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**Dear Friends and Partners, Alumni, Ladies and
Gentlemen,**

We are approaching the end of an extremely eventful year. The changes in Egypt have brought about new initiatives and new funding programmes that are meant to accompany and support the democratic changes that this country, its universities and research system will be undergoing in the coming months and years. Obviously, the DAAD will continue to play a major role when it comes to collaboration between German and Egyptian institutions and individual researchers. We are eagerly awaiting the results of the selection of the first new University Transformation Partnerships which will be announced sometime in January next year. In the meantime we are glad to see that a high number of Egyptian candidates have been successful in receiving DAAD scholarships for our prestigious programme "Public Policy and Good Governance". The exact figures will be presented to our readers in the next issue of our Newsletter.

2012 will most probably see a further intensification of our formidable bilateral relations. The German government will support the DAAD in Zamalek and its partners from German universities and research institutions to further develop into the focal point of German-Egyptian scientific collaboration. Watch this space...

For now I would like to wish you a very enjoyable read, Merry Christmas for those of you who celebrate it, and a very Happy and Peaceful New Year to all of us.

Dr. Michael Harms
Director DAAD Cairo Office



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Transformation Partnership: Cooperation with the Transition Countries Egypt and Tunisia

The **Egyptian** and the **Tunisian** people attained the resignation of their authoritarian governments by peaceful demonstrations in the beginning of 2011. The people's dauntless commitment for democracy, responsible government and constitutionality deeply impressed the global public.



Germany supports this process of democratisation actively. Thus, the German government already made suggestions for a new transition partnership by the end of January 2011. As a result, Egypt and Tunisia get the support that is needed for the democratic change. A central role in this period is assigned to the universities of both countries with a range of new programmes, the DAAD will support activities aiming at strengthening the higher education in these destinations with funds from the Federal Foreign Office. Central aspects of these measures will be the Universities' contribution to research and teaching in order to support civil societal and democratic structures and the transformation process on the one hand, as well as strengthening the scientific and technological performance of these countries on the other hand.

For the time being, the programme for supporting the transition countries Egypt and Tunisia will comprise two fields of attention:

1. Transformation partnerships with Universities in Egypt and Tunisia

2. Short-term and intermediate-term cooperation with Universities in Egypt and Tunisia

For more information, please visit:

www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/18808.de.html
or <http://cairo.daad.de/en/>

Moreover, a new **web portal** (www.changebyexchange.de) is to be launched soon in both languages, German and Arabic, to show all the activities related to the German-Arab Transformation programmes.

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“INEMA” Summer School at Helwan University

From 11-15 September 2011, Helwan University's International Center of Excellence in Education Management “ICEEM” hosted the “INEMA” summer school. Several important topics related to the German-Arab Master's Programme “International Education Management (INEMA)”, were discussed during the programme's sessions.



INEMA is a blended learning programme, targeting professionals from Germany and the MENA region, who want to develop their managerial skills in the education sector. A joint degree from Helwan University and the German partner University of Ludwigsburg will be awarded.

Get more information about the programme at: www.ph-ludwigsburg.de/10836 .

Also, you can contact
Ms. Deborah Dombret:

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GERSS - Spring Call 2011-2012

The German Egyptian Research Short term Scholarship **GERSS** is a programme jointly funded by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (**MHESR**) and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (**DAAD**) in order to finance short term scholarships for young Egyptian scientists to travel to Germany.

The target groups of the programme are researchers enrolled in MSc and PhD programmes as well as young Post Doctoral candidates.

The scholarships may be awarded for a period from three to six months.



Among the young scientists who applied for the scholarship in the Spring Call 2011-12, twelve candidates successfully passed the pre- and final selections and were thus qualified to be granted the **GERSS** scholarship in its 8th round.

There are two calls for application annually:

Autumn Call: Electronic application forms can be filled out as of **1 September till 15 October**.

Spring Call: Electronic application forms can be filled out as of **15 March till 30 April**.

The **online application** form is available on the **GERSS** website: www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerss/.

