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## Preface

Founded as a small local girls' school in the town of Birzeit in 1924, Birzeit University (BZU) has evolved into a distinguished Palestinian university with a newly-built modern campus on the outskirts of the West Bank city of Ramallah. Throughout its existence, BZU was established, and developed with Palestinian resources, in response to the increasing demands for higher education in the Palestinian society. Against all odds – including severe restrictions on academic development and freedom imposed by the Israeli military occupation - the University embodies a story of success that is an inspiration to all Palestinians.

BZU became a member of the Association of Arab Universities in 1976 and the International Association of Universities in 1977. It works in cooperation with other Palestinian universities and educational institutions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories to develop an educational system that can provide Palestinian students with the knowledge, skills and awareness needed to serve their society in a changing global environment. BZU faculty's ability to combine research with instruction and public service demonstrates BZU's commitment to serving the needs of Palestinian private and public sectors.

Birzeit University is the first institution of higher education to be established in Palestine. In addition to providing students with the opportunity to realize their academic aspirations, the University encourages its students to be productive citizens and active members of their community.

The University plays a central role in developing the most valuable national resource– namely the human element. New graduate and undergraduate programs in information technology, engineering, science, social policy, economics and management are being developed to meet this objective. The University campus is being expanded to better equip the University to meet the growing needs of higher education in the Palestinian society. At the same time, Birzeit University's various community Centers and Institutes continue to enhance and develop their work through intensive policy-oriented research to assist in the economic, social and human development of Palestine.

The University offers numerous undergraduate and post-graduate degrees through its seven faculties: Arts, Commerce and Economics, Engineering, Science, Law and Public Administration, Information Technology and Graduate Studies.

The Graduate Studies programs offer post-graduate diplomas and master's degrees in the following fields: Contemporary Arabic Studies; Arab and Muslim History; Education; Sociology; International Studies; Democracy and Human Rights; Economics; Law; Community and Public Health; Water and Environmental Engineering; Water and Environmental Sciences; Gender, Law and Development; Business Administration; Applied statistics; Scientific Computing; Urban Planning and Design; Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Geography and Mathematics.

The BZU also offers two High Diplomas in Primary Healthcare (Supervision and Training); and Gender, Law and Development. In addition to its academic programs, the University has a wide range of institutes, centers and programs that aim to support the community-oriented programs that contributes to the achievement of sustainable development in Palestine.

Support for the University comes from numerous Palestinian, Arab and international institutions or foundations as well as from various individuals. Such support has enabled the University to continuously expand and develop.

Although many courses are taught in English, Birzeit University's official language is Arabic, The University follows the semester system, with two four-month semesters beginning in Autumn and Spring, and a shorter two-month semester in Summer.

#### Mission and Principles

"Birzeit University is a Palestinian Arab institution supervised by an autonomous Board of Trustees that decides its policies.

The University is committed to excellence and encourages creativity, experimentation, innovation, perfection as well as team work and democratic practices anchored in pluralism, freedom of expression and respect for others.

The University endeavors to excel in higher education, scientific research, and service to the community. Since its establishment, the University has committed itself to provide equal learning opportunities to qualified individuals and to prepare students to become good citizens active in their society and committed to its well-being/advancement/welfare.

The University provides the appropriate environment for students to develop their personalities and realize their potentials in an atmosphere that stresses the Arab-Islamic heritage open to the world."

#### BZU's founding principles are:

- A serious commitment to excellence for students, faculty, and staff.
- A pledge to honor justice, the pursuit of the common good and intellectual openness.
- Dedication to the development of the Palestinian community and retention of a worldly viewpoint.

## President's Message

Birzeit University constantly seeks to take its achievements to the next level year after year, and for the third consecutive year its annual report is issued in synch with its exerted effort to develop its programs in order to graduate qualified, capable and productive students.

This report, published in Arabic and English, documents the most significant University accomplishments throughout the academic year. It aims to build strong public relations with local organizations, in order to act as a means of communications and outreach to the community and graduates on one hand, and to enable the directing of the University course through the accumulation of its experiences year after year, on the other. It also introduces the University's achievements and the challenges it faces, in order to mobilize the outside support, which has focused this year as in past years on providing the human and material prerequisites to supporting and developing academic teaching and learning.

This year's activities reveal pronounced trends in the university to support the research approach on two important paths, the first of which is basic and applied academic research, and the second is the research needed for the processes of planning and development and decision making, be it administrative or academic. These trends also show the path of academic development which the university has carved for the medium term through establishing faculties, specialist units, and scientific and community centers, including units that support the development of academic teaching and technological development, as well as completing or starting the construction of new facilities



that serve the expansion and development of what the university has to offer.

This academic year was also distinguished in terms of enhancing communications with community organizations and cooperation in various fields as a realization of University goals and as a continuation of the fulfillment of its mission and preservation of its pioneer role in building Palestinian society. In this context, I must extend my gratitude to all University staff - faculty members, employees, and also students - for their diligence in striving for the best under all circumstances. I also extend my gratitude to all who provided support to the University to enable it to fulfill its mission despite the difficulty of the challenges it has faced and which all Palestinian institutions of higher education face under occupation.







# Abbreviations and Acronyms

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BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY

AFWG	Arab Families Working Group
Al-Muqtafi	BZU-maintained online Palestinian legal and judicial DB system
ALU	BZU Alumni Liaison Unit
AMAN	Coalition for Integrity and Accountability (Palestinian NGO)
AMIDEAST	America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc.
ANERA	American Near East Refugee Aid
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BZU	Birzeit University
BZUTL	Birzeit University Testing Laboratories
CCC	Consolidated Contractors International Company
CCE	BZU Center for Continuing Education
CHF	CHF International (International development and humanitarian aid organization)
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CSU	BZU Career Service Unit (CSU)
DAAD	German Academic Exchange Service
EU	European Union
FOBZU	Friends of Birzeit University (UK-based organization)
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Technical Cooperation)
IALIIS	Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies
ICPH	BZU Institute of Community and Public Health
IDRC	International Development Research Centre (Canada-based)
IEWS	BZU Institute of Environmental and Water Studies
IoL	BZU Institute of Law
JD	Jordanian dinars (currency)
JDECO	Jerusalem District Electricity Company
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency

KAS	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (German NGO)
KFW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (German public-sector financial institution)
MA	Master of Arts
MEDA-EMWater	Efficient Management of Wastewater in the Mediterranean
MENA	Middle East North Africa
MOH	Palestinian Ministry of Health
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NUFU	Norwegian Cooperation Programme for Development, Research and Higher Education
oPt	Occupied Palestinian Territories
PARC	Palestinian American Research Center
PCBS	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
PGS	Palestinian Solidarity Organization (Sweden)
PMRS	Palestinian Medical Relief Society
PNA	Palestinian National Authority
PSE	Palestine Securities Exchange
QIF	Quality Improvement Fund (World Bank Project)
RIWAQ	Centre for Architectural Conservation
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
UMB	Norwegian University of Life Sciences
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
WaDImena	Regional Water Demand Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa
YMCA	Young Men Christian Association



# Academic Year 2007/2008 Overview

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### Administrative Domain:

The University Administration worked actively this academic year 2007/08 in carrying out its policies in planning and development by forming various committees to realize those policies. The committees include: the fundraising committee and the information policies committee in the university, especially when it comes to the acceptable use of university IT resources. The Administration worked actively also in the academic regulations amendment committee, and in the Najjad Zeenni Information Technology Center of Excellence (NZITCE) project committee.

As for the establishment of new units, the academic year 2007/2008 saw a preparation of a project to establish an institutional research unit in partnership with An-Najah National University and Bethlehem University with a budget of \$324,240 USD. The project has succeeded in obtaining a financing approval from the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission (AQAC). The unit will contribute through providing the needed research for making administrative decisions in the University more suitable when it comes to academic education and administrative university work. The academic year also saw preparation for the Information and Procedures Unit through which a fact book about the University is being prepared, as well as preparation of the necessary requirements for the surveys system which the Computer Center is currently developing. The University presidency established the Office of Grants and Contracts which aims at developing work and enhancing efforts in the areas of basic research which serves the building of knowledge, and applied research which serves the society.

### Teaching and Learning Domain:

In the area of teaching, learning and academic development, the academic year 2007/08 saw the introduction of a number of new academic programs at the bachelor and graduate studies levels, while an accreditation was obtained from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education for several new academic programs. The new programs include the Bachelor Program in Nursing and the Bachelor Program in Nutrition and Diet, to which the first group of students were admitted at the start of the second semester of the academic year 2007/2008. Other approved programs include a Bachelor Program in Mathematics, a Masters in Applied Chemistry, and a Bachelor Program in Business Economics, which are scheduled to be offered at the start of the first semester of the academic year 2008/2009. Other academic programs that were approved by the University and are on their way to being accredited by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education include: a Bachelor Program in Mechatronics Engineering, Doctor of Pharmacy Program, Masters Program in Physics, and a Masters Program in Community Psychology.

The number of academic programs offered by the University at the bachelor degree level is 38, in addition to 19 programs at the Masters level. The variety of offered programs has been reflected upon





the numbers of students applying for admission at the start of this year, and those which were admitted. The number was 1885 at the bachelor level and 497 at the graduate studies level.

