



Editorial

Opening up to their environment: The Tunisian universities' persisting problem

In pursuing the professionalization of university education and the imperative need to enhance the value of scientific research, Tunisian universities have increasingly been compelled to embrace a higher level of environmental engagement. This impetus is reflected in the adoption of competency-based curricula in line with professional standards, as well as the increasing requirement of translating research findings into innovative projects with tangible commercial benefits.

While Tunisian public universities maintain a respectable position in international rankings, a closer examination reveals a significant weakness specifically in terms of engaging with their environments. Analyzing the various statistics behind the used scores clearly demonstrates that this element remains the neglected aspect in our national institutions, both in terms of allocated resources and outcomes. In this respect, the University of Manouba is no exception. However, it is true that this persisting trend is partly due to the inadequate legal framework governing this integration. Likewise, the dominant mindset in the universities and the professional world requires a cultural transformation as their contribution to enable this choice remains limited.

Recognizing these weaknesses, UMA has dedicated an entire axis of its Strategic Orientation Plan to the objective of strengthening its image as a university open to its environment and as an indispensable interlocutor in the public sphere. To achieve this objective, it seeks to gradually improve its relationships with stakeholders to support the professional integration of its graduates and enhance the visibility and societal impact of its research.

With this objective in mind, the fourth Manouba Networking Days (MNDs) were held on May 11th and 12th, 2023. The event is conscious of the paradox highlighted during the regional event on March 6th, which emphasized Tunisia's innovation weaknesses despite the important national industrial fabric and internationally acclaimed research. The MNDs specifically aim to implement the recommendations proposed by experts and the academic community by multiplying events and projects dedicated to strengthening the university's ties with its partners. These initiatives revolve around specific themes of interest to both the university and the socio-economic environment.

UMA has chosen to dedicate these networking days to the theme of "Progress towards Achieving SDGs". As the midway point of the timeline set by the United Nations' Agenda 2030, UMA has invited its strategic partners to engage in a collective reflection on Tunisia's current progress towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Arnaud Peral, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tunisia, and Mourad Bellasoued, the Director-General of Scientific Research at the Ministry of Higher Education, have been invited to join the

President of the University of Manouba in opening the MNDs. The aim is to collaboratively chart the remaining path and clarify the role that each stakeholder must play in this action plan for humanity, the planet, and prosperity, thus forging a roadmap towards a more sustainable future for all.

The university's strategic partners were invited to visit the Research Labs and Units' exhibitions at UMA and attend presentations on the academic programs offered by the institutions, as well as the scientific research conducted by university researchers, with a breakdown by Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This first session was followed by two roundtable discussions, which assessed Tunisia's experience in the field and explored the mechanisms and networking opportunities available. The second day of the event focused on parallel workshops dedicated to enhancing researchers' capacity and presenting existing paths for structuring university-socio-economic world partnerships around the SDGs.

The MNDs succeeded in leveraging the framework of the 2030 Agenda by bringing academics together and establishing connections with the socio-economic world. In this regard, the fourth MNDs were a resounding success. The interest shown by the participants clearly demonstrates the power of this framework and its potential for mobilization. However, lingering questions remain: what's next? How can we proceed to strengthen the relationship between universities and the socio-economic world at UMA? How can we transform such relationships into a lasting bond? Would it be beneficial to further engage the 2030 Agenda for this purpose?

On May 12th, the UMA Sustainable Development Unit held a meeting in the conference room, where the focal points and representatives from the participating institutions extensively discussed this issue. The outcome was a strong conviction about the virtues of partnerships and a collective determination to utilize them to accelerate the process of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals outlined in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda.

Thanks to the commitment of its community, UMA is now more than ever in motion. It can further open up and engage with its environment. Through this approach, UMA will continue to follow the path of being a socially-responsible university and a prominent institution for fostering citizenship education.

Jouhaina Gherib
President
Manouba University

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Persons of the Month

Hommage au professeur Feu Morched Sahnoun, enseignant à l'ISAMM



May 19th: The world of scenography and university education has lost the iconic figure Mr. Morched Sahnoun. His departure has deeply saddened numerous cultural institutions.

Morched Sahnoun was a recognized specialist in scenography and set design. He began his career at the Tunisian Television, where he collaborated with famous

host Néjib Khattab on several programs. He also participated in prestigious musical, theatrical, and festival productions.

Originally from Sfax, he obtained his Doctorate in Arts Sciences and Techniques from the Higher Institute of Fine Arts in Tunis in 2013, and his diploma of University Accreditation in Art Theories, specializing in Scenography, in 2021.

Here is an overview of his professional experiences:

1990-1994: Teacher in secondary education schools.