In order to apply for the **GERSS** scholarship, you have to register yourself on the **GERSS** website.

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For more information please check the **GERSS** info sheet available [here](#) and on **GERSS** website www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerss/.

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RISE Worldwide - International Research Internships in 2012

DAAD RISE
worldwide Research Internships
in Science and Engineering



After the successful implementation of RISE worldwide in 2011 the programme is returning in 2012.

Students in the early stages of their studies who have an excellent background in the fields of engineering, natural sciences, and related disciplines, including earth sciences, and the ambition to work abroad and gain hands-on research experience in their fields will be matched with researchers worldwide who wish to engage in a meaningful cooperation with a young German research assistant.

DAAD will support these short-term summer internships by awarding scholarships to successful applicants to help cover part of the living and travel costs.

Get more information at www.daad.de/rise-weltweit/en/index.html



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The Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Programme on "Globalisation, the EU, and Multilateral- ism" (EMJD-GEM)

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Programme on "**Globalisation, the EU, and Multilateralism**" (EMJD-GEM) is a five year programme set up with the support of the European Commission aimed at fostering first-rate doctoral research in Europe on the common challenges facing the current global system.

The GEM PhD School's programme will thus pioneer an integrated approach to doctoral teaching which will be reflected in the joint tutorship and double doctorates associated with those dissertations written within the programme's framework.



Submission Deadline: 16 January 2012

Further information and the **online application forms** are accessible through the programme's website:

www.erasmusmundus-gem.eu/

Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Geospatial Technologies



The Master's Programme in **Geospatial Technologies** is a cooperation of the University of Münster (Institute for Geoinformatics), Germany, the University of Castellon (Institute of New Imaging Technologies), Spain, and the New University of Lisbon (Instituto Superior de Estatística e Gestão de Informação), Portugal. The programme targets holders of a Bachelor's degree with a qualification in application areas of Geographic Information (GI).

Applicants with professional experience in a GI application area are very welcome. Degree holders already acquired similar qualification as offered in the Master's Programme in Geospatial Technologies are discouraged from application.

Start of the Master's programme: 1 September 2012

Deadline for applications: 15 January 2012

For more information, please visit www.mastergeotech.info/

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1-2 Short-Term Scholarships at the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology

The Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology is offering 1 - 2 Short-Term Grants for international doctoral candidates for a research stay. The scholarships will be awarded for the **Summer Term 2012 (1 April until 30 September 2012)** and include a stipend of 1.000 Euro per month.



Requirements: Applications are invited from international doctoral candidates who work on a thesis in history, sociology, political science or social anthropology.

Applications: Applicants are asked to submit the following documents:

- Cover letter detailing your interest in researching at the BGHS (800 words max.)
- Curriculum vitae (in tabular form)
- Research proposal (2,000 words max.)
- Work schedule and timeframe for your stay at the BGHS
- Recommendation from two college or university professors (approx. 400 words)
- Certificates of college and university degrees

All applications should reach the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology via **Email** (bghs@uni-bielefeld.de) by **15 January 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact us at bghs@uni-bielefeld.de.

Structured Doctoral Education at Freie Universität Berlin's Dahlem Research School

PHD Scholarships at Berlin Mathematical School

The Berlin Mathematical School
(BMS) is a joint graduate school of the mathematics departments of the three major Berlin universities, TU Berlin, FU Berlin, and HU Berlin. It offers a fast-track PhD programme



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in the rapidly developing scientific landscape of Berlin presenting an exciting variety of possibilities both for mathematical research and graduate education. As a BMS student, you will join a diverse community of fellow graduate students coming from over 30 countries around the world of which 30% are women.

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BMS is now accepting applications for admission and financial support for talented students completing their Bachelor's degree or above. The deadline for scholarships is **31 December 2011**. For detailed information, please go to: www.math-berlin.de/Application-Information.html

Doctoral Grants at the Graduate School of North American Studies

The Graduate School of the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies invites applications for the academic year **2012/2013**.