This expansion has been accompanied by the establishment of new supporting units at the university level such as Ibn Rushd Educational Development Unit and the Academic Support Unit at the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The two units have started their work at the beginning of the 2007/08 academic year, while the University Board has approved the establishment of the Career Services Unit.

In the area of support to faculty and researchers research projects, an amount totaling \$166,072 USD was provided towards research and project proposals submitted by the faculty in their area of expertise, in addition to partial or full support for their participation in international and regional conference in which they submitted research papers and working papers. The Academic Affairs Office was able to provide additional support for academic development through the Ford Foundation for two years with a total budget of \$150,000 USD that covers different academic activities, such as: scientific research, participation in scientific conferences, curricula development, and support to workshops and other academic activities in the University.

In the area of technological development, this academic year saw preparation for a number of online courses, through the Norwegian RUFU project. Work is underway for creating 12 online-based courses through a project financed by the Quality Insurance Fund.

### **Regional and International Cooperation:**

The University was active in the area of regional and international cooperation this academic year by establishing cooperation with the United Arab Emirates University in the United Arab Emirates and with the University of Jordan for the purpose of finding funding resources for the University. Also, the University has worked towards cooperating with international universities, such as universities in Norway to create new masters programs, while a number of university officials participated in academic conferences in the Arab world and other countries.

International cooperation was characterized with the signing of a significant number of cooperation agreements with universities abroad such as: Lacambra University in Belgium, Dortmund University in Germany, and Lillehammer and NTNU universities in Norway, as well as cooperation with several other universities as the University of Rome in Italy, and Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Norway.

International cooperation was characterized by academic visits by scientists and researchers from several countries during the academic year where they gave scientific lectures at the university. They included Professor David Mumford from the USA, who donated his share of an award he was given by the Wolfe Foundation to the Friends of Birzeit University organization in London (UK), as support to the Right to Education Campaign in Palestine. Also, Professor Franz Josef Ulm, from MIT (Boston), was also hosted. A number of officials have also visited the university, including the German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Mrs. Heidi Wiecek-Zeul, Vice-President and Minister for International Relations for the French Community in Belgium Ms. Mari-Dominic Simone, the head of the Brazilian Representative Office Ligia Maria Sherer, the Managing Director of the World Bank Dr. Juan Jose Daboub, the head of the American Task Force for Palestine Dr. Ziad Asali (lectured at the Media Development Center), the Canadian Expert Dr. Adel Iskandar, and the President of International Federation of



Library Associations (IFLA) Ms. Claudia Lux. International Cooperation was also characterized with the carrying out of several joint programs with an international partner, most importantly the TEMPUS program, NUFU projects, and the Ford Foundation projects.

The academic year also saw fruitful cooperation in the area of holding international conferences abroad, the most significant of which was the participation of the (IEWS) in three conferences, a participation that was effective in terms of organizations and research paper preparation. The most important of these conferences was the international conference entitled "Management and Sustainable Development of Water in Palestine." IEWS was a member in the organizing committee and the scientific committee of the conference, which was held in Jordan in the period of 25-28 of August 2007.

The IEWS also held, in cooperation with local and international organizations and universities, a conference on membrane technology in Tunisia in the period of 4 – 8 of May 2008, through the Promembrane Project, which is financed by the European Union. The main purpose of the conference was to enhance and improve the level of knowledge and learn about research activities that took place in the Mediterranean region, as well as the development in this technology towards solving the region's water problem. The Institute also held, in cooperation with local and international organizations and universities, a conference on the treatment of waste water and its reuse in order to manage demand for water in Palestine, on the 2 and 3 of April 2008. The conference was one of the activities of the WADIMENA project and was attended by international as well as local experts.

### **Community Relations Domain:**

This year was distinct in terms of community relations as the institutes and centers, such as the Institute for Community and Public Health, the IEWS, and the Birzeit University Testing Laboratories (BZUTL), worked towards helping to improve the environmental and health situation, and developing the environmental and health regulations in Palestine, carrying out directed and necessary projects for setting health and environmental policies, and future planning through an integrated series of research, education, training, monitoring, follow-up and evaluation. The research findings are then used to develop special training programs for workers in the health and environmental sectors, and are also utilized in the various courses in the educational programs.

As for capacity building in the Palestinian society, the Center for Continuing Education (CCE)

held training programs and diploma programs in various fields such as school counseling, family counseling and counselor supervision. The CCE's Innovation in Learning Unit worked towards preparing and developing innovation in learning teams at Palestinian universities and producing e-enabled school curricula.

Through the Center for Media Development a number of courses in the fields of television and radio broadcast were held. Many journalists have benefited from these courses especially the documentary films and television production courses, in addition to the journalist stories, economic journalism, and magazine creation courses.

This year was also distinct in terms of the carrying out of applied research in the fields of health, law, and development, and the holding of scientific conferences related to engineering and water, in addition to holding public lectures in the faculties of Science, Commerce, Law and Public Administration, and the ICPH, and holding a number of legal encounters at the Institute of Law.

University faculties such as the Faculty of Engineering held the Engineering Day 2008, and the Faculty of Commerce and Economy held employment and marketing events, while a number of companies participated in holding lectures at BZU. The University also worked towards holding educational encounters, organized by the Ibn Rushd Educational Development Unit, that serve the educational sector in the society.

### **Student Life Domain:**

Student life this year experienced a distinction through the founding of the Student Debate Forum in order to contribute to enriching the democratic environment in the University through exposing the students to multiple opinions that expand the horizons of their knowledge, regardless of whether they agree or disagree with those opinions. The Forum also aims at restoring respect for reason and its pivotal role in addressing differences and contradictions inside the society without resorting to suppression or violence. The Forum worked this year to hold two debates. One of those debates was about the role of the Arab satellite channels in encouraging normalization, involving the Director of the Al-Jazeera office in Palestine, Mr. Walid Al-Omary, and a philosophy Professor at BZU, Dr. George Jiaccaman. The second debate was about the "refusal of the Arab leadership of the UN Partition Resolution and the effect of the refusal in the Nakba (catastrophe)", involving the head of the intellectual department of the Israeli Communist Party Mr. Isam Makhoul, versus a team of students.

The student council elections this year reflected a democratic culture among the students represented by fair and transparent elections, and the electoral process has registered a distinct success not only on the level of the university, but have also become a model for many Palestinian universities and institutes. The electoral process also affirmed that the University is an original arena for democracy, freedom of opinion, and commitment to union practices.

The voluntary work program in the university was and still is one of the features of distinction and positive relationship between the University and the local community and has a clear reverberation on the institution and the students. It has served as the most significant means of creating awareness at the employment and outside levels, not to mention the value and cultural payback and the formation of the Palestinian individuals on the basis of participation, contribution, commitment, renewal, and assumption of responsibility and what that holds in terms of positives that in turn reflect upon the society.



### University Campus:

This academic year saw a development of the university campus facilities through the construction of new buildings such as the Azeez Shaheen Building for Humanities (Faculty of Arts), and the completion of the university security building through a contribution from the Friends of Birzeit University Association, and the construction of three

large facilities for collecting water, and the conclusion of construction, receipt and operation of the Najjad Zeenni Information Technology Center of Excellence (NZITCE).

### Alumni Relations:

The Alumni Liaison Unit worked throughout the academic year 2007/08 to strengthen and develop relations with the alumni and friends as part of the efforts of the Public Relations Office, in terms of providing services to university graduates in cooperation with the Sharek Youth Forum through the setting up of the Career Services Unit at BZU, and the holding of two benefit dinners in Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the UAE on 11 and 12 of April of 2008, respectively. The Faculty of Engineering issued the fourth and fifth issues of the Tawasol newsletter which is distributed electronically to the graduates and friends of the Faculty, faculty members and university students, and receives a great interest from the graduates. Also, the yearly book for the Faculty of Engineering's 25<sup>th</sup> graduating class graduates in the academic year 2007/2008 was issued. The book includes individual and group photos for the graduates in their university life. The Faculty of Engineering also worked to create a Faculty of Engineering graduates association, and held the annual meeting for the association as part of the activities of the annual Engineering Day, in addition to holding a group dinner for the faculty graduates and their families in Ramallah following the activities of Engineering Day 2008.

The ICPH worked actively towards continuous communication with the graduates through issuing newsletters, creating bonds, and offering continuous education to the graduates, through public lectures, distribution of scientific articles through an online Yahoo group, and holding a training course on the issue of "health economy" for Master's students and ICPH graduates. The ICPH also helped some students obtain scholarships abroad at universities in Norway, Sweden, and the Netherlands during the summers as part of contributing to developing the capacities of distinct students and enhancing relations with universities in other countries.

# Publications and Research

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During the academic year 2007/2008, faculty members and researchers at BZU contributed substantially to the development of knowledge on the world scale by publishing numerous articles, working papers, reports, studies, periodicals and books. Through the University's special budget and grants from supporting organizations, BZU financed a number of publications and research projects.

BZU funded 18 new research projects and renewed funding for 17 existing research projects during the academic year 2007/2008, whereas during 2006/2007, 21 research grants were granted. In addition to this, the researchers at faculties, institutes and centers obtained 62 grants for research and development projects, whereas during 2006/2007, 50 grants were obtained.