1994-2001: Teacher at the Higher Institute of Teacher Training in Korba.

2001-2009: Teacher at the Higher Institute of Fine Arts in Nabeul.

2009-2013: Assistant at ISAMM.

2013-2014: Assistant Professor at the Higher School of Audiovisual and Cinema in Gammarth.

2014-2023: Assistant Professor at ISAMM.

From 1993 to 2020, he worked as a set designer and scenographer for audiovisual, film, and theatrical production companies in Tunisia, including Canal 7, Canal 21, Hannibal TV, and many others.

Morched Sahnoun marked the visual arts. He participated in the exhibition "Young Tunisian Plastic Artists"

from 1991 to 1994, as well as the exhibition of the Union of Tunisian Plastic Artists in 2005.

In addition to his artistic talents, Sahnoun was a former player of Jeunesse Sportive de Chihia.

We pray to Almighty God to grant him His infinite mercy and welcome him to His eternal Paradise.

Tribute to Dr. Habib Ayed, (RIP), Professor at FLAHHM



April 15th: We have lost a distinguished professor-researcher at the peak of a brilliant scientific career. His passing is a great loss for the Faculty of Letters and the broader scientific community engaged in Arab civilization studies within our country. Habib Ayed was a distinguished authority in the history of 'ilm al Kalam (Muslim Theology) and Mu'tazilism.

The late professor was born on August 28, 1964, in Bkalta. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Letters in June 1983. A significant milestone in his academic journey was achieved in June 1987 when he completed his Master's degree in Arabic Language, Literature, and Civilization. In the same year, he successfully obtained the Certificate of Research Aptitude (CAR), a mandatory requirement at that time to pursue postgraduate studies. He earned a DEA (Advanced Studies Diploma) in 1990 and subsequently defended his doctoral thesis (under the new regulation) in 1999.

At the beginning of his career, he taught at a secondary school in Matouia (Gabès) from 1987 to 1991.

From 1991 to 1994, he was seconded to the Faculty of Letters at La Manouba.

Between 1995 and 2002, he served as an assistant and then an assistant Professor at the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences in Kairouan.

In 2002, he joined the Faculty of Letters, Arts, and Humanities at Manouba (FLAHHM).

Among his most notable published works, we can mention:

"'Ilm al-Tawhid (Science of Divine Unity): Its Roots, Confluences, and the Evolution of Controversies among the Most Important Islamic Sects until the Fifth Century of the Hijra" - Beirut: Dar Al-Madar al-Islami, 2009.

"The Question of the Unity of God and Scriptural Religions" - Publications of the University of Zitouna, Tunisia, 1998.

We pray to Almighty God to grant him His infinite mercy and welcome him to His eternal Paradise.

Number of the month

34: Students have been granted the National Student Entrepreneur Status (NEEA) by UMA

Distinctions of the Month

The "Comar d'or" Literary Prize awarded to Prof. Taoufik El-Aloui from FLAHHM



May 6: During the COMAR Tunisian literature awards, our colleague Taoufik El-Aloui received the "Comar d'Or" award for his novel "Jebel Jeloud," which immerses the reader in the vibrant world of a working class neighborhood located on the southern outskirts of Tunis. The novel spans from the colonial period to the present day, portraying the dreams, failures, frustrations, and endearing humanity of its characters, who are filled with imagination and humor.

Congratulations to our colleague, and best wishes for continued success!

ESSETED students receive the Arab Starpack Competition Award at the PROPAK MENA Exhibition

From May 28th to 30th: During an evening full of surprises and emotions, Sarra Amri, Hadil Lazhar, Abidi Nawres, and Chaima Hamamou, four students from ESSETED, received the Arab Starpack Award at the Cairo International Exhibition Center in Egypt.

The PROPAK MENA Exhibition is dedicated to the packaging sector in the agro-food industry. This year, it showcased over 100 exhibiting companies from more than 20 countries, along with 9,000 professionals from the agro-food and beverage sector representing

Over 56 countries, all present to exchange ideas, engage in debates, and establish significant partnerships

On this occasion, we would like to express our gratitude to our partner, the Packaging and Conditioning Technical Center - PACKTEC

Word of the Month

Scénographie: "du grec σκηνη « scène » et γραφειν « écrire », désigne l'étude de l'art de la scène par des moyens techniques de mouvements ordonnés et scéniques".

Scenography: "from the Greek σκηνη "scene" and γραφειν "to write," refers to the study of stage art through technical means of organized and scenic movements".