The doctoral programme is interdisciplinary in its approach and focuses on social transformations impacting the United States and Canada at the beginning of the 21st century. Emphases are placed on domestic and foreign policy, economic development, ethnic identity and relations, as well as recent transformations in media, art, culture, and religion.

Applicants interested in pursuing a doctorate with a focus on North American Studies must have completed a degree (M.A. or equivalent) with above average marks in one of the following disciplines: American Cultural Studies, American Literature, History, Political Science, Sociology, Economics. Scholarships amount to ca. **1.500 €**. It is also possible to apply for admission to the programme independently from applying for a stipend.

All application materials (completed application form, statement of purpose of 3 pages, outline of the dissertation project of 8 – 10 pages, curriculum vitae, two recent letters of reference, copies of earned degrees, proof of language skills, and writing sample) must be received by **31 January 2012**.

For more information, please visit: www.jfki.fu-berlin.de/graduateschool/

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International Summer Schools 2012- Osnabrück / Germany

The University of Osnabrück is happy to invite you to its International Summer School Programme. The Summer Schools are a unique combination of academics, German language and culture classes and a rich cultural programme.



In 2012 the course programme includes:

Subject courses taught in English:

1. Biodiversity: The Diversity of Ecosystems, Genes and Species
2. Democratic Governance and Civic Engagement
3. Health Care throughout the Life Cycle

Subject courses taught in German:

1. German Language and Culture
2. Cultural Diversity and Peace Culture

How to apply:

The application form and further details are available on the programme's website:

www.blogs.uni-osnabrueck.de/internationalsummerschools/

Application deadline: 1 March 2012



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Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change – CTTC

Fifth Edition: “The ballot and the box: Egypt’s first day of parliamentary elections”

30 November 2011

Since popular protest has ousted former President Hosni Mubarak from his office on 11 February, Egypt is witnessing a profound transformation process that affects all aspects of society. **The Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change (CTTC)** aim to provide a platform to analyse the ongoing changes and assess the perspectives of political transition in Egypt. Each month renowned scholars from Egypt and Germany address key topics of this transition period. **CTTC** are jointly organised by the Cairo Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Freie Universität Berlin, and the German Orient Institute Beirut and open to students, researchers, activists and the wider public.

At the fifth **CTTC** edition, Ivesa Lübben (Philipps Marburg University) represented the German side on the podium and spoke about her discussions with the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamist parties. Then the microphone was given to Naiera Ellethy, the Programme Manager of Al Nakib Center for Training and Democracy, who gave the audience interesting insights about the elections and the recorded violations. Afterwards the topic was handled from another political perspective, when it came to Dr. Samer Soliman, who is a founding member of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party and an associate Professor of Political Economy at the American University in Cairo.



After the statements given by each panelist, the audience participated in an intensive questions and answers session.

As the **Cairo Climate Talks on Transformation and Change** have been designed to accompany, monitor and comment on Egypt’s transitional period, they will be continued in 2012. The next event is scheduled for **January 2012**. Please, check our website: <http://cairo.daad.de/en/>

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The 5th Study Information Day

Europaschule in El-Kattameya, Cairo

On 17 November the DAAD Cairo Office organised in cooperation with Zentralstelle für Deutsche Auslandsschulen (ZfA) the 5th Study Information Day. 400 students of the 11th and 12th grade of the five recognised German schools in Egypt have been informed about studying in Germany.

This year the event was hosted by Europaschule in El-Kattameya, Cairo, and attended by Beverly Hills Schule Cairo, Deutsche Evangelische Oberschule Cairo (DEO) and Deutsche Schule der Borromäerinnen (DSB) Cairo and Alexandria.

The students who have been educated in those German schools are highly qualified and have great interest in getting information about study opportunities, scholarship programmes and student life in Germany. As a novelty this year, eight German universities



were introduced by a representative, who came to Cairo especially for this event, which gave the Study Information Day an exhibition style. Furthermore the students had access to information booths about the DAAD, the German University in Cairo (GUC), the Sawiris

Foundation and several political foundations.