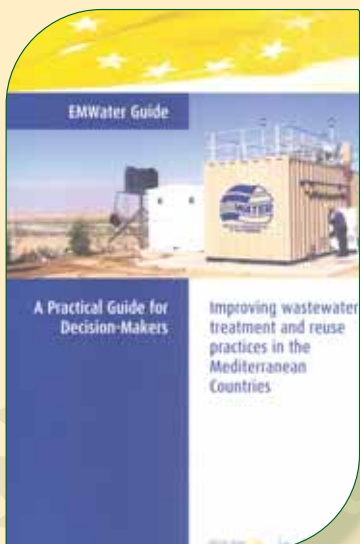
Furthermore, the University provided financial support in whole or in part to active faculty members to participate in regional and international conferences, in addition to securing financial resources for academic development.

### **Scientific Articles in Referenced Journals:**

During the 2007/2008 academic year, faculty members and researchers of BZU Institutes and Centers published 122 English and Arabic scientific articles, whereas 69 articles were published during 2006/2007. Members and researchers of the Faculty of Arts published 33 scientific articles. In addition to this 8 articles were published by the Faculty of Engineering, 13 by the Faculty of Law and Public Administration, 12 by the Faculty of Science, 4 by the Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions and 4 by the Faculty of Commerce and Economics.

The researchers at BZU institutes and centers published 47 scientific articles: 30 by the Institute of Community and Public Health, 14 by the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies, 2 by the Institute of Women Studies and 1 by the Center for Development Studies. (See Appendix on page 104)

### **Working papers presented at international, regional and local conferences and workshops:**



During the academic year 2007-2008, many academics and researchers, as well as members of BZU institutes and community centers presented 154 working papers at international, regional and local conferences, including 95 working papers presented at regional and international conferences. Also, a number of academic and administrative staff participated in national meetings and conferences, through which contributions were made to the drawing up of public policies in various fields.

Represented by the Office of Planning and Development, BZU participated in scientific conferences in which 4 working papers were presented: 20 working papers by the Faculty of Engineering, 53 by the Faculty of Arts, 5 by the Faculty of Commerce and Economics, 10 by the Faculty of Science, 6 by Faculty of Information Technology, 16 by the Faculty of Law and Public Administration, 6 by the Institute of Law, 9 by the Institute of Community and Public Health,



13 by the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies, 4 by the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies, 3 by the Institute of Women's Studies, in addition to one working paper each presented by BZU Testing laboratories, the Center for Development Studies, the Main Library, the Virtual Gallery and the Democracy and Human Rights Program at the faculty of Graduate Studies. (See table (1) on page 110).

### Arabic and English Books:

During 2007/2008, members of faculty and community centers at BZU published 29 Arabic books and 8 English books. Researchers at BZU contributed to 5 Arabic books and 11 English books. (See table II on page 121 and table III on page 124).



### Reports, Studies and Periodicals:

During the academic year 2007/2008, members of faculty and community centers at BZU published 10 reports, 14 studies and 47 issues of five periodicals. (See table IV on page 124, table V on page 125 and table VI on page 126).

### Conferences, Workshops, Symposia:

In addition to substantial contributions of research made, BZU's faculty, staff members and researchers attended 108 conferences, workshops and symposia. (See table VII on page 127).

### Master Theses:

During the academic year 2007/2008 and under the supervision of faculty members and researchers at BZU community institutes and centers, 55 Arabic and English Master Theses were discussed. Apparently, several articles on these theses were published in specialized refereed journals, particularly the ones supervised by the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies and the Democracy and Human Rights Program. (See table VIII on page 132).

### Funded Research and Development Projects:

In recognition of BZU's role in research and development, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Vice-President for Community Outreach obtained funds to support research and development projects, as listed below:

#### Faculty of Engineering

##### Mechanical Engineering:

Research Project titled: "Measuring Solid Combustion Products of Diesel Engines in Palestine".

##### Architectural Engineering:

- The impact of the Israeli wall around Jerusalem on land use and suburban areas.

##### Urban Planning and Design:

- Structural Plans in Palestine: Theory and Practice, Pneumatic Arm Manipulator.

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### **Faculty of Arts:**

#### **Geography Department:**

- Field Guide to Wild Flowers in the mountain regions of Central Palestine.
- Urban Encroachment on Agricultural Land: factors and causes in a Ramallah suburb area as a case study.
- The impact of the apartheid wall on the management of western groundwater reservoirs of the West Bank.

#### **Media Department:**

- Palestinian Liberation Project: From Achievement to Conviction: Changes in the Contexts of Discourse and Strategy of Priorities of Hamas as an example.
- The Palestinian Media Discourse: Hamas Movement as a model.

### **Department of Arabic Language and Literature:**

- "Faid al-Fadl".
- "Ma La yest3'ni 3nho al-insan min maj al-lisan.

### **Sociology Department:**

- Evacuated Palestinian Villages.

### **Department of English Language and literature:**

- Book entitled: "Yaseer".

### **Faculty of Science:**

#### **Physics Department:**

- Quantum Interference and non-linear dynamics in an open ballistic system

#### **Chemistry Department:**

- Computational Studies.
- Microbial & Chemical Characterization of Beitunya Dumpsite Leachate

### **Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences:**

- Prevalence and Genotyping of H. Pylori in the West Bank.

### **Faculty of Law and Public Administration:**

- Legal Protection of the Palestinian Consumer: Theory and Application.

#### **Other Sources for Funded Research and Development Projects:**

- Ford Foundation supported academic development for two years and financed various academic activities, including: scientific research, participation in scientific



conferences, curriculum development, workshops and other academic activities at BZU.

#### Office of Planning and Development:

- The Office of Planning and Development established the Institutional Research Project (IRU) during 2007/2008, with funding by the Quality Improvement Fund, with the purpose of facilitating the information collection process for the preparation of annual reports to be adopted with BZU's Academic and Administrative Portal 'Ritaj'. It will be used as a reference for all academic units, containing benchmarks through which the annual reports can be evaluated and disseminated by the end of 2008/2009.
- The Office of Planning and Development also obtained funds for two projects:
  1. Decentralized finance and financial relations between the central authority and local government.
  2. Urbanization in Palestinian rural areas and its impact on the Palestinian economy, in cooperation with the University of Pavia and University of Siena in Italy. This comes within the cooperation agreement signed between the two Italian universities and BZU, in addition to Bethlehem University and An-Najah University.



#### Faculty of Engineering:

- "Integration of Virtual Reality in Education & Research", a project implemented by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and funded by the World Bank and the European Commission through the Quality Improvement Fund (QIF).
- "Polymer Impregnation of Natural Stones", a project funded by Nassar Investment Company, as per the cooperation agreement signed on 9/2/2008.

#### Faculty of Arts

##### Philosophy Department:

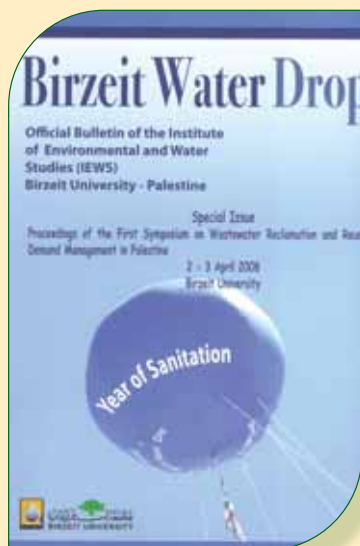
- The Darweesh Syndrome: Palestinian Cultural Policies after Oslo, a project funded by Muwatin, Ramallah, 2008.
- A Visiting Scholar Fellowship at the University of Colombia was obtained towards doing research on "From Shanfari to Said: Geology of Arab Elite", funded by the Fulbright Foundation.

##### Department of Languages and Translation:

- Research Project on "Developing the Teaching and Learning of English Language", funded by the Quality Improvement Fund (QIF), the World Bank Group.

##### Department of Education and Psychology:

- Project: "Improving Higher Education", funded by Ford Foundation.
- Project: "Establishment of Ibn Rushd Unit", funded by the Welfare Association.
- Project: "Developing School Exams in Science and math", funded by AMIDEAST.



#### Media Department:

- Rula Halawani obtained a fund from Al-Madad Foundation in London to exhibit her works in Kuwait in May 2008. The Foundation also supplied the Photography Division at the Department with cameras and other equipment for BZU students.

#### Faculty of Law and Public Administration: Public Administration Department:

- The legal and organizational framework of the regional planning process and the mechanisms for public participation in the regional planning process, a study funded by UNDP, April 2008.

#### Institute of Women Studies:

- Under the project "Weddings and War", conducted as part of the Arab Families Working Group (AFWG), the following research studies were conducted:
  - "Political Participation of Palestinian Youth"

- "Group Islamic Marriage: Between Secularism and Religion"
- "Changes in Marriage Choices of Young Palestinians"

This Research project is funded by the Ford Foundation and the International Research Development Center through the University of California-UC Davis

- A project titled "The Impact of the Restrictions on Access and Movement in Gaza and the West Bank from Gender Perspective", funded by the World Bank. It includes different aspects of research:
  - Palestinian youth.
  - The informal economic sector.
  - Non-economic sectors (education, health, etc.)
  - Labor and economy.
  - Security/violence.
- Project, entitled Palestinian Society in the Second Intifada: The Dynamics of Survival, Resistance, and Social Transformation, funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada, focusing on two components:
  1. The Palestinian women's movement – how it is coping in the ongoing national emergency.
  2. Checkpoints, gender identities, and community resilience – a social ethnography of everyday life and livelihoods at the Qalandiya checkpoint, which separates the West Bank from annexed Jerusalem.
- Analysis of the data collected by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) for the years 2003/2008, on the issues of health, violence, public life, labor, population and education, funded by PCBS.
- Update of the Institute's 1999 Gender Profile of Palestine. The final product, Towards Gender Equality in the Palestinian Territories: A Profile on Gender Relations was funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Ottawa, Canada. It is intended to contribute to better understanding and sustained initiatives to improve the lives, conditions, and rights of Palestinian women. The current project updates gender profiles

in the areas of law and human rights, political participation, labor and economy, poverty, health, and education.

