

IFIA Presidential Report about the IFIA Meeting connected the 14th Al Bassel Fair

The IFIA organized informal ExCo meeting on July 18, 6:30 p.m. connected Al Bassel.
The calling of the participants:

ExCo members

1. Adam Rylski dr. (Poland)
2. Alireza Rastegar (Iran)
3. Husein Hujic (BIH)
4. Idrissa H. Souley dr (Niger)
5. Joel S. Momudu (Nigeria)
6. Octavian Plesa dr. (Romania)

Representatives of IFIA members from:

1. Australia
2. Hungary
3. Iraq
4. Jordan
5. Kuwait
6. Libya
7. Qatar
8. Saudi Arabia
9. Sudan
10. Syria
11. Tunisia
12. Yemen

Gests:

Representatives of Arab League and media.

Unfortunately the WIPO delegate did not attend to the meeting.

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Introducing of IFIA
2. Founding of the IFIA Arab Inventors Network
3. Next IFIA events and work in 2009

1. Introducing of IFIA

IFIA is a non-profit, non-governmental organization created by seven European inventor associations in 1968. Today, its membership belongs to 88 countries.

IFIA is the only organization which groups inventors associations worldwide, and a unique spokesman for inventors.

IFIA enjoys observer status at the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, as well as observer status (Special Category - Technology) at the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**, both based in Geneva, Switzerland. **IFIA** is also a member of the **Standing Advisory Committee before the European Patent Office (SACEPO)**, in Munich, Germany.

IFIA'S OBJECTIVES are to improve the status of inventors at national and international levels, and to promote cooperation between inventor associations.

IFIA has European and African Inventors Network.

2. Founding of the IFIA Arab Inventor Network

Here is the document for founding of the Network:

IFIA ARAB INVENTOR NETWORK TO FOSTER INNOVATION

I. Definition

1. This is a working group of IFIA. It consists of Arabic IFIA members which declare their participation on the **IFIA ARAB INVENTOR NETWORK TO FOSTER INNOVATION** (as above *Network*).
2. The *Network* means that it is part of IFIA, under the direct authority of the President, and the control of the Executive Committee (ExCo).
3. The *Network* will therefore:
 - (i) implement activities decided by the General Assembly (GA) or the ExCo,
 - (ii) act under the general or specific instructions of the President,
 - (iii) suggest new activities to the President,
 - (iv) report directly to the President.

II. Countries

4. The geographic sphere of competence of the *Network* refers to Arabic-speaking countries except Niger stretching from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to the Arabian Sea in the east, and from the Mediterranean Sea in the north to the Horn of Africa and the Indian Ocean in the southeast.
5. However, it will have to keep an eye open on the Arab League policy.

III. Functions and Activities

6. The main functions of the *Network* will be to:
 - (a) To foster innovation in Arabic countries
 - (b) Establish and maintain good and regular contacts with the Arab League and its sub organizations; and with the Intellectual Property authorities in the Arabic countries.
 - (c) Establish and maintain relations with the main lobbies in Arab Parliament and other Arabic legislative body

IV. Finances

7. No additional fees will be requested by IFIA from its members,
8. The expenses of the *Network* will be paid from the donation of the Arabic countries to the IFIA budget.

V. Policy

9. The *Network* must remain a neutral body, as is the IFIA of which it is part. This means that the Department will :
 - (i) not advance the cause of any specific country or group of countries,
 - (ii) implement the policies decided by IFIA GA and/or ExCo.

VI. Network Participants and Direction

10. Network Participants are the IFIA members from Arabic countries which adopted this document.
11. The work of the *Network* is directed by President and Coordinators.

12. The Coordinators are proposed by President and they are elected by Network Participants.
12. The *Network* is represented by Coordinator who is entrusted by President.

IFIA Arab Inventor Network Participants:

The IFIA members from the below mentioned 10 countries declared their participation: Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, , Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

Election of the Network Coordinator:

The proposed Coordinator was: Dr. Khaled Nashwan (President of Yemen Inventors Federation). The representatives of 10 Arabic delegates elected Dr. Khaled Nashwan as Network Coordinator (7 yes votes and 3 abstentions).

3. Next IFIA events and work in 2009

September 9-13, Budapest

GENIUS - EUROPE International Invention Fair

Free booth for IFIA members and free hotel for IFIA leaders. This is IFIA authorized event of the [European Year of Creativity & Innovation](#). **The second part of ExCo meeting on September 11 at 16:00 h.**

September 16-20, Zagreb

ARCA International Fair of Inventions

Free booth for IFIA members. This is IFIA authorized event of the [European Year of Creativity & Innovation](#)

November 5-8, Nuremberg

IENA

Free IFIA collective booth for 20 items. This is IFIA authorized event of the [European Year of Creativity & Innovation](#)

November 25-30, Abuja, Nigeria

First International Invention Exhibition and 6th International Exhibition of Young Inventors

Free booth for IFIA members and free hotel for IFIA leaders.

December 3-9, Seoul

Seoul International Invention Fair - SIIF

Free booth for IFIA members and free hotel for IFIA leaders.

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