The event started off with an opening speech by Europaschule's headmistress, which was followed by a prize giving ceremony for the poster contest "**My goal? Study in Germany!**". The winners received a one-day application training module at the DAAD Kairo Akademie. The posters were presented at the Deutsch-Mobil where students and teachers could see them throughout the day.

The programme entailed presentations of the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University (DHBW), FU Berlin, Hochschule Ruhr West – University of Applied Sciences (HRW), Bauhaus University Weimar, Saarland University, Leuphana University Lüneburg, TU Clausthal and TU Munich and was complemented by lectures about university subjects such as medicine, mechanical engineering, economic sciences and political sciences.

In addition the DAAD invited German students, who were very popular among the pupils and provided information about students' life and their personal studies in Germany.

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Official launching Event of Cairo Climate Talks

“International Climate Change Negotiations in Durban (COP17) - expectations and perspectives”

3 November 2011

The **Cairo Climate Talks** are a series of monthly public events concerning climate change. On 3 November 2011 the Cairo Climate Talks were officially launched at the Culture Wheel in Cairo. In light of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa, the topic of the evening was “International Climate Change Negotiations in Durban (COP17) - expectations and perspectives”.

350 distinguished guests and experts from policy, business and science were invited to this big event, which took place in a talk show atmosphere, moderated by Cornelia Wegerhoff, a WDR correspondent, in Cairo in Culture Wheel.

The main goal of the talks is establishing a platform to expose the problems of climate change and find solutions for them, which is a very important step on the road to raise awareness in Egypt.



The **Cairo Climate Talks** are one of the obvious examples of the outstanding cooperation between Egypt and Germany. They are held under the umbrella of an extensive network with both Egyptian and German partners: the German Embassy in Cairo, in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), the German Academic Exchange service (DAAD), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Egyptian German High Level Joint Committee for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection (JCEE).

The event started with opening speeches given by Mr. Mohamed ElSawy, the host and founder of the Culture Wheel, H.E. Mr. Michael Bock, ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Dr. Hossam ElDin Ali Hegazi, Chief Executive Officer of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA).

Following the opening addresses the panel discussion began.

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Participants of the panel included: Mr. Stefan Auer, Deputy Director General for Energy and Environment at the German Federal Foreign Office, H.E. Ambassador Ehab Gamal EIDin, Minister Plenipotentiary for Environmental Affairs and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Ezzat Lewis, Head of Climate Change Central Department, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency and Ms. Silvia Kreibiehl, Vice President at Deutsche Bank Group.

Afterwards, representatives from the audience participated in a questions and answers session, which brought concrete event suggestions for the next sessions.

For further information, please visit the website: <http://cairoclimatetalks.net/>

World Wide Reading at the DAAD Cairo Office

21 November 2011

DAAD Cairo followed the appeal of the “Heinrich-von-Kleist-Gesellschaft” and the “Internationales Literaturfestival Berlin” and arranged a reading competition for selected texts by Kleist and thus participated in the World Wide Reading on 21 November 2011, the 200th anniversary of the poet’s death.

17 Egyptian and German students recited the pieces and played the scenes in pairs and small groups. The recitals contained letters as well as extracts from his novels “Der Findling” and “Die Marquise von O...” in addition to scenes from his drama “Penthesilea”. Afterwards the best presentations were awarded by a jury of 4 and the winners were given coupons for books worth 550€.

The DAAD Cairo office was decorated –especially for this event –as oriental scenery in order to provide a comfortable atmosphere for the speakers and the audience.

Despite the fact that the poet never visited Egypt in his lifetime, on that night he was more present than ever.



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DAAD as Session Partner at WWEC 2011

31 October - 2 November 2011

The World Wind Energy Association (WWEA), an international non-profit association, representing the wind power sector worldwide, with members in 100 countries and working for the promotion and worldwide deployment of wind energy technology held its 10th World Conference from 31 October till 2 November in Cairo under the theme "**Greening Energy: Converting Deserts into Power Houses**".