### **BZU Testing Laboratories:**

- Preparation of a feasibility study on the Project: "Integrated Management of Solid Wastes in the Governorate of Ramallah and Bireh", funded by the German bank KfW.
- Ongoing Project: "Monitoring the Quality of Underground water in the District of Jericho, Oja and Maythaloun", funded by JICA.
- Project: "Monitoring the Quality of water in Gaza", funded by Alliance against Hunger (Spain.)
- Project: "Testing waste water in waste water plants in Gaza, funded by InfraMan Foundation.

### **Institute of Community and Public Health:**

- Psycho-Social Health (Palestinian Adolescents Coping with Trauma II), funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Queens University.
- Training needs assessment – UNRWA, funded by OXFAM, Quebec, Canada.
- Women's health – Phase III, funded by Theodore Springman Foundation.
- Mortality assessment, funded by the University of Life Sciences (NUFU) in Norway.
- Diabetes: Med Champ, funded by the European Union.
- Anemia intervention, funded by PGS (Palestinian Solidarity Organization in Sweden).
- Rational Drug Use – capacity building, funded by CARE International.

### **Center for Development Studies:**

- How to involve youth in development programs – a manual, funded by the World Bank.
- Survey on "Housing Loans for those with limited income in the Governorate of Ramallah and Bireh, funded by CHF.
- Training research project "The Voice of Youth Rises", implemented in Gaza Strip and funded by Catholic Relief.
- Research Project: "Efficient Utilization of Labor Force", implemented in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and funded by Friedrich Eibert Foundation.

### **Center for Continuing Education:**

The International Council of Swedish Industry supported CCE in conducting a study on "Public Private Partnership in oPt.", in cooperation with the Center for Development Studies-BZU. The purpose of this study was to review the existing experience of partnerships between the private and public sectors and to investigate the level of awareness, willingness and readiness of the various concerned parties to engage in partnerships.

### **Institute of Law:**

- Funded by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Legislative Assistance Department (LAD) at the Institute of Law (IoL) carried out the following research activities:
  - Development of Legislative Drafting Methodologies.
  - Development the Diploma Programme in Legislative Drafting: a) Description of proposed: courses; b) Preliminary Paper.
  - Creation of a document on the Palestinian Women's Rights.
  - Draft Land Law.
  - Development of the Guide to the Palestinian Business Law.
- Consolidation of Legislation and Religious Laws: an applied research, funded by the Belgian

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Consulate General that includes a database for all effective pieces of legislation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as an output of the Consolidation Project, and will be displayed on a new webpage which takes into account advantages provided by the Project.

- Court Judgements Database, an applied research funded by the European Union. It is a Case Law Project that aims to provide referential information on an available comprehensive set of court judgements, develop PDF images of these judgements, and save them on the online Palestinian Legal and Judicial System (AL MUQTAFI).
- Legal Framework of the Ownership and Disposition of Immovable Properties in Palestine, a project sponsored and funded by the Palestinian Centre for Architectural Conservation (RIWAQ). LAD developed the following three background papers:
  1. Legal regulation of immovable properties under Palestinian legislation.
  2. Ottoman and British Mandate laws on immovable properties.
  3. Legal framework of land ownership under the Jordanian rule of the West Bank.
- LAD completed a final report on the legal provisions governing ownership and disposition of immovable properties in Palestine.
- The Draft Audio-Visual Law, in partnership with the Ministry of Information. The Legislative Support Department is developing a new draft law on the regulation of the audio-visual sector in Palestine, aiming to promote the Palestinian legal framework pertaining to the media field.

### **Awards and Accreditation:**

- Mondialogo Engineering Award 2007 for the joint project proposal on "Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Produced from Olive Oil Mills" which was prepared by eight engineering students from Birzeit University and the University of Utah, Utah, USA. The two teams corresponded with each other extensively via emails and group meetings. The benefits of this collaboration are multiple. First, the USA team was made aware of an engineering problem that they did not even know it existed. The two teams were then able to apply its engineering skills in a unique and challenging setting with cost being a major factor. The USA team was privileged to have an on-the-ground partner in Birzeit University, where the students are familiar with olive oil mill waste and potential solutions.
- Dr. Mahdi Arar from the Department of Arabic language and Literature was given an award by the International Society of Arab Linguists and translators in Qatar and by Al-Sabaq Society for Creative Thinking in Palestine.
- The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) announced its top international Business Schools List and its top 10,000 authors in which the Faculty of Commerce and Economics at BZU ranked at 126 in the SSRN Top International Business Schools and the 1st among all Arab Universities in terms of research and publications. Moreover, the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Economics, Dr. Nidal Sabri, was ranked 345 among the SSRN's Top 100,000 faculty members of all the universities in the world for 2007/2008.



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The academic year 2007-2008 witnessed intensive academic activity, including the initial approval on the new Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions and the new Faculty of Pharmacy. Also, new academic programs were introduced including: a Bachelor's Programs in Nutrition and Dietetics, Business Administration, Nursing and Mechatronics, a Master's Program in Applied Chemistry and Mathematics and last but not least, a doctoral program in Pharmacy. Moreover, several existing academic programs (BA & MA) have been revised in response to scientific, technical and knowledge advancement in various domains.

Within BZU's commitment to encourage and facilitate scientific research, the main library acquired new books and electronic references in all fields. Financial support was provided for four faculty members to pursue their graduate studies, several academic research projects and for a number of faculty members to attend international scientific conferences and present their working papers.

BZU remains ambitious in developing the academic process, providing support to research and participating in international conferences. It also aspires to develop its human resources over the next year, through scholarship awards, trainings, follow-up, implanting basics of teaching and learning, focusing on the student and his/her concerns in a healthy atmosphere that motivates learning and development, innovation, encouraging constructive cooperation between various University units to enhance scientific research and to provide technical support and required scientific resources.

### **University Administration:**

The University is administered by the President of the University, who is assisted by the University Council, which is composed of the Vice-Presidents and the Deans. In addition to the drafting of the budget and the development plans, the University Council has the overall responsibilities of the organizational management of the University.

The University has three Vice-Presidents: a Vice-President for Academic Affairs, a Vice-President for Administrative and Financial Affairs and a Vice-President for Community Outreach. Each Faculty is headed by a Dean who is responsible for its administration. Faculties consist of a number of degree-granting departments and supporting programs; departments are headed



by Chairpersons and programs are headed by Coordinators.

Formulation of the general policies, rules and regulations pertaining to academic affairs is the responsibility of the Academic Council, which is composed of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Deans and elected faculty members.

The University is governed by an autonomous Board of Trustees composed of educators and professionals from the Palestinian community. The Board appoints the President of the University. It also confirms the appointment of the Vice-Presidents and Deans upon the recommendation of the President. The Board approves the budget and general development plans presented to it by the University Council.

Following is a list of the names of the Board members:

Resident Members	Honorary Members
Dr. Hanna Nasir - Chairperson Dr. Suad Amiry-Vice chairperson Ms. Joyce Ajlouny-Secretary Mr. Sam Bahour-Treasurer Ms. Saba' Arafat Mrs. Nahla Assali Dr. Gabi Baramki Mr. Mahmoud Darwish Mr. Iyad Joudeh * Dr. Nabeel Kassis Mr. Bassim Khoury Mr. Riziq Khoury Mrs. Samia Khoury Mr. Iyad Masrouji Mr. Ayoub Rabah Mr. Anton Saad Mr. Abdul Jawad Saleh Mrs. Rima Tarazi * Ex officio as President of Birzeit University	Mr. Omar Aggad Mr. Kutayba Alghanim Mr. Munir Atallah Mr. Samir Aweidah Mr. Mohamed Imran Bamieh Mr. Salim Edde Mr. Bassam Jabr Mr. Walid Kayyali Mr. Zein Mayassi Mr. Yousef Nawas Mr. Abdul Mohsen Al-Qattan Mr. Hassib Sabbagh Dr. Dawood Musaad Al Saleh Dr. Naseeb Shaheen

#### Members of the University Council for the academic year 2007/2008:

- Dr. Nabeel Kassis , University President and Council Chair
- Dr. Abdelatif Abu Hijleh, Vice President, Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Ghassan Khatib, Vice-President, Community Outreach
- Dr. Sami Al- Sayrafi, Vice-President, Administration and Finance
- Dr. Adnan Yahya, Dean of Faculty of Information Technology.
- Dr. Lisa Taraki, Dean of Graduate Studies
- Dr. Maher Hashweh, Dean of Faculty of Arts
- Dr. Nidal Sabri, Dean of Faculty of Commerce & Economics
- Dr. Faisal Awadallah, Dean of Faculty of Engineering
- Dr. Simon Kuttat, Dean of Faculty of Science
- Dr. Camille Mansour, Dean of Faculty of Law and Public Administration.
- Dr. Tamer Essawi, Dean of Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions
- Mr. Mohamad Al Ahmad, Director of Student Affairs

## The University Student Body

The number of undergraduate students at BZU has reached 1744 students, as shown in the table below:

FACULTY	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER			2 <sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Arts	521	1414	1935	483	1333	1816
Commerce & Economics	687	761	1448	681	756	1437
Science	276	628	904	242	557	799
Engineering	849	339	1188	821	309	1130
Information Technology	196	203	499	273	186	459
Law and Public Administration	259	393	652	265	393	658
Nursing and Allied health Professions	-	-	-	22	23	45
Grand Total	2888	3738	6626	2787	3557	6344
Distribution (%)	34.6	56.4	-	43.9	56.1	-

## New Students

The number of newly admitted students has reached 4,000, with a 14% increase over last year, while the newly admitted undergraduate students amounted to 1885 students.