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المشهد المسرحي بوسائل تقنية تخدم
الحركات المنظمة المشهدية

TICEFA 2023



May 5th and 7th : The 1st TICEFA Conference (International Conference on Economics, Finance, and Accounting) took place in Hammamet with the collaboration of two laboratories, LARIMRAF from ESCT and IFGT from FSEGT.

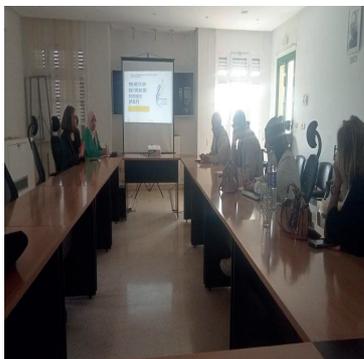
The UMA's training offerings at IFIC include a range of courses and programs



May 8 th: Within IFIC's Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Program Proposals 2023/24, two UMA training projects: "Data Science and Software Development," to be delivered by ESEN and the "Digital Transformation and Innovative Project Engineering," to be delivered by ISCAE were approved.

Congratulations to ESEN and ISCAE teams for this achievement! We would like to express special thanks to Ms. Jihene Cherrak for her contribution to these projects.

Info meeting on ongoing calls for projects



May 23rd: A meeting was held at the conference room of the UMA headoffice to report on progress in briefing research institutions about various research project funding opportunities for 2023, including:

- Call for proposals for Federated Research Projects (PRF) funding for the period (2023-2026).

- Young Researchers Encouragement Program for the year 2023.
- Tunisia-Quebec Research and Development Collaboration Program.
- Call for proposals for funding collaborative research and development projects, TUNGER "2+2 projects."

The meeting was an opportunity to learn more about these funding opportunities and application processes.

Raqmyat Project's Mid-term Meeting



May 23rd & 24th: Within the framework of the RAQMYAT project: Digital Strategies for Doctoral Training in Social Sciences and Humanities in Tunisia, coordinated by UNIMED (Union of Mediterranean Universities), the University of Manouba, and the University of Vienna, in partnership with Tunisian and European universities, a second mid-term meeting was held at Le Belvédère Hotel. The stakeholders' enthusiasm reflects commitment to ensure the project's success.

Presentation of Mobility Scholarships



Programme SMARTS-UP
Bourses de mobilité en Master pour l'année 2023-2024 aux Graduate Schools de Université Paris Cité - France

Critères d'éligibilité, parcours et calendrier présentés par :



Pétia Koleva
Maître de Conférences HDR en Économie, UFR GHES
Co-directrice de la Graduate School
"Soutenable, organisation et Institutions"
Université Paris-Cité



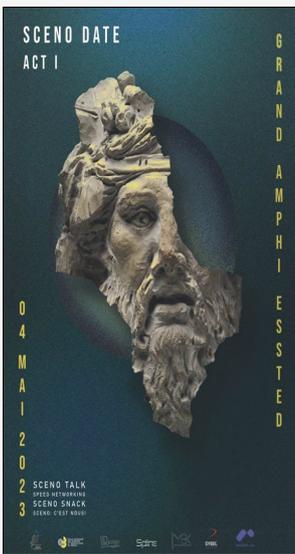
Amel Ben Rhouma
Maître de Conférences en Sciences de Gestion
Co-responsable pédagogique du BUT GEA-
parcours Contrôle de gestion et pilotage de la
performance globale/RSE Université de Paris-Cité
IUT de Paris-Rive de Seine

Date : Le 3 Mai 2023 de 11h30 à 12h30
Lieu : Amphi Théâtre Ben Ferjani-ISCAE

Une opportunité à saisir ...
Soyez les bienvenus

May 3rd: ISCAE hosted a presentation of the SMART-UP program, focused on excellence scholarships offered at Université Paris Cité.

Integration and Partnership Day at ESSTED : SCENO DATE-ACT I



May 4th: An integration and partnership day was organized at ESSTED with the aim of bringing together students and professional organizations working in various fields to discuss the practice of scenography in Tunisia. The event featured presentations by experts and alumni of the school in the fields of television, film, theater, events, and museum scenography. Additionally, a Speed Networking session was conducted, providing an opportunity for one-on-one meetings between invited professionals and motivated students, with the possibility of securing job interviews or internships.

Awarding of the National Student Entrepreneur Status

May 5th: The Jury announced the National Student Entrepreneur Status for the academic year 2023-2024. A total of 34 applications were selected out of the 61 received. The 34 students are now eligible for the SNEE and have received UMA validation.



"Ma thèse en 180 secondes" Competition - Tunisia, 2023 Edition



May 18th: Among the four candidates shortlisted for the "My thesis in 180 seconds" competition, two stood out for their excellence and ability to effectively communicate their

research. Sana Safi and Imen Chaouli managed to captivate the audience and the judges with the clarity and passion with which they presented their work.