The event brought together **500** scientists and researchers, manufacturers and traders as well as consumers, NGOs and governmental organisations to introduce new chances and the latest technologies concerning renewable energies.

As renewable energies are one of the main areas of focus for the DAAD in the support of solving global problems by offering different opportunities for students and researchers from developing countries such as Egypt, the Cairo Office took part in the World Wind Conference as a session partner.

The first session, which was titled "**Study Opportunities**" started with a presentation on the variety of scholarship programmes offered by DAAD followed by presentations on the bi-cultural Master programme "**REMENA – Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency for the MENA Region**" by the two coordinators at the Universities of Cairo and Kassel, Professor Dr. Adel Khalil and Dr. John Sievers.

Under the theme "**German Research at a Glance**" and after a presentation on the research landscape in Germany and related scholarship opportunities, two researchers, Dr. Mario Ragwitz and Ms. Inga Boie, of Fraunhofer Society, an organisation with 60 institutes spread throughout Germany, each focusing on different fields of applied science, presented an example of high-quality German research in the field of renewable energies.

Furthermore DAAD offered detailed information on programmes and study and research opportunities in Germany at its information booth throughout all three days of the conference.

The World Wind Energy Conference 2012 will be held in Bonn, Germany.

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Summer School for Cultural Science at Al Azhar- University

The Summer School project between the universities of **Al-Azhar** and **Vechta** ended with a celebration of all participants at the premises of the DAAD branch office on 6 October 2011. Students and teachers of both universities had been working together in workshops and scientific discussions for one week. In the course of the workshops, they arranged information-days concerning regional studies where topics such as cultural science and sociology were addressed with regard to the cultural dialogue. In this regard, the comprehension of democracy, linguistic experience and the idea of identity as well as its localization in daily life were discussed.



All in all, 14 students and staff members arrived from Lower Saxony's universities in order to discuss those matters with their fellow Egyptian students and colleagues. Next to an intensive work schedule, their agenda included touristic activities and leisure time which presented a compensation for the studies and provided an opportunity to get to know each other. This was the second time for a study tour in Cairo and it is part of the **Ahlan-Project**, which has been going on successfully between the two universities for two years now, and which is sponsored by the **German-Arabic/ Iranian College-Dialogue** by the DAAD.

For the future, the implementation of a mutual course of studies in cultural-science is planned, the conception of which was prompted by the Summer School.

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The New Urban Revolution in Greater Cairo



From 30 September to 9 October 2011, the Berlin **University of Technology (TU Berlin)** together with its Egyptian partner, **Ain Shams University**, carried out the “**New Urban Revolution in Greater Cairo**” summer school, under the sponsorship of the German Academic Exchange Service (**DAAD**).

Urbanization is considered one of the most critical challenges facing Egypt. The population of Greater Cairo is currently estimated to comprise around 20 million inhabitants, which represents almost one quarter of Egypt's 82 million inhabitants and almost half of the country's urban population. Unfortunately the consequences of this problem are very clear in the high populated informal settlements, which suffer dangerous building conditions and often lack public infrastructure and services.

The ongoing transformation phase in Egypt is a very good opportunity to call for the involvement of community organisations and active participation of inhabitants to upgrade and regenerate the existing informal areas in Greater Cairo.

Therefore, the “**New Urban Revolution in Greater Cairo**” summer school was seeking to develop the knowledge and skills of the 25 selected Egyptian students as future experts and urban managers in the transition phase. Many relevant topics were discussed during the summer school, such as: technical infrastructure, transportation and communication, social infrastructure, waste and resource management, social segregation, gentrification, employment creation, public participation, design of architecture, integrated planning instruments and institutions.

At the end of the workshop, a participatory process within one informal area in Greater Cairo was planned to be implemented in cooperation with the Egyptian Authorities.

