

**FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTES  
PLEINS FEUX SUR LES INSTITUTS DE RECHERCHE  
ET DE FORMATION**

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**THE RESEARCH CENTER  
OF CARYOUNIS UNIVERSITY,  
LIBYA**

The Research Center was established in 1973. At present it occupies the southern part of the building of the Faculty of Economics. It will continue to occupy these offices until the completion of the Research Center's own buildings on the site of the university campus.

The Research Center is still being developed, and a draft of the first by-laws have been prepared and also the rules and regulations for its future work.

**Functions**

In recognition of the fact that research is a central feature of a university, the Research Center is engaged in the following functions :

1. Execution of scientifically oriented research to tackle the problems and difficulties which face our society.
2. Proposing the best ways for allocation of resources to develop the Libyan economy.
3. Training research assistants and sponsoring seminars on different topics of research.
4. Encouraging translation and publication of literature from and to Arabic language.
5. Establishing relationships with other universities and research centers in Libya and abroad.
6. Creating sufficient facilities for research.
7. Fostering cooperation among scientists and researchers.

**The Administration**

All Research Center affairs are managed by :

1. The Administration Board
2. The Chairman of the Board
3. The Director.

At present the Chairman's position is occupied by Dr. Abdulhafidh Zleetney, the President of the General Higher Popular Committee of Garyounis University, and Dr. Abdalla Bibtana occupies the Director's position.

All chiefs of the research units of the faculties are members of the administration board.

### **Initiative Steps**

In order to investigate and collect relevant data on the Libyan society, letters were sent to all Libyan ministries and institutions, asking them to provide the Research Center with details of their problems and difficulties.

Upon receipt of this information, data will be classified and studied by qualified specialists and research workers. Letters were also sent to Garyounis University faculties for any reports and articles written by members of the teaching staff. This literature will be translated, published and distributed free of charge by the Research Center to the relevant specialists and institutions both inside and outside the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Research Center is going to establish a workpaper as a liaison between specialists and research assistants to enable the specialist to guide the research assistant to follow modern research methods.

In spite of its limited facilities the Research Center has already provided services such as the duplicators, photo-copiers and an offset lithograph.

A room is presently being prepared to house a computer, and in the meantime the center has a terminal linked to the Gulf Oil Company where they have a computer system I.B.M. 370-175. The computer facilities of the Research Center are being used for both teaching and research purposes.

### **Activities**

While the Research Center is being developed and equipped, it has already participated in various activities such as :

1. Participation in a field study entitled, « Socio-Economic Systems and Modern Orientation. » Several universities and research centers have participated in this project.
2. The Research Center has taken a part in the « International Geological Research Project of Sahabi » with researchers from the U.S.A., West Germany, and Belgium. This project is situated at Qasr-es-Sahabi which preserved quite ancient faunal remains.
3. The Research Unit of the Faculty of Economics has gone into action to reorganize Customs in Libya.

4. Professor Martha Rashid, a psychologist from George Washington University has visited Garyounis University on an invitation. She has taken this opportunity and assisted The Research Unit of the Faculty of Education in the application of « Piaget's Theory » to « The Study of Cognitive Development Stages in a Selected Sample of Libyan Students. »

### **Seminars and Symposiums**

The Research Center encourages students and university administrators to participate in seminars relevant to their field of work or interest both with Libya and abroad. The following seminars were held in the building of the Research Center.

1. A seminar on, « Management and Electronic Data Processing, » as result of the cooperation between the Research Center and the Gulf Exploration Company.
2. A symposium on, « Modern Methods of Plant Protection » and « Safeguarding the Environment. »
3. A seminar on, « Simulation as an Education Method — a Decision Making Approach. » The International Institution for Labour Studies in Geneva participated in this seminar with the Ministry of Labour under the auspices of the Research Center.

### **Publications**

Many researchs, handbooks and reports were prepared and published by the Research Center such as :

1. Cholera in Libya.
2. Women's Position in Social and Economic Situation in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah.
3. A Design of an Information System for Inventory and Accounts Receivable : A Practice Case.

### **Conferences**

In the area of international conferences, the Research Center has participated in many Arabic and foreign conferences. Those are :

1. Conference on « Developing the Research in Africa in the Social and Economic Field. » This conference was held in Cairo.
2. Conference on, « The Arabic Oil and its Role in the Near Future, », which was held in Baghdad from 20-22nd November 1970.

2. Conference on, «Labor in Developing Countries With Emphasis on Economical Aspects.» This conference was held at Geneva, Switzerland from 5-10th September 1976.

In conclusion, the Research Center hopes to develop its activities in the future and welcomes contributions from the academic communities in Libya and abroad.

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