We eagerly look forward to seeing how they will shine even brighter in the grand finale!

UMA PEE Training



May 31st: As part of the activities of UMA PEE, a training session titled "Self-Awareness: Knowing Yourself Better for Better Entrepreneurship" was organized for students and mentors. The training took place at Carthage el Hadatha Amphitheater and was facilitated by Ms. Soumaya Kouidhi and Ms. Ons Mahjoub.

The objectives of the training were:

- To explore the fundamental concepts of profiling and learn how to apply them in an entrepreneurial context.
- To learn how to identify key competencies.
- To identify opportunities that best correspond to one's profile and develop an appropriate strategy.

Promoted Senior Administrative Officer

Promotion

May 2nd: The results of the internal competition based on applications for promotion to the rank of Higher Education Institution Senior Administrator for the year 2021 have been announced. Out of a total of 213 candidates, 13 ATOS staff members have been promoted: Ms. Hedia Ghaith, ESCT; Ms. Najet Khlaifi, UMA; Ms. Ferida Zedini, IPSI; Ms. Bahija Thifa, ISAMM; Mr. Khmaies Gharbi, UMA; Ms. Houda Challakhi, ESEN; Mr. Salah Tarkhani, FLAHM; Ms. Imen Hajri, UMA; Ms. Yamina Ouni, FLAHM; Ms. Lamia Habli, ISD; Ms. Amel M dini, ESCT; Ms. Chiraz Chokri, IPSI; and Ms. Souad Trabelsi, IPSI.

On April 27th, the results of the promotion to the rank of Higher Education Institution Senior Advisor for the year 2021 were published. Among the 196 promoted candidates, 8 ATOS staff members from UMA and its associated institutions were selected: Mr. Chokri Ben Younes, IPSI; Mr. Kamel Zdini, ISD; Ms. Sarra Ben Ali, IPSI; Ms. Mounira Garassa, ISD; Mr. Ezzedine Dougari, ISCAE; Mr. Anouar Drihmi, FLAHM; Mr. Salah Dridi, ISCAE; and Mr. Neji Hammami, ISCAE.

Congratulations to all the successful candidates for this well-deserved recognition of their hard work!

Election of recruitment committees for the promotion of academic researchers



3-4-5 and 23th May : The second round of elections for the representatives of Academics to sit in the various faculty recruitment committees has been completed. The committees have been announced on May 23rd.

University Council Meeting



May 29th: During the meeting of the Council of Universities, several topics were discussed.

Firstly, monitoring examinations in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Then, two draft regulations, one dealing with university accreditation and the other with university life, were discussed.

The creation or change in training vocation of three institutions were subsequently approved. In preparation for upcoming deadlines, the need to evaluate the current regulations governing the elections of university bodies was emphasized.

Lastly, miscellaneous matters were discussed including the appointment of Emeritus Professors and Directors of Graduate Doctoral Schools.

Opening of applications for the Master of Research in Computer Science



From May 11th to June 11th: ENSI announces reception of applications for the Master of Research in Computer Science (MeRSI) for the academic year 2023-2024 on the platform www.cursus.tn.

Partnership between UMA and AVHTM



May 11th: A partnership agreement was signed by UMA and AVHTM (Association of Tunisian and Mediterranean Historic Cities).

Through this collaboration, joint actions will be undertaken to promote cultural tourism, conservation of historical sites, and sustainable development of heritage cities.

Participation in the Arab Council for the Social Sciences



May 25th: During the inaugural meeting of the University Network of the Arab Council for Social Sciences in Lebanon, two initiatives: ethics in the humanities and social sciences (HSS) and the New Generation program are presented.

Collaboration between the University of Oxford and UMA in the humanities and social sciences



May 30th: A delegation from the University of Oxford that included Professors Mohamed Salah Omri, Eugene Rogan, and Michael Willis, visited UMA to explore collaboration opportunities between the two universities in the field of humanities and social sciences (HSS).

Focus on Net Working Days : "Progressing towards Achieving SDGs", 2023

May 10th and 11th: UMA organized the fourth edition of the "Manouba Networking Days: Progressing towards Achieving SDGs". The official inauguration of this event was marked by the presence of UMA President, Prof. Juhaina Gherib, along with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mr. Arnaud Peral, and Mr. Mourad Bellassoued, General Director of Scientific Research (MESRS). The first day featured two captivating sessions:

The first session highlighted UMA's offers, emphasizing its quality education programs, research activities, vibrant student life, and strategic partnerships. The second session, facilitated by Ms. Rym Bouderbala, explored the Tunisian experience within the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while simultaneously, Ms. Lilia Messadi led a roundtable discussion on networking mechanisms and opportunities.

