

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Arab Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (IACQA'2012) is a forum for scientists, researchers, and experts to present their latest research, results, ideas, developments, and applications in all areas of quality assurance in higher education. It is held periodically in the Arab homeland.

This conference is considered the official scientific conference for the Association of Arab Universities in the field of quality assurance in higher education. Zarqa University in Jordan has been selected to be the permanent residence for its General Secretariat.

LOCATION

IACQA'2012 organized by Gulf University, Bahrain, April 4th-5th, 2012. Bahrain is a country located in the heart of the Arab Gulf country east of Saudi Arabia and Qatar in the north-south-west Asia, Bahrain is an archipelago of islands consists of 33 islands the largest one is Bahrain island. it is linked with the island of Muharraq, which is located where the Bahrain International Airport. There are also many small islands are inhabited mostly known as a habitat for various bird species that cross Bahrain in the migration route during the spring and autumn.

TOPICS

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

A- Quality Assurance in Higher Education

- Quality Assurance Standards.
- Academic Programs Quality Assurance.
- Academic Institutions Quality Assurance.
- Scientific Research Quality Assurance.
- Remote Learning Quality Assurance.
- e-Learning Quality Assurance.
- Arab and International Experience in QA.

B- TQM in Higher Education

- Strategic Planning.
- TQM systems.
- The Role of Quality Assurance Units.
- Internal and External Evaluation.
- Arab and International Experience in TQM.

C- Academic Institutions and Programs Licensing

- Academic Licensing Standards.
- Academic Programs Licensing.
- Academic Institutions Licensing.
- Arab and International Experience in Licensing.

D- Quality Awards and Certificates

- International Awards.
- Arab Awards.
- Local Awards.

E- Classification and ranking for Universities

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Researchers interested in attending this conference may submit their papers in English or Arabic. The maximum number of pages should be 15, with double-spaced lines, including all diagrams, illustrations, tables, and the list of references. The first page of the paper should include the title of the research, the name of the authors, the institution or university, P.O address, telephone, and fax numbers as well as the e-mail address of the authors. The paper should begin with an abstract of the research, followed by the keywords, then the rest of the paper, starting with an introduction and ending with a conclusion section.

All papers should be typed in MS Word 2003 and addressed to the conference program chair email address at iacqa@acqa.org. Papers also may be uploaded via the electronic conferences management system that can be accessed via the conference web site at www.iacqa.org. All papers shall be peer reviewed by specialists in the field. The evaluation of submitted papers is based on the importance and usefulness of the research topic. Technical merits, novelty of the approach, soundness of results, and clarity of presentation are also considered as factors of the evaluation process. Each article will be fully refereed by a minimum of two specialized referees. Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings, while the distinguished ones will be published in a special issue of the Arab Journal for Quality Assurance in Higher Education. Any question regarding submission or the reviewing process should be directed to iacqa@iacqa.org.

A final preparation format will be available in the conference web site. Before final acceptance, all reviewers' comments must be considered, and the paper must be formatted according to the conference camera-ready instructions that will be provided in the conference web site. Only accepted papers for authors, who complete registration, will be published in the conference proceedings.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference will include the following:

- Seminars for the presentation and discussion of accepted papers.
- Keynote speeches by distinguished scholars and experts.
- A panel session related to the conference theme.
- Specialized training workshops, one day before the conference.
- An award for the best research paper as well as the best paper presented by students.
- Publishing distinguished papers in a specialized scientific/academic refereed journal.
- A tourist tour in Bahrain, a day after the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission Deadline: ~~December 29, 2011~~, January 31, 2012
- Notification of acceptance: ~~January 31, 2012~~, February 20, 2012.
- Camera-ready submission: February 28, 2012
- Registration: February 28, 2012
- Workshops: April 3, 2012
- Conference period: April 4-5, 2012
- Tourist trip: April 6, 2012

REGISTRATION FEES

- \$ 250 for participants.
- \$ 200 for attending the workshop.
- \$ 500 for attending the conference.

Registration Fees Cover:

1. Conference Proceedings and accessories.
2. Transportation
3. Lunch
4. Tour on Friday, April 6th, 2012

ORGANIZATION

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