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“Contemporary Microfinance: Institutions, Policies and Performance” Conference

German University in Cairo (GUC) hosted from 5-7 September 2011 the “**Contemporary Microfinance: Institutions, Policies and Performance**” conference. The three-day event focused on the microfinance system and how it can support the Egyptian economy during the transformation process. Several interesting topics were discussed during the conference’s sessions, such as : (Impacts of Microfinance Programs, Microfinance in India and Global Trends in Microfinance). The aim of the conference was discussing the actual research results regarding the microfinance systems all over the world and finding out how these lessons can help in upgrading the Egyptian system.

The event was organised by the German University in Cairo (GUC) and the (FOM) Hochschule für Oekonomie und Management, Essen.



DAAD Kairo Akademie reloaded

For some time now, the DAAD in Cairo has offered further training modules for the academic community in Egypt. This service to the scientific public has been considerably extended and deepened as from this year. Creating the brand **DAAD Kairo Akademie** the DAAD branch in Cairo has developed and professionalized the concept of a further training academy for young scientists.

Under the umbrella of the **DAAD Kairo Akademie** a cluster of modules targeting different groups such as prospective applicants for scholarship programmes, postdocs, alumni, scholarship holders as well as scholars in general has been developed in cooperation with professional trainers. Module topics range from the traditional “Proposal Writing”, “International Networking”, “How to present Scientific Data” to soft skills like “Effective Time Management” or “Teambuilding”.

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In a module, groups of about 25 participants receive intensive training in the selected subject. DAAD intends to fill the lack of further education which is rarely offered in universities and research institutions in order to strengthen Egyptian students and researchers in international competition.

Modules take place in the DAAD Cairo office on Zamalek or directly at universities and research institutions. Participation is free of charge.

In the first nine modules which have been held since July more than **200** persons participated with up to **1,278** applications in total.

An overview of the DAAD Kairo Akademie for 2012 is being published shortly.

Please refer to our website for information on upcoming modules or send an email to Kairo.akademie@daadcairo.org in order to be registered in our database.

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CNMS CAIRO OFFICE

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The interdisciplinary Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies **CNMS** was established at the **Phillips University of Marburg** in 2006. A unique range of offers related to the field of oriental studies has been created with a total of seven professors, a multitude of staff members and an extensive network.

In order to provide the students and academics of Marburg with a contact point on site, the **CNMS** has founded a representative office in Cairo in 2009, only three years after its establishment. In doing so, the **CNMS** is pioneering among German institutes for oriental studies. Sharing the villa with the DAAD branch office Cairo, the **CNMS** has got a fully equipped workplace and providing excellent working conditions.

The **CNMS** is closely cooperating with a number of universities in Cairo, above all, Ain Shams University, whose Center of Excellence for German and Arabic as foreign languages **EZ-DAAF** has been giving intensive Arabic courses for Marburg students for two years. In order to continuously improve the standard of the Arabic courses, there is regular exchange and workshops between the teaching staff of the **EZ-DAAF** and the **ASU**. Depending on availability, German students not studying at Marburg University are also allowed to attend these courses.

Since October, seven Marburg students have attended the **EZ-DAAF** as part of a so-called **Bachelor-plus-year programme**. The **Bachelor-plus-year** is an initially three-year bachelor degree programme with an integrated year abroad supported by DAAD. With this programme, the **CNMS** aims at allowing students to gain further subject-specific knowledge as well as language practice and intercultural competences in Arabic countries in addition to their previous practice-related training in Germany.

Nuray Atmaca, one of the Marburg scholarship holders, said: "First of all, the year abroad is important for me to deepen my knowledge of Arabic language, especially of the Egyptian dialect. Parallel to improving my language skills, I hope that my stay abroad will help me to broaden my intercultural and social competences and to better get to know the culture, people and country. Actually, I still have start-up problems but now, after three weeks, the situation has improved. Most notably, I frequently meet interesting new people with whom Cairo gets a totally new perspective :)"

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In the upcoming semester, the participants of the **bachelor-plus-year programme** will take specialised courses in politics, economics, history and Islamic studies at **Cairo University**, take courses in German-Arabic translation at **Ain Shams University** or complete an internship in Cairo.