The second day commenced with a panel on intellectual property, expertly moderated by Ms. Nadia Amri. Subsequently, three workshops provided enriching simultaneous exchanges: Workshop 1 on research consortia, Workshop 2 on UMA-PEE Doctoral students, and Workshop 3 on UMA's social responsibility. Throughout these two days, UMA's research structures and socio-economic partners' stands generated great interest among UMA faculty members and students, fostering an environment conducive to exchanges and collaborations.

The objectives of this event were to enhance the visibility of UMA's research and strengthen the ties between UMA and its socio-economic environment.

We extend our gratitude to all the members who organized this event as well as all the participants.



Activities of the laboratory "Disability and Social Maladjustment"



May 10th and 11th: The members of the Research Lab on "Disability and Social Maladjustment" participated in the Fourth UMA "Networking Days" under the theme "Towards the Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals," at the Manouba University Campus.

This participation was marked by the presentation of the scientific research activities carried out within the laboratory, as well as active involvement in the scientific sessions held during this event, aimed at strengthening connections with various academic institutions.

Panel on intellectual property



May 10th: During the second day of the Manouba Networking Days, a panel on intellectual property was chaired by Ms. Nedja Amri, Director of Academic Affairs and Scientific Partnership at UMA.

The discussions were insightful and provided a deeper understanding of this crucial topic.

Participants had the opportunity to exchange ideas and reflect on the challenges related to the protection of intellectual property rights.

The MIGRANTS project, Erasmus + program



May 2nd: The final conference of the MIGRANTS project was held at the Cité des Sciences in Tunis. The project, a three-year Erasmus+ capacity-building initiative, was

funded by the European Commission and implemented across Europe and Tunisia with the aim of strengthening the institutional capacities of the Tunisian higher education system in managing regular and safe migration.

The Summer School on "Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism"

From May 2nd to May 12th: Within the framework agreement signed on May 11th, 2022, by the President of the IHEA Foundation (Italian Higher Education with Africa), Prof. Eugenio Gaudio, and the President of UMA, Prof. Juhaina Gherib, the Summer School on "Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism" has commenced at FLAHM in collaboration with the Department of Italian and the University of Rome La Sapienza.

This event marks the first joint training initiative aimed at enhancing and strengthening Tunisia's national resources in the field of cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) and sustainable tourism.



Meeting with UMA's Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility Units

May 11th: A brainstorming and coordination meeting was held at the University's main meeting room with the focal points of the sustainable development and social corporate responsibility units of the UMA in order to establish the general policy and strategy to accelerate the implementation of the university's action plan and its institutions in the field of sustainable development and corporate social responsibility.



Inauguration of Palestine Square at FLAHM

May 15th: The Palestine Square was inaugurated at FLAHM as part of the commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the Nakba, which marked the expulsion of 800,000 Palestinians from their lands during the establishment of the State of Israel.

This space was designed around an olive garden with murals portraying Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish, journalist martyr Shireen Abu Akleh, and several slogans affirming solidarity and support of the Tunisian people towards the Palestinian people.



UMA celebrates World Africa Day



May 25th: On the World Africa Day, three talented Mauritanian students and one Nigerian student from ESCT, ISCAE, and ESEN participated in the celebrations.

Mutuelle de l'UMA

May 31st: The university approved the allocation of 420.900,000DT to the University of Manouba's mutual fund to provide its members with meal vouchers and Eid bonuses.

UMA's Contribution to UfM Report: University Autonomy and Gender Equality in Mediterranean Higher Education



May 30th: In the report published by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) on the results of the consultation conducted in preparation for the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education, two quotations from UMA are featured on pages 27 and 30. The first quotation highlights the importance of structured projects to enable universities to choose their mode of autonomy, based on the European universities' reference system while preserving their distinct characteristics. The second quotation underscores the primary challenge in achieving gender equality in Tunisia: the creation of employment and leadership opportunities for women. It emphasizes the need for female leadership training and the promotion of women in decision-making positions.

"Anthology of Cinematography and the Concept of Cinematography"

May 30th: The book "Anthology of Cinematography and the Concept of Cinematography" written by Mr. Morched Sahnoun (RIP) is currently being printed at the Tunisian Institute of Translation.



News from the Institutions

EUMEPLAT (European Media Platforms) Project



May 3rd: Following a call for proposals in March 2023, and within the EUMEPLAT (European Media Platforms) project, the application of a researcher from IPSI, with numerous publications on the role of media in Tunisia and media discourse, was selected to conduct a qualitative analysis of the representation of migration in Tunisia.



