonymous). It will expand enormously the exploratory space of scientists and engineers seeking to shape the future."



This Center is expected to contribute to Egypt's drive to export more IT services. Egypt is ranked as one of the top twelve countries in the field according to expert reports issued by AT Kearney and McKinsey.

Fall '08 Orientation Session

Nile University organized an Orientation Session on Wednesday October 8th, 2008 to welcome new students. Dr. Tarek Khalil, Acting President & Provost, gave a welcoming note and a presentation on NU. Moreover, the students were acquainted with the facilities that the university maintains.

For the Fall 2008 Semester, Nile University accepted 152 new students to join its two-year postgraduate, Masters programs. This brings up the total number of current enrollments to 223 students in NU's nine programs: Executive MBA, Management of Technology, Software Engineering, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Wireless Technologies, Construction Engineering and Management, Information Security, Microelectronics Systems Design and CIT general track

NU Iftar

Nile University hosted its annual Faculty and Staff Iftar on Monday, September 22nd, 2008 at Nile Maxim Cruising Restaurant. During the event, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following four staff members in recognition of their outstanding performance and dedication during the year 2007/2008:



Omneya El Sharkawy,
Assistant to Dean - Business School



Mohamed Osama,
Administrative Assistant- Support Services



Hanan Samaan,
Executive Secretary, Senior Executive Advisor's Office



Rita Sakayan,
Assistant Marketing Manager- Institutional Development Office

Dr. Tarek Khalil also took the opportunity to announce the launching of the EGYMOT, the fourth chapter of the IAMOT, International Association of Management of Technology (founded 20 years ago)



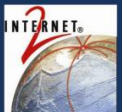
Recognition for Dr. Khalil, NU's Acting President & Provost



From the IAMOT website:

The Grenoble School of Management (one of the leading business school in France) has announced that it will award Dr. Tarek Khalil, the founder of IAMOT (International Association of Management of Technology) and the COB (College of Business), a "Doctor Honoris Causa" (Latin for "the sake of the honour") for his contributions to the MOT field. The award ceremony is scheduled to take place at the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce at Grenoble on December 2nd, 2008. This is an excellent recognition for both Dr. Khalil and IAMOT.

Applying Internet2 Revolutionary Technologies



On 21st October 2008 Nile University held a video conference test with Information & Communication University, South Korea, to ensure that connectivity is well established for the future applications of the Internet2. Nile University is the first Egyptian university utilizing Internet2 applications to link the Egyptian Higher Education and Academic Research with the rest of the world.

Internet2 is the foremost U.S. advanced networking consortium. Led by the research and education community since 1996, Internet2 promotes the missions of its members by providing both leading-edge network capabilities and unique partnership opportunities that together facilitate the development, deployment and use of revolutionary Internet technologies.

By bringing research and academia together with technology leaders from industry, government and the international community, Internet2 promotes collaboration and innovation that has a fundamental impact on the future of the Internet.

New Faculty

Dr. Nashwa Abdelbaki is Assistant Professor at NU in the CIT program. Dr. Abdelbaki has earned a Ph.D. in Engineering (Dr.-Ing.) in the field of Multimedia Networking from Ulm University, Germany.

Ms. Marianne A. Azer joined NU as Instructor in the CIT/Information Security program. Ms. Azer received her MSc degree in Security from Cairo University, Faculty of Engineering Communications and Electronics Department.

Dr. Nizar Becheikh joined NU as Assistant Professor of Management in EMBA and MOT programs. He has earned a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Laval University (Quebec, Canada) in 2004.

Dr. Frederick Betz joined NU as Professor in the MOT program. He obtained a PhD in physics from the University of California. He then did post doctoral research at the Space Sciences Institute to prepare changing fields from physics to operations research. Dr. Betz then taught Management Science in business schools, and joined the US National Science Foundation (NSF). Retiring from NSF, he returned to academia to teach a graduate program in Management of Technology through distance learning technology.

Seoul Conference 2008



Dr. Mahmoud Allam, NU Assistant Provost was invited as keynote speaker in the Global ITPP-ITTP Seoul Conference 2008: International Cooperation for Sustainable IT Development. This comes as a follow up on the joint activities between NU and Seoul National University (SNU) and Information & Communication University (ICU) in Korea, which were initiated by the success of the Joint International Workshop on ICT Development held at NU in June 2008. The conference was attended by delegates from over 20 countries and was an excellent opportunity for sharing not only the results of academic research in the field of innovation strategy and policy, but also knowledge of the experts from industry.

Egyptian Association of Management of Technology (EGYMOT)

Recognizing the role of technology and its effective management practices in the prosperity of nations, and realizing the impressive advances in it, and the role of Egypt in the region, a group of MOT students with support from Dr. Yasser Hosni, President of the International Association of Management of Technology (IAMOT), took an initiative to start the Egyptian Association of Management of Technology (EGYMOT). This initiative comes in the form of a Student Chapter affiliated with the IAMOT.

EGYMOT vision is "To Inspire Excellence and Best Practices of Management of Technology Among Students and Practitioners in Egypt". This student chapter intends to support NU's Management of Technology (MOT) graduate program and to engage MOT and Executive MBA graduate students in programs aimed at supporting the community entrepreneurs and small business owners as well as conducting case studies and analysis in Egypt in related perspectives.

The launch of EGYMOT took place during NU's Iftar event on 22nd of September 2008, where the elected student officers were named and EGYMOT received a charter from IAMOT president and \$1000 in support of activities.

Dr. Neamat El Gayar joined NU in September 2008 and is currently Associate Professor at the CIT program. Dr. El Gayar obtained her Ph.D. in Computer Science in March 1999 from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Alexandria, Egypt (joint supervision from the Department of Neural Information Processing, Faculty of Computer Science, University of Ulm, Germany).

Dr. Mohamed El Helw joined NU as Assistant Professor in 2008. He has earned a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of London in 2006. He also holds a Diploma in Visual Information Processing from Imperial College London.

Ms. Farah Seif joined NU as Instructor in the Business School. Ms. Seif received her MBA from the Arab Academy for Science and Technology with a concentration in Finance in April 2008.

Student Loans



In coordination with the University, the Commercial International Bank (CIB) offers students loans up to one year to facilitate the payment of tuition fees, with attractive, lower-than-market, interest rates.

Congratulations



Two of our Research Assistants (RAs), Ms. Ayat Dawood (Bioinformatics) & Mr. Kareem Abouel Makarem (Wireless), are engaged. It's the first real 100% NU Happy Event that found its way within the University's walls. We wish them success in both their life and careers. Congratulations!

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