## Graduated Students

The total number of graduates by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester amounted to 1271 students, out of which 414 students graduated at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2007-2008.

## Graduate Studies Program

The number of enrolled graduate students in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester reached 1057, out of which 367 were newly admitted, while the number reached 978 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, out of which 130 were new students. The number of graduates from the Faculty of Graduate Studies reached 101 students in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 197 students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

## New Appointments

During the academic year 2007-2008, BZU recruited 62 new faculty members, out of which 21 are part-timers and 23 are irregular faculty members, classified as academic teachers and academic researchers. The total number of staff recruited amounted to 23, including administrative staff, research and teaching assistants, in addition to 17 professionals as consultants.

## New faculties

The Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions was accredited and courses were offered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. It includes two departments:

- 1- Department of Nutrition and dietetics.
- 2- Department of Nursing.

### New academic programs:

The Academic Council approved new BA and MA programs which were accredited by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education:

- 1- New MA Programs:
  - MA in Mathematics.
  - MA in Applied Chemistry
- 2- New BA Programs:

FACULTY	PROGRAM	NOTES
Science	BA in Physics (Major)	Offered in 2008-09
	BA in Mathematics – Minor: Statistics	Offered in 2008-09
Nursing and allied Health Professions	Nursing	Offered in 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2007-08
	Nutrition & Dietetics	Offered in 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2007-08
Commerce and Economics	Business Economics	Offered in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester 2008-09

### New academic courses and amendments on existing courses:

Amendment	Program
Existing BA and MA Academic Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BA Program in Computer Systems Engineering is supervised by the Department of Computer Systems Engineering – Faculty of Information Technology.</li> <li>• The BA Program in Nursing was approved by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, to be part of the Department of Nursing at the Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions.</li> <li>• Two majors were introduced in Public Law &amp; Private Law for the MA Program in Law at the Department of Law-Faculty of Law and Public Administration.</li> <li>• Two majors were introduced in the MA Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture: 1) Urban Planning. 2) Landscape Architecture.</li> <li>• MA Program in Public Health: 1) Major in Health Economics. 2) An elective course on "Population &amp; Economics".</li> </ul>
Major Requirements for Academic Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA Programs: Major: Physics/Minor: Electronics or Mathematics or Computer Science = 63 credit hrs.</li> <li>• BA Programs in: 1) Mathematics 2) Mathematics Applied to Economics. = 63 credit hrs.</li> <li>• BA Program in Mechanical Engineering: some required courses.</li> <li>• BA Program in Electrical Engineering: some required courses.</li> </ul>

Course description and new courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MA Program in Arab Contemporary Studies: Course EDUC631 replaced the Course ARTS638.</li> <li>• Courses COMP121 &amp; COMP142 include a 3 hour lab, instead of 2 hours.</li> <li>• Courses COMP230 &amp; COMP231 include 2 lectures and 3 hour, lab, instead of 3 lectures.</li> <li>• Updating the E-Library Course.</li> <li>• Adding a new course on "Local Architecture in Palestine" under the Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture.</li> <li>• Adding a new course on "Visual Skills" as a requirement for admitting the Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture.</li> <li>• New specializations: earth sciences programs, astronomy meteorological services, and nanotechnology.</li> <li>• Faculty of Law &amp; Public Administration: New course on "Integrity/ Transparency/ accountability in the Public Sector" and in cooperation with AMAN.</li> </ul>
Course Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development at the Faculty of Arts: 4 courses: EDUC231, JOUR234, ARAB232 &amp; GEOG331.</li> <li>• Faculty of Engineering: Through its participation in TEMPUS Project, the curricula and labs of Survey and GIS have developed.</li> <li>• Institute of Environmental and Water Studies: Course on "Geographic Information Systems - GIS", in cooperation with the Faculty of Engineering.</li> <li>• Miscellaneous Units: E-enabled Courses: 18 courses at BZU and 36 courses at other Palestinian universities.</li> </ul>





## New units to support research, training and development:

### 1) Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development:

The Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development: was founded in September 2007 with the support of the Welfare Association and Ford Foundation. It seeks to host educators, researchers, teachers and students in Palestine and the region, to influence educational thought, practices and policies, and to foster leadership.

The unit aims to cultivate intellectual capabilities, integrative learning across contexts and over time, critical thinking, problem-solving, open-mindedness and creative thinking on the one hand, and moral and civic responsibility on the other hand.

The Unit's activities are based on beliefs in the values of rationality, enquiry, service, freedom, justice, peace, democracy and human rights. They cover the following five interrelated areas in the field of education: research and consultancies, development of appropriate curricula, pedagogy and assessment methodology, publishing and disseminating educational research results, best practices and innovations, networking and coordination among Palestinian educational institutions and NGOs, and between them and other local and international organizations, as well as advocacy and policy making in the local community and on the international level.

- There is a tendency towards creating academic support units at all BZU Faculties to assist undergraduate students, particularly the newly admitted ones. Statistics show that their academic achievement in the preliminary courses is low, due to difficulty in adjusting to the University requirements. This also applies to the students admitted through the parallel system. The majority of dismissed and academically lagging students consist of students from this system (40%), although they constitute a smaller segment of the student body (10.5%). These units are expected to coordinate with the students and assist them to develop their skills and learning methods and to support them on an individual basis in accordance with their needs.

### 2) Academic Support Unit for Students of the faculty of Graduate Studies:

The work plan of the Unit encompasses four centralized programs:

- a) Support program that focuses on courses, activities, individual and group counseling for developing academic writing and research skills.
- b) Developing academic environment program that deals with the development of the academic environment for graduate students.
- c) Community Outreach Program that encourages the exchange of knowledge and culture between the graduate students and the Palestinian community and its institutions.
- d) Capacity building Program that is concerned with development, evaluation and needs assessment of the Unit.

### 3) Placement Center:

The Faculty of Commerce and Economics has developed its training and recruitment Unit to become a Placement Center, specialized in responding to the needs of the Palestinian labor market (part-time & full time jobs). Its main task is to continuously communicate with companies and institutions and to provide data on its graduates for the sake of recruiting the right graduate in the right place.

## New Facilities to Support Teaching and Learning

- The Department of Electrical Engineering/Faculty of Engineering equipped two advance communication labs with a microwave, fiber optics, transmission line and antenna

- technology, in addition to two computers, which were donated by GTZ
- The faculty of Engineering purchased new furniture for two drawing studios at the Department of Architectural Engineering and installed a new lighting system and infrastructure.
  - The Department of Mechanical Engineering purchased equipment for the Mechatronics lab. The purchase was made in two phases: \$57,000 were spent during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, and \$600,000 were spent during the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase,
  - The Institute of Environmental and Water Studies established a GIS lab for the MA students in Water and Environmental Sciences and students of the Faculty of Engineering.
  - Library Acquisitions: The main library subscribed to three data bases (Emerald, sage, Ebrary) and renewed its subscription to another six data bases. Book acquisitions amounted to 3,857 new books and 327 new printed periodical subscriptions and 8,618 new electronic periodical subscriptions. It also obtained a free subscription to around 11 databases (periodicals) and 37,000 book titles through the Ebrary. Two books exhibitions were held on 10-12/12/2007 and 26-27/5/2008, as part of its current awareness policy.
  - The Resources Center at the Democracy and Human rights program merged with the library at the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies.
  - The Faculty of Commerce and Economics established three computer labs donated by:
    - 1) Businessman, Mr. Farouk Shami.
    - 2) Price Water House.
    - 3) Palestine Financial Market.
  - The Faculty of Science established two computer labs, one for faculty students and the other for Physics students. It also upgraded many of its labs' equipment.
  - The Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions established a Molecular Diagnostic Center at the Clinical Laboratory Science Program and a monitoring system for infectious and antibiotic susceptibility.