The **CNMS representative office** in Cairo, which is managed by DAAD staff member Deborah Dombret, is ready to help interested Egyptian and German scholars at all times.

If you have any inquiries, please direct them to the contacts given below via email or telephone or just pass by – preferably after arranging an appointment. The **CNMS** considers itself as a bridge builder between Germany and the Arab world and is open for your new ideas and suggestions at any time.



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Testing Centre at the DAAD Cairo Office:

The Scene after One Year

In 2010, the DAAD Cairo office has gained the license to administer certified tests in cooperation with the **TestDaF Institute in Bochum**. After that, **TestDaF** (Test of German as a Foreign Language) and **TestAS** (Test for Academic Studies) are being considered as an integrated part of the examinations offered by the DAAD.

Prior to this the **onDaF-Test** was applied within selected scholarship programmes as a computer-assisted test to evaluate the reading and writing skills, as well as the knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

On **25 December 2010** the TestDaF was offered for the first time to 12 applicants. The language examination, which is required for the enrollment at German universities, has gained attractiveness, since an increasing number of young Egyptians are interested in finding a place to study at German universities.

This is also the case for the test of study capability **TestAS**, which is offered mainly to German studies students, but also representatives for other educational institutions and school graduates, can make use of it.

After one year, the result is impressive: Till **November 2011**, a total of **126 applicants** participated in **TestDaF** and **TestAS**, with an increasing trend.



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Now in Arabic: Information brochures about studying in Germany for parents and international students

The brochure “**Study in Germany: A good choice for your child. 15 Questions and Answers for parents**” used to be available only in German and English. An Arabic version has come out recently; it offers a diversity of information about advantages, opportunities and chances of studies at a German University. In addition parents can get an idea about the costs, necessary preparations and living conditions that are related to a stay abroad and may find answers to a couple of questions parents naturally would worry about when sending their child to another country.

In order to reach more parents of prospective students in the Arab World, DAAD Cairo initiated the brochure’s translation into Arabic. The so far international oriented brochure has been adjusted to the region by replacing the previous testimonials by ones of Egyptians who used to or are currently studying in Germany and are speaking from their own experience. Parents like Mona El Tobgui, Senior Advisor of the Fraunhofer-Foundation, whose son and daughter both studied in Germany explain why they supported their children on this way.

Enjoy the [online version!](#)



Also, the brochure “**Studying in Germany: A practical Guide for International Students**” is available now in Arabic. The brochure shows the international students a clearer image about the studying conditions in Germany. Moreover, it covers many points that can come to an international student’s mind, for example: Selecting degree Programme and university, meeting the admission requirements, financing the studies, applying for a degree programme, finding accommodation and other interesting topics.



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DAAD-Prize for Foreign Students 2011

In the Course of the Freshmen Greeting by the Chair of the HCU, the University awarded the DAAD-Prize for the Second Time

Dr. Eng. Walter Pelka, President of the HCU and Prof. Dr. Harald Sternberg, Vice President for Study and Teaching, awarded the 1000€- prize together with the International Office to Ms. Sarah Asseel from Egypt.

Ms. Asseel, who began her studies at the HCU in the winter term 2010/2011, managed to blend in perfectly with regard to subject-specific and social matters.

She is committed to working with the student representatives of Urban Design, the group of which was founded in May 2011, in the work group "profile" for the international profile of the course of studies (The formation of this group was initiated by Ms. Asseel, among others). The student representatives Urban Design and Ms. Asseel produced a portrait movie about the course of studies during summer term 2011 (<http://cumlaude.localproduction.net/>). With this movie, they introduced their course of studies to the competition of the association „Cum Laude“.

The **DAAD-Prize** is awarded annually by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). With this prize, foreign students with extraordinary academic achievements and remarkable social and intercultural commitment are honored. The university is responsible for the choice of honorees.

In addition, the **DAAD-Prize** is supposed to emphasize how foreign students enrich the collegiate community.



Ms. Sarah Asseel with the President of the HCU