The EUMEPLAT project aims to analyze the role of media platforms in promoting or deconstructing European identity. Recognizing that the European dimension has rarely been dominant in the history of the media, the project focuses on the process of "platformization" and its positive and negative externalities. The main research question is whether the new platforms contribute to making European culture more European or not

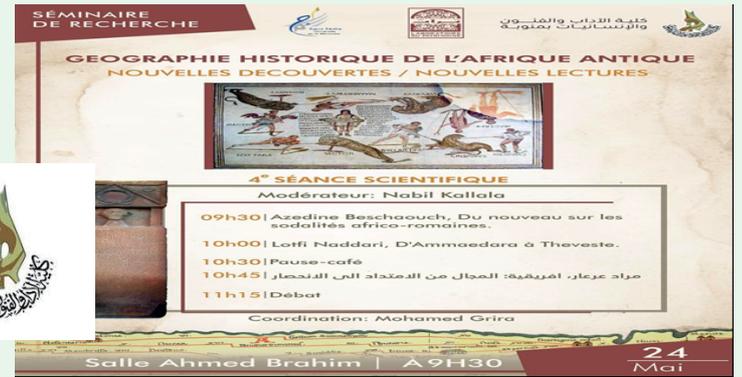
FLAHM Research Labs' Activities

"Semantics and Computational Linguistics" Laboratory



May 09-11: The Research Laboratory on Semantics and Computational Linguistics organized an international conference on Semantics in Media and Communication Systems.

"Heritage" Laboratory



May 24: The Heritage Laboratory conducted its fourth scientific seminar on the "Historical Geography of Ancient Africa: New Discoveries, New Readings".

"Maghreb-Africa-Europe Exchanges" Laboratory

May 11-12: The Research Laboratory for Maghreb-Africa-Europe Exchanges organized an international conference titled "Libya: Dialectics between Maghreb-Oriental Identity and African Expansion."



Tribute to Professor Leila AZOUZ SAIDANE



May 4th: During the prestigious WiDS Tunisia@RECONNECT Summit 2nd Ed. 2023, titled "Tunisian Women and Data+AI Summit 2023," a tribute was paid to Prof. Leila AZOUZ SAIDANE, as a Computer Science Researcher.

Congratulations Professor!



Celebrating Excellence: ENSI and InstaDeep Ltd at the Premiere of CAPE TO CARTHAGE



May 11th: The director of ENSI had the honor of attending the exclusive premiere screening of the documentary film titled "CAPE TO CARTHAGE," entirely produced and directed by InstaDeep Ltd. This special event took place during an exceptional evening.

This moment, filled with emotions and pride, highlighted two ENSI graduates, Rihab GORSANE (ENSI Engineer - Class of 2018) and Oumayma MAHJOUB (ENSI Engineer - Class of 2022). They showcased the excellence of Tunisian education, the perseverance of women, and the remarkable teamwork spirit that enables them to overcome any challenge.

ENSI would like to express deep gratitude to its partner InstaDeep Ltd, a true symbol of excellence in artificial intelligence in Africa and internationally.

Furthermore, a meeting with the film's heroines, Rihab and Oumayma, along with a screening of the film at ENSI, is currently being prepared.

You are warmly invited to attend!

Promising Partnership: ENSI Visits Zerda Digital

May 17th: A delegation from ENSI had the privilege to visit Zerda Digital, a company founded by Chiheb Ben Aissa. Zerda Digital is committed to establishing sustainable collaborations while encouraging young employees to benefit from dual affiliation, both in Tunisia and Canada.



ENSI establishes strong international partnerships with the Higher Polytechnic School of Nouakchott



May 23rd: As part of the collaboration and exchange agreement between ENSI and the École Supérieure Polytechnique (ESP) in Nouakchott (an engineering school), interviews with candidates

were conducted. For the start of the semester in September 2023, we eagerly await the arrival of three highly motivated students from ESP for a semester of exchange at ENSI.

This initiative marks an important step towards realizing ENSI's goal of being an internationally renowned school, open to students from around the world!

International expansion of ENSI: First cohort of engineering students at Laval University in Canada



May: In addition to the traditional collaborations for double degree programs with French schools, ENSI is actively working towards realizing its new agreements.

The selection process for the first cohort of a group of engineering students from ENSI has now been completed.

This marks an important milestone as, for the first time, three engineering students from ENSI will have the opportunity to join the University of Laval in Canada starting from September 2023 to pursue a double degree program.