### Internal Capacity Building

During the academic year 2007-2008, BZU continued to exert its efforts to improve its performance and build up the capacity and quality of its units, programs, faculty and staff. This was carried out through the incessant evaluation of its existing programs and the provision of a series of training courses to its faculty and staff. The table below gives details of the internal capacity building process:

Unit	Scope
Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting research conducted by faculty members &amp; researchers: a fund of 166,073 \$ was allocated (See Funded projects, page 21).</li> <li>• Partial or full support to the participation of faculty members in international and regional conferences (see working papers, page 21).</li> <li>• Quality improvement follow up: a work plan was formed for developing academic instructions and procedures, in cooperation with the Quality Improvement Unit</li> <li>• A series of seminars was organized in cooperation with Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development, with the aim of improving the performance of faculty members and students.</li> </ul>

Academic Development Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ford Foundation supported research and academic projects by faculty members.</li> <li>• Cooperation and coordination with Ibn Rusd Unit for Educational Development to conduct a series of educational encounters to support teaching and learning.</li> <li>• Participation in the Palestinian Education Initiative (PEI), aiming at improving the quality of Education in Palestine, in cooperation with the Unit for Learning Innovation (ULI) at the Center for Continuing Education-BZU, funded by the World bank &amp; Ford Foundation.</li> <li>• Re-structuring six electronic self-evaluation forms for faculty members, researchers, teaching assistants and directors of institutes and centers.</li> <li>• Participation in two workshops on institutional self-evaluation, held by AQAC and in a regional workshop "Link 2007" on E-Learning, held in Amman, Jordan.</li> <li>• Dr. Roger Heacock participated in a workshop on self-evaluation of the engineering programs, and he also acted as a coordinator for the external evaluation of the BA programs in engineering at BZU</li> </ul>
Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The website was constructed : <a href="http://www.birzeit.edu/academics/arts/irued/">http://www.birzeit.edu/academics/arts/irued/</a></li> <li>• Eight educational encounters were held (See Community Outreach, page 83)</li> <li>• Four workshops were held for faculty members:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction to University Teaching from 28/10/2007-13/1/2008.</li> <li>2) University Evaluation Methods from 28/10/2007-6/1/2008.</li> <li>3) Advanced University Teaching, from 4/3/2008-27/5/2008.</li> <li>4) Using Technology in Teaching, from 10/3/2008-1/7/2008.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• An English language Level test was designed for applicants to the MA program at BZU.</li> </ul>
Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development & Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A series of Educational encounters were organized entitled:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Iceberg, Scaffolding and Education.</li> <li>2) Teacher as Facilitator or Impediment to Learning?</li> <li>3) Emperor without Clothes: Developing the Lecture Technique.</li> <li>4) Do we Throw the student in the Deep Water?</li> <li>5) Is Assessment Independent from Education?</li> <li>6) Problems in Traditional Examination.</li> <li>7) Writing Skills.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

Faculty of Law and Public Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A work day was organized with the aim of identifying the Faculty's needs, followed by a workshop for developing practical solutions for those needs.</li> <li>• An evaluation on the course on "Terms in Public Administration" was held, carried out by the American expert Ms. Lesley Waldo.</li> <li>• Participation in the workshop on the "Needs of Human Resources Departments".</li> </ul>
Faculty of Arts	
Department of Languages & Translation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ghada Tarazi participated in a research on "Quality English Teaching/Learning Project", as well as a joint research with Ibn Rushd Unit entitled: 1) "Model Evaluation for 3 English courses (102,141 &amp; 231)" and 2) " Alternative Approach to Teaching Persuasive Essays through Collaborative Learning".</li> <li>• In cooperation with the Unit of Learning Innovation at the Center for Continuing Education, Ms. Fathen Khalaf participated in:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Several workshops on "Blended Learning and E-Learning".</li> <li>2) Training faculty members in 3 Palestinian universities on designing E-Courses, within the QIF Project.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
History Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr, Hamed Salem participated in a training course on " Looting of archaeological sites and illicit trafficking of archaeological objects", within the UNESCO's World Heritage Project.</li> </ul>
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Resources Development: training courses on "Introduction to Dissemination through the internet", 2 courses on Excel 2003: beginner &amp; advanced, "Recent Developments in Library Science &amp; Information", "English language skills" and Maintenance of Documents &amp; Manuscripts".</li> <li>• Library staff participated in the future development plan that addresses problems and obstacles encountered by the library during a meeting held on 10/7/2007.</li> </ul>
Montesquieu Law Library at the Institute of Law (IoL)	<p>Within the framework of support given by the Risk Center and Union of European Universities, the Director participated in a training course, held by King Alexander Campbell Legal Library at the Faculty of Law/Georgia University.</p>

Faculty of Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty members of staff participated in several workshops and training courses:</li> <li>1) Community Parks and Recreation Planning Standard and Codes.</li> <li>2) GIS Curriculum Development.</li> <li>3) Organizing a regional workshop for PhD students.</li> <li>4) Three workshops on "Revival of Birzeit Town Historical Center".</li> <li>5) Evaluation Methods for Learning students.</li> <li>6) Developing criteria for the electrical engineering and information technology programs.</li> <li>7) Higher Education.</li> <li>8) Excellence in Teaching.</li> <li>8) Utilizing Virtual Reality in Mechanical Engineering.</li> </ul>
Democracy & Human Rights Program	Website has been constructed: <a href="http://home.birzeit.edu/dmhr/">http://home.birzeit.edu/dmhr/</a>
Faculty of Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A workshop was held for all faculty members to discuss issues pertaining to work, objectives and vision.</li> <li>The faculty contributed to the design of the Nutrition and Nursing Program and following up on the eventualities of the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmacy.</li> </ul>



Center for Continuing Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MS project course, to create a conjunctive system for CCE projects &amp; activities. The MS project is an effective tool for managing projects and keeping a follow-up of the activities.</li> <li>Multi Media for the Unit for Learning Innovation (ULI). Training Programs and Certificates: During this academic year, CCE conducted various training courses for private, public &amp; non-governmental organizations:</li> <li>Birzeit University               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007</li> <li>2. Conflict Resolution Course</li> <li>3. English for Beginners course</li> <li>4. Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2003</li> <li>5. Advanced Microsoft Excel.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Center for Development Studies	Mr. Imad Saiyrafı participated in a training course on "Statistical knowledge and Capacity Building in Monitoring the Palestinian Millennium Goals 2008".
Institute for Community and Public Health (ICPH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching in various academic programs at BZU.</li> <li>SWOT Analysis for all courses required for the MA Program in Community and Public Health</li> </ul>
General Services Department	<p>The Director, Mr. Ghazi Mohsen, participated in the following training courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Excellent director and developing administrative performance, held in Amman, March, 2008.</li> <li>- Preparing training coordinators and customer care, held in Cairo, April, 2008.</li> <li>- Conflict resolution: guards and hostel supervisors, held in Birzeit, February, 2008.</li> </ul>

### Students' Capacity Building:

Faculty/Dept./ Program	Type of Training & Beneficiaries
Academic Support Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four specialized training courses were held for graduate students:</li> <li>1) Methodological Academic Writing Techniques (twice) 3) Directed Readings in Humanities &amp; Social Sciences in Arabic 4) Directed Readings in Humanities &amp; Social Sciences in English.</li> <li>The Academic Environment Development Program accomplished:</li> <li>1) Nucleus of a specialized library in research methods.</li> </ul>



	<p>2) Acquaintance event in which an informative package was distributed among new students 2007-2008.</p> <p>3) Four academic encounters.</p> <p>4) Completion of the Unit's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the community outreach program, several meetings were held for students.</li> <li>• Introduction of an English Placement Test and required courses for English intensive program.</li> </ul>
<p>Faculty of Engineering</p> <p>Master Program in Urban Planning and Design</p>	<p>The following training courses were held: 1) Structural Analysis and Design (STAAD), held on 10/12/2007, from which 25 students of the BA program in civil engineering have benefited from. 2) Personal Simulation Program (PSPICE), held in April 2008, in which 30 students of the BA program in electrical engineering participated. 3) A programmable logic controller (PLC), held in May 2008, benefiting 22 students of engineering. 4) 3D Max, a modeling, animation and rendering package, held on 3/5/2008, in which 20 students participated.</p> <p>The students of the Master's Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture started preparing all studies and requirements for preparing a master plan for Jerusalem 2015</p>
Faculty of Science	<p>On February 25 2008, Professor Henry Jaqaman from the Physics Department at BZU lectured at a Physics Seminar that was attended by faculty members and students. His lecture focused on a computer vision program for the detection and tracking of fluorescent Clathrin-coated pits in Clathrin-mediated endocytosis.</p>
Faculty of Law and Public Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture on "Marital Rights: a Practical Standpoint", by the Islamic law Court Judge, Ribhi Hamadeh, on 8/11/2007.</li> <li>• Lecture on "The Role of the Palestine capital market Authority in the Securities Sector", by the Director of Management Control over Securities, Mr. Braq Nabulsi, on 21/11/2008.</li> <li>• Lecture on "The Status of Administrative Law in France", by Prof. of Administrative law at the 1<sup>st</sup> University of Paris, Dr. Pierre Dowliveh, on 19/3/2008.</li> <li>• Lecture on "Palestinian labor legislation: Comments", by the Ex-Minister of Justice, Lawyer Fareed Jallad, on 14/4/2008.</li> <li>• Lecture on "Palestinian Executive Law", by Judge Ra'ed Abdel-Hameed on 6/5/2008.</li> <li>• Meetings with officials at the Ministry of Finance to inform the students about applications in public financial management.</li> <li>• Lecture on "Organizational restructuring, reform and change", by the Deputy Minister of Women Affairs.</li> </ul>
Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development	<p>Completion of the standardized achievement tests for evaluation of the graduates of Physics and Electrical Engineering, in cooperation with both departments.</p>

