The director of International Scientific Cooperation of Islamic Azad University has announced the initiation of a new phase of international scientific cooperation with the world. According to an ANA (Azad News Agency) report, Maryam Maleknejad explained that measures have been taken in order to launch IAU international cooperation offices. The purpose of these offices is to develop international scientific collaboration, facilitate international, elite, and higher education admissions, expand the capabilities of IAU, and focus on Iranian living in other countries. “Our strategic partners are Russia, Austria, Italy, France, England, Germany, Canada, and other target countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Armenia, Turkmenistan, UAE, Oman. We are also looking at different countries in Europe and Africa,” said Maleknejad, adding that the electronic branch in Russia will also be active in the near future.

IAU & Berlin Investigate Cooperation Areas

The first meeting between Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran branch, and Iranian delegation of the technical department at Berlin University was hosted by the IAU Central Tehran department of Research and Technology. ISCA quotes Alireza Feiz-bakhtiari, deputy of Research and Technology of Tehran Central IAU as explaining that the purpose of this meeting was to investigate various fields of scientific cooperation and also probe the capabilities and potential of both universities.

Qaem Shahr IAU Students Bag Medals in 2016 Paris Wrestling Tournament

Seyyed Ahmad Mohammadi and Hassan Yazdani from Qaem Shahr IAU have succeeded in bringing home a gold and a silver from the international Freestyle Wrestling Tournament in Paris. Therefore, Mohammadi, who studies Business economics, suddenly defeated Finnish Mattas Juhari Savola 10-0 in the first round of the 70-kilogram weight class, and breeze passed Hungarian Balazs Kalman with the same result finding his way to the final. In a tough final encounter, Mohammadi overpowered Avandtial Kechadze from Georgia 9-7 and took the gold medal, ANA reported.

Dr. Mirzadeh Sends Message to Persian Research Center International Conference

The president of Islamic Azad University sent a message to the Aligarh Muslim University for the conference on Persian Language and Literature in the age of Akbar Shah Gourkani and the Safavid dynasty. According to ISCA (Iran Student Correspondents Association) quoting IAU public relations, Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh first expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the Persian Research Center of Aligarh Muslim University in holding continuous conferences on literature, linguistics, and history. He also thanked professor Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, and Professor Azar Midhokh-Safavi, head of Persian Research Center of Aligarh for their effective contributions to providing favorable circumstances for Iranian and Indian philosophers and developing the relationship between these two countries. “This active relation demonstrates that these two nations share the same ancestry from the Achaemenid, Parthian, and Sasanian Empires and enjoyed amicable cultural, political, business, and artistic interactions.”

In this letter, Dr. Mirzadeh also pointed to the strong relation between the countries throughout history, to the point that Persian language became the second language of the Indian people during the Mongol Empire era under the Safavid kings who then resided in India. He also cited the thousands of Persian manuscripts in Indian libraries, the rise of many famous poets such as Sa‘id Tabrizi, Naziri Nokhapuri, Taleb Amoli, Nazin Lahiji as examples of the literary phenomena of the time. The president of Islamic Azad University gave word of the readiness of the university to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Persian Research Center of Aligarh Muslim University in order to enhance faculty and students and enhance the cooperation of codicologists with faculty members, allowing for further cultural and academic ties.

“Probiotics and Functional Foods” Workshop in S & R IAU

A workshop entitled “Probiotics and Functional Foods” lectured by Finnish Professor, Seppo Salminen, has been held in Islamic Azad University, Science and Research branch. According to ISCA (Iran Student Correspondents Association), Professor Seppo Salminen of Finland University emphasized the importance of supplying probiotics to mothers during pregnancy and lactation and suggested that mothers opt for natural birth so that they can pass on beneficial probiotics to their infants through breast-feeding. The professor of Turke University in Finland explained that probiotics are live bacteria and yeasts that are good for health, especially the digestive system. They are often obtained from fermented products such as milk and vegetables. He continued that in the process of removing negative side effects on human health, lactic bacteria are mostly sought after: Micro-organisms are transferred in two ways: from placenta to the fetus and also via breastfeeding to the baby. “The body mass of mothers before pregnancy, whether they are obese or underweight or slim, creates different microbial flora which affect the baby directly. The first source of probiotics is breastfeeding which removes pathogenic bacteria,” he added. Salminen noted that there many ways of probiotics to be transferred from mother to the baby: skin, bacteria inside the milk, bacteria in baby’s mouth, and even the digestive system. Accordingly, C-section births alter the microbial composition of milk, and these changes will remain throughout breastfeeding.”

According to this Finnish professor, certain anti-bacterial and also synthesized compounds in foodstuffs, preservatives, pharmaceutical formulations and antibiotics affect microflora. He concluded that probiotics can help prevent the action of some viruses in old age.

Shiraz IAU Cooperates with Australia, Japan, Lebanon, and Turkey

The head of the Fars province Islamic Azad University has announced the signing of academic Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with universities in Australia, Japan, Lebanon, and Turkey. According to ANA, Dr. Hamzeh Sarouee stated that Dr. Mirzadeh’s approach to developing higher education, sustainable and effective cultural projects, knowledge-based companies, incubators, and also specifically the SHAFA (Azad Technology Town) and SAHA (Azad Cooperative Lab System) projects has begun “positive waves” in universities.

Pharmaceutical Sciences IAU opens “Cereal Clinic”

The IAU Pharma branch cereal center, a first for the Islamic Azad University and other national academic centers, was inaugurated today. According to an ANA report, this center has been run with activity in order to improve productions, income, research, and educational services in the Science and New Technologies department of this branch. Solmaz Sarem, the director of the “Cereal Clinic” stated that bread and all products made from flour are the main nutritional sources of energy, so the importance of the center lies in its researchers for using their attention on improving quality, creating diversity, and updating techniques and technologies.

The president of Islamic Azad University has announced that IAU has 169 international agreements with other countries at present. Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh pointed to IAU international expansion plans, stating that science is a global issue and thus no university can claim to improve its scientific level without academic links beyond the borders, Mehr News Agency reported.

“Expanding international relations allows for the betterment of scientists and students’ experiences; for this reason, the IAU has prioritized sending faculty members and PhD students to other countries as one of its main priorities,” explained Dr. Mirzadeh. The president of IAU also added that exchanging faculty and students with academically-developed countries and renewing international contracts and agreements which are nearing their end date are on the development agenda for this university.