Continuing education sessions



May 9th: As part of the continuing education program and strategic plan developed by ISES, two training sessions were launched for executives working in specialized education centers under the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Training on "Specific Learning Disorders"



May 12th: A training program on "Specific Learning Disorders" commenced for the multidisciplinary team working in specialized education centers under the Ministry of Social Affairs.

The training is being conducted by Dr. Mosaddik Jeboun, a specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry. It is worth noting that this training program consists of four sessions and will continue until June 2023.

Collaboration between ISES and LE VINATIER Hospital Center



May 17th: A convention was signed by the director of ISES and the director of Le Vinatier Hospital Center (CHV) in Lyon, France.

On this occasion, the French delegation conducted an exploratory visit to various facilities of the institute, including: The Specialized Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Unit "La Volonté", the Prevention and Rehabilitation Unit and the University Training Department.

Training in docimology



May 24th: As part of the Erasmus Plus project 'Biotech Tunisia', the ISBST organized a docimology training session. The training was led by Professor Nabil Sakli, an expert in Immunology from the Faculty of Monastir.

UMA faculty had the opportunity to participate and benefit from this training program.

Docimology, which is the study of evaluation and grading methods, holds crucial importance in the field of education. Through this training, teachers were able to acquire new skills and improve their assessment practices, which will have a positive impact on the quality of teaching at UMA



Closing the PRIMA ARTISANEFood project



May 25th: The PRIMA project (Innovative Bio-interventions and Risk Modelling Approaches for Ensuring Microbial Safety and Quality of Mediterranean Artisanal Fermented Foods) ARTISANEFood, coordinated by Prof. Nourhene Boudhrioua from the RL Physiopathology, Food and Biomolecules, was concluded at the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB). The overall budget of the project amounts to 1,583,708 euros, with 100,000 euros allocated to the Tunisian part.

On this occasion, the RL Physiopathology, Food and Biomolecules co-organized an international seminar titled "ArtiSaneFood: Bio Preservation and Risk Modelling Approaches" with a Portuguese team from IPB.

This was the 3rd seminar organized within the framework of this project and brought together multidisciplinary research teams from several countries, including Tunisia (LR17ES03-ISBST, IRA of Mednine, LR PATIO-INAT), France (National Agency for Food Safety, Environment and Work, ANSES, and the National Interprofessional Center for Dairy Economics, CNIEL), Morocco (University of Ibn Zohr in Agadir), Greece (University of Agricultural Sciences in Athens), Italy (University of Bologna), the United States (USDA, United States Department of Agriculture), Spain (University of Cordoba), and Portugal (Polytechnic Institute of Bragança).

The research outcomes of this project have contributed to the training of doctoral and post-doctoral students, strengthening the scientific reputation of UMA, and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, 15) as well as national research priorities in food safety and circular economy.



M. Makrem Mekni on Express FM



May 17th: Mr. Makrem Mekni's intervention on Express FM, expert teacher at ESEN and CEO of Bestway IT, focused on the interoperability of information systems.

Activities of Joker ESEN



May 30th: The month of May was marked by positive affirmation with Joker ESEN and the daily shared quotes on their page. These positive vibes were especially valuable during the final exams period.

Participation of ESEN Android Club in FABVERSE



May 9th: the ESEN Android Club participated in FABVERSE by FabSkill, the first Tunisian podcast dedicated to students. The session focused on the challenges and skills required to succeed in a career in Business Computing.

Eighth Edition of the International Conference on Digital Economy (ICDEc)



From May 2nd to 4th: the 8th edition of the International Conference on Digital Economy (ICDEc), co-organized by ATEN, the University of Minho (Portugal), and ESEN, took place in Braga.

A total of 26 papers were presented by authors from 16 countries. The scientific and cultural program was highly appreciated by all participants. Looking forward to ICDEc 2024!