Institute of Community and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field visits to working students to learn more about their achievements and work environment.</li> <li>• Various trainings on computer skills and SPSS. E-sources, library, research skills and documentation methods.</li> </ul>
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### Honorary Prizes:

- BZU was rated # 1 in an exhibition contest for the projects of IT Students in the Arab World, held at the University of Petra in Jordan, in cooperation with the Union of Arab Universities and the General Secretariat of the Society of Computer and Information Colleges, in which 18 Arab universities have participated
- The Yousef Na'was Creativity Award 2008 was granted to a BZU student, Jiryas Boullata, who is enrolled in the Bachelor Program in Architectural Engineering for his distinguished academic achievements and active participation in extra-curricular activities. Jiryas was also awarded a piano-playing certificate from Italy during his years of study, through which he participated in several activities in and out of Palestine.
- The Department of Registration and Admission at BZU acknowledged the Honor List of Freshman students (130) on 26 March 2008. Their averages ranged between 85%-95%.
- Faculty of Arts: Rula Halawani from the Media Department was awarded with two prizes in photography - one from Kuwait in December 2007 and the other from Iran in May 2008.
- Library: BZU Library Director, Ms. Diana Sayej-Naser, was awarded an eFL award for selecting the best title and plan for the course "Copyright Laws for Librarians: a distance learning course". The award was an eFL A2K t-shirt and the complete course on CD-ROM.
- Media Development Center: On 18 February 2008, the Media Development Center and the Palestinian Family Planning and Protection Association held a celebration for the winners in the "Media Material Production Competition", which addressed reproductive health issues. The winners were Abeer Ismail, and Shireen Najeeb from the Print Journalism section, and Linda Shalash, Shahd Oudeh and Nida' Ibrahim from the Radio section and Mohammed Oweini the from TV section.

# International Cooperation



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*BZU has hosted the American mathematician and winner of the Wolf Foundation Prize in Mathematics, Professor David Mumford.*

The departments of Mathematics and Physics and the UNESCO Chair in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at BZU held a lecture entitled "Mathematics Belongs to Everyone: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives", delivered by the American Mathematician and Winner of the Wolf Prize in Mathematics, Professor David Mumford, on 28 May 2008.

The Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Dr. Simon Kuttab, welcomed the guest speaker and presented a synopsis on his academic background, stating that he is a mathematician known for his distinguished work in algebraic geometry, and for his research on vision and pattern theory. He added that Prof. Mumford is currently working as a professor in the Department of Applied Mathematics at Brown University, with a previous long academic career at Harvard University.

In his presentation, Prof. Mumford stated that mathematics is the most universal subject, founded in the Babylonian Empire and servicing the Chinese Empire and the Indians. He gave examples of how Mathematics was passed back and forth, between Greece, India, China and the Middle East.

Prof. Mumford, co-winner of the 2008 Wolf Foundation Prize in Mathematics, announced upon receiving the award that he will donate the money to the Friends of BZU organization in London to support the "Right to Education Campaign" at BZU. "I decided to donate my share of the Wolf Prize to enable the academic community in occupied Palestine to survive and thrive," Mumford said.

BZU expresses its gratitude to Professor Mumford for his generous donation and support.

## **Official Visits:**

- Accompanied by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdul-Latif Abu-Hijleh, BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis visited the United Arab Emirates on 22 October 2007 upon the invitation of the President of UAE University, Dr. Hadif Bin Jo'an Al-Thahiri. A meeting was organized by the UAE University Chancellor with the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, H. H. Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak Al Nahayan, in which fields of cooperation were discussed in addition to attending the opening of "Festival of Thinkers" in Abu-Dhabi. They attended the 1<sup>st</sup> conference on "Knowledge", held in Dubai under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rasheed Al-Maktoom, where the President met with a number of BZU friends and briefed them on the status of BZU and higher education in Palestine.
- The Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdel-Latif Abu-Hijleh visited the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim and Lillehammer University, seeking support for the Master's Program in Community Psychology. Consequently, BZU obtained € 900,000 in support of the program and two MA scholarships for students of the Media Department to study at Lillehammer University.
- The Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdel-Latif Abu-Hijleh, went to Norway on an official visit to the Norwegian University of Bergen and Bergen University College in the period of 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2008. During his visit, Dr. Abu-Hijleh discussed means of

continuing cooperation with Bergen University, which has been ongoing since 1994, and means of starting cooperation with Bergen University College, specifically in the nursing field.

- On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2007, the President of BZU, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, visited the University of Jordan and met with its President, Dr. Khaled Karaki, where they discussed spheres of cooperation, leading to an agreement of cooperation and two memoranda.
- The Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdel-Latif Abu-Hijleh, participated in a course on "University Administration," supported by AMIDEAST and held at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.
- The Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdel-Latif Abu-Hijleh, attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of the Euro-Mediterranean University in Slovenia. He also participated in the conference on higher education during that period.
- The Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdel-Latif Abu-Hijleh, participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Universities' Forum, held in Alexandria in the period of 11-12/6/2008.
- The Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mirvat Bulbul, participated in a conference titled "Link 2007," held in Jordan from 28-30 October 2007.
- Professor Henry Jaqaman, holder of the UNESCO Chair in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, attended the International Conference of the PEACE Program (Palestinian European Academic Cooperation in Education) on "Research Development at Palestinian Universities" held at UNESCO, in the period of November 4-5 2007. He gave a talk about the proposal for establishing a Center of Excellence in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics in Palestine, to be located at Birzeit University. On November 6<sup>th</sup> Professor Jaqaman visited the Department of Physics at the University of Paris-Sud (Orsay) and discussed venues of cooperation in Physics between Birzeit and Paris-Sud.
- The Library Director, Mrs. Diana Sayej-Naser, participated in the Annual Conference of Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) in her capacity as the EIFL's coordinator to Palestine. The event took place from 8-12/11/2007 in Belgrade, Serbia. During the conference, negotiations took place with several publishers of electronic resources, of which EIFL have agreed to give Palestinian universities free access for a period of at least 3 years.

## Cooperation Agreements by University Administration

- On 15 January 2008, a cooperation agreement was signed between the Representative Office of Austria to the PA and BZU, stipulating that the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) at BZU and the Representative Office of Austria will jointly identify the priorities needed for selecting the water and environmental projects to be implemented in Palestine and funded by the Representative Office of Austria. The President of BZU, Dr. Nabil Kassis, and the Head of the Representative Office of Austria, Dr. Oskar



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Wustinger, signed the agreement in presence of the Director of IEWS, Dr. Ziad Mimi and from the Representative Office of Austria, the Administrative Manager, Mr. Roland Treitler, and Head of the Programs, Ms. Ruba Abu-Roqtti.

- On 3 November 2007, BZU and Palestine Securities Exchange (PSE) signed an agreement regarding the "Installation and Operation of the Financial Market Lab at BZU," in presence of President of BZU, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, and PSE's Board and Executive Director, Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh.
- On 30 October 2007, BZU signed a cultural and scientific cooperation agreement with the University of Jordan, and two Memoranda of Understanding vis-à-vis training, career counseling and professional guidance. The cooperation agreement stipulated joint activities and research through exchange of faculty members, while the two memoranda dictated the development of training courses, aiming at providing the youth sectors with additional skills that facilitate their entry into the labor market.
- BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, and the Minister of Transportation, Dr. Mashour Abu-Daqq, signed a cooperation agreement on 15 April 2008. The agreement aims to promote partnership between the public and academic sectors with respect to utilizing technology in service of the advancement of Palestinian society.
- The Director of the Public Relations Office at BZU, Mr. Ghassan Andoni, signed a 3-year cooperation agreement with SHAREK Youth Forum, represented by its Executive Director, Mr. Bader Zamaa'rah, The agreement aims to establish a Career Services Unit for graduates as part of the vocational guidance program "A Step Forward – Youth Empowerment," implemented by SHAREK in partnership with a number of universities including BZU.
- On 12 May 2008, BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, signed a cooperation agreement with the University Center for Euro-Mediterranean Studies in Slovenia, represented by the Acting Director of the University Center for Euro-Mediterranean Studies, Prof. Nada Trunk Sirca. It was attended by the Slovenian Representative to the PA, Mr. Igor Pogacar, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Science and Head of the Delegation, Prof. Dusan Lesjak, and President of An-Najah University, Dr. Rami Hamdallah. The agreement aims at establishing the Euro-Mediterranean University, which is an initiative by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia that has gained the academic support of the Alexandria Declaration (2007), and the increasing political support of the Cairo Declaration (2007) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research, and recently by the conclusions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Lisbon, 2007).
- BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, signed an agreement for an "Intervention Study to Reduce Levels of Anemia among Children 0-5 Years Old" on 2 June 2008. The participating parties in the said agreement include the Institute of Community and Public Health (ICPH), Palestine Solidarity Association of Sweden (PGS) and the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS), represented by PGS's Representative in Palestine, Yvonne Fredriksson, Director of PMRS, Dr. Jihad Mashal, External Relations Officer at PMRS, Sameh Jarallah, Vice-President of Community Outreach at BZU, Dr. Ghassan Khatib, and Director of ICPH, Dr. Rana Khateeb.
- The Center for Continuing Education (CCE) signed several cooperation agreements with international & Palestinian development agencies, including the following:
  - An agreement has been signed between CCE at BZU and Jordan University concerning the Stepping Stones Program. The Program, designed by the CCE, aims at tackling the root causes of the continuing immigration of Palestinian youth & the subsequent brain-drain that is being created in the Palestinian territories.
  - An agreement has been signed between BZU and the Ministry of Interior. This agreement aims at upgrading information systems and capacity building for the Ministry.