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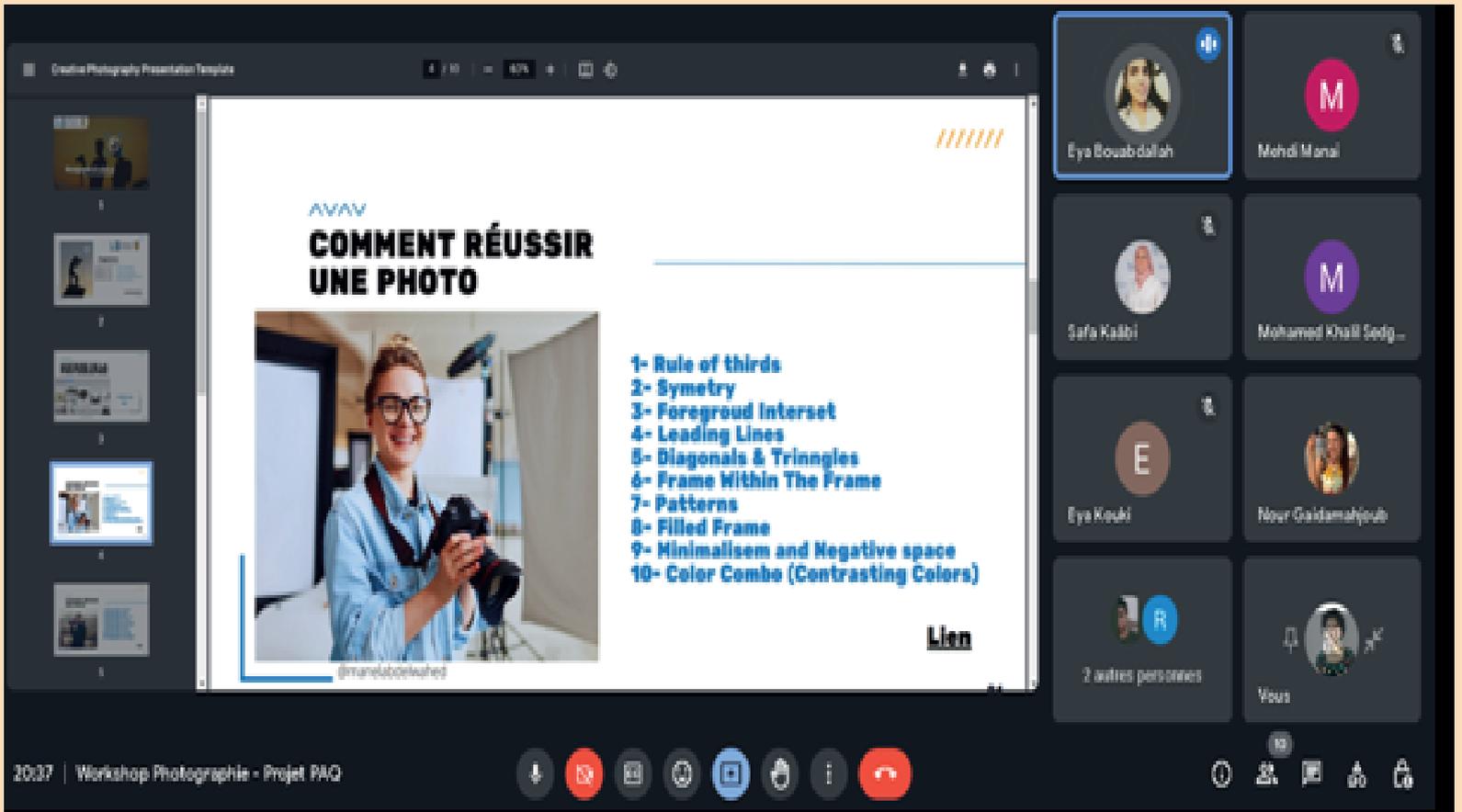
PAQ Covid 19 Project: Training of Trainers in Online Education

From May 11th to May 27th: Within the UMA-PAQ-Covid 19 project, the Digital Directorate organized training sessions for teachers from UMA institutions on "Design, Mediation, and Implementation of Online Courses." The sessions were conducted by Mr. Mohamed Ali Nahali.



PAQ DGSE ESEN: Photography Training Cycle Completed

May 30th: Within the framework of Domain 4 of the PAQ DGSE, the action "Capture Unforgettable Moments" (photography training cycle) has concluded. Preparations for the upcoming competition, to take place soon.



Agenda

- June 3:** Innovative Best Final Year Project (PFE) Competition at ISAMM.
- June 8:** Deadline for reviewing new accreditation applications submitted by Higher Education Institutions (EES).
- June 9:** Conference organized by the transdisciplinary research laboratory "Individuals, Institutions, and Mutations" and the Columbia Global Center Tunis, focusing on American Avant-Garde Cinema at 10 a.m. at ESSTED.
- June 10:** Finals of the "My Thesis in 180 Seconds" competition.
- June 12:** Commencement of the Project Management Professional (PMP) and Microsoft Projects training program for UMA administrators and faculty members.

- June 19:** Deadline for submitting applications for young researchers' encouragement projects.
- June 19-21:** Organization of a training session on "Design, Mediation, and Implementation of Online Courses" for UMA faculty members.
- June 24:** Deadline for submitting applications for Comsats University scholarships.
- June 26-29:** Training session on "Design, Mediation, and Implementation of Online Courses."
- June 30:** Deadline for submitting applications for Federated Research Projects.