- An agreement has been signed between BZU and the Ministry of Transportation. This agreement aims at upgrading the current systems and procedures, data analysis and conversion, development of new systems and training for various processes and functions for the Ministry.
- An agreement has been signed between CCE and Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), which aims at establishing a knowledge hub for Building Information Modeling (BIM) in Palestine.
- An agreement has been signed between CCE and Without Borders "Bila Hudood" for establishing a system for online translation services in Palestine. This agreement aims at creating jobs inside Palestine for work to be done for companies outside Palestine.
- An agreement has been signed between CCE and Inter-Standards. CCE, which has an established track record in curriculum development based on international best practices and institutional capacity building, offered to partner with Inter-Standards in the curricula development and training delivery for Inter-Standards certified developers, trainers and auditors and in related capacity building activities.
- An agreement has been signed between CCE and Bridgeway Group to bring training and professional development in skills related to negotiations and communication to Palestinian managers and leaders in the private, public and non-governmental sectors in the West Bank and Gaza. CCE will coordinate recruitment and training arrangements, and Bridgeway will design and deliver the training.
- **Main Library**
  - BZU Library Director, Mrs Diana Sayej participated in the Annual Conference of Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL). During the conference, negotiations took place with several publishers of electronic resources, who through eifl have agreed to give Palestinian universities free access to their products for a period of at least 3 years.
  - An Agreement was signed with UNESCO-EOLSS regarding the access to an electronic database for 20 encyclopedias until 2009.
  - An agreement was signed with the British Cultural Council regarding the acquisition of foreign books was renewed.

- **Faculty of Engineering**

- An Agreement was signed with Institut Supérieur d'Architecture La Cambra in Belgium and Riwaq-Center for Architectural Conservation to hold a workshop on "Revitalizing and Developing the Historical Area in Birzeit Town."
- A cooperation agreement was signed with Dortmund University in Germany to support the Master's Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture.
- On 9 February 2008, a cooperation agreement was signed by BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, and the Chairman/General Director of Nassar Investment Company (Jerusalem Stone). The agreement stipulated that the Faculty of Engineering at BZU and Nassar Investment Company will cooperate to establish an institute for research and studies on Palestinian stones.
- On 6 October 2007, the Faculty of Engineering at BZU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Jerusalem District Electricity Company. The MoU aims at developing the engineering graduation projects in areas of interest to JDECO and strengthening relations between both parties through joint regular meetings and exchange of publications.

- **Faculty of Arts**

- BZU signed a tripartite contract with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Lillehammer University College in April 2008, which aims at implementing a joint cooperation project called: "Community Psychology Master Program at BZU."

## Exchange Visits and Short – Term Activities

Activity	Details
University Administration	
Within the framework of the "Arab Bank Initiative on Economic Integration and Education", BZU hosted the Managing Director of the World Bank, Dr. Juan Jose Daboub.	A roundtable was held on 22 May 2008. Dr. Juan Jose Daboub was the Keynote Speaker.
BZU received a British delegation consisting of Linda Newman, President of the University and College Union (UCU); the UCU delegation members included: Barry Lovejoy, Susan Blackwell, and Mary Davis; and Alison Shepherd and Nick Crook of UNISON, the largest British trade union	The delegation visited the university on 8 January 2008. The visit was coordinated by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign in the UK to discuss the issue of the academic boycott of Israeli institutions.
A Swiss delegation from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) visited BZU and met with the President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis.	The visiting delegation was headed by Mr. Hansjörg Ambühl, Head of MENA Section – Bern, Switzerland.

Palestinian Businessman, Mr. Ghaleb Younis visited BZU and donated the cost of constructing the building of the Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, considering this as a national duty towards his people,	This visit took place on 29 November 2007
BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, received the Head of the Representative Office of Brazil to the Palestinian Authority, Ms. Ligia Maria Scherer, and the Minister-Counselor, Ms. Rosimar Suzano on 11 December 2007.	Both parties discussed spheres of cooperation in terms of exchange of visits, research and joint programs within a "South - South Dialogue."
An ANERA Director visited BZU. He was accompanied by his wife, Ex-ANERA Representative and Dr. Thomas Neu, ANERA Middle East Representative on 17/12/2007.	The visit was a follow up on the establishment of Najjad Zeenni Center of Excellence in Information Technology at BZU
H.E. German Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Ms. Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul visited BZU on 26 February 2008.	During her visit, the German Minister delivered a lecture entitled: "Development Policy as Peace Policy – Perspectives & Contributions to the Middle East Peace Process"
The Vice-President of the Government of the French Community and the Minister of International Relations of Belgium, Ms. Marie-Dominique Simonet, visited BZU and met with BZU President on 11 March 2008.	The guest minister was accompanied by the Belgian Consul General in Jerusalem, Mr. Leo Peeters and the Director of Cabinet, Mr. Michael Weber.
Office of Academic Development	
Participated in UNDP Workshop on "External Evaluation of the BA Program in Civil Engineering"	It involved Group Evaluation Programs at BZU and the University of Jordan.
Faculty of Engineering	
Dr. Shadi Ghadban participated in a meeting for faculties of European Architecture in Greece.	Held in the period of 1-5/9/2007
Dr. Simon Araj participated in the Arab Forum for Exchange of Training Students of Arab Universities	Held in Asyout University, Egypt in the period of 3-5/3/2008.
The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Faisal Awadallah, and faculty member of Architectural Engineering, Dr. Mohammed Abdel-Hadi, participated in Olav Festival in Trondheim, Norway, held in July 2007.	The visit was made upon an invitation from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim

The Faculty of Engineering hosted Professor Franz – Josef Ulm from MIT, as a visiting Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering	Took place during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of 2007-2008.
Within the Tempus Program, funded by the EU, a training course was held at the University of Newcastle, UK in the period of 16-28 October 2007.	Dr. Salem Thawabah from the Department of Architectural Engineering and Engineer Ibrahim Mahameed from the Department of Civil Engineering participated.
Faculty of Science	
Dr. Wafaa Khater from the Department of Physics visited the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN) in Genève, Switzerland for two months during the summer.	At CERN, Dr. Khater participated in two workshops, organized by the theory division led by Prof. Jonathan Ellis.
On 10 April 2008, the Physics Department hosted Prof. Dominique Ballereau from Mendon /Paris Observatory	He delivered a lecture entitled: "The Saturn System explored by the Cassini - Huygens Spacecraft."
Faculty of Commerce and Economics	
Participation in a training course on "Professionalism in Human Resources Management", in cooperation with Joint Efforts Group.	Instructor Inas Atari from the Business Administration Department participated in the period of 12-17 April 2008 in Jordan.
Faculty of Arts	
Training course on 'Integrating ICT tools in the Teaching and Learning Process'.	Held in Italy in the period of 1-22/11/2008. Tagreed Ayed from the Dept. of languages and Translation participated.
Visit to the Faculty of Arts at Manoubah University in Tunisia.	Chairperson of the Geography Department, Dr. Othman Sharkas, visited in the period of 1-4/4/2008.
The Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Abdelatif Abu-Hijleh, and the Chairperson of the Media Department, Ms. Inaam Obeidi, received a delegation from the Lillehammer University College in Norway.	This visit came within the framework of the signed cooperation agreement between both parties, through which BZU earned two MA scholarships in media studies from Lillehammer University College.
Media Development Center	
Dr. Ziad Asali, founder and president of the American Task Force on Palestine visited on 2/4/2008.	Delivered a lecture on how to move towards the establishment of a Palestinian State.

The Center hosted Dr. Adel Iskander from Georgetown University, a Middle East media scholar and activist, who has a major impact on the interdisciplinary study of international communication.	He delivered a lecture entitled: "Progress beyond the Illusory: Envisioning the Prospects of New Media Development in Palestine" on 20 February 2008.
Center for Development Studies	
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British Federation of Public Sector Unions visit.	The visit took place in June 2008, with the aim of discussing economic conditions in Palestine.
Center members joined an official delegation to visit South Africa	The visited involved participation in dialogue on "Apartheid Experience" in June 2008.
Center members joined a delegation to visit the British Federation of Public Sector Unions.	It took place in April 2008.
Institute of Environmental and Water Studies	
Academic visit to the UNESCO Institute for Water Education (IHE), during December 2007.	2 MA students to present their findings from their theses.
Scientific visit to Hohenheim University in Stuttgart, Germany.	Student Kamal Zorba made the visit to conduct further research for his thesis in the period of 22/11-20/12/2007.
In cooperation with the London School of Economics's Center of Environmental Policy and Governance and Oxfam-UK, the BZU Water and Environmental Institute (WESI), held a 3-day training course on "Transboundary Water."	A number of staff working in water and environmental sectors, ministries, semi-governmental institutions and BZU students at the Master Program in Water and Environmental Engineering and Master Program in Water and Environmental Sciences have participated.

The Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) participated in the International Symposium on Wastewater Recycling organized by the Braunschweig Technical University.	This was held in Braunschweig "City of Science-2007", Germany, in the period of 10 - 12 October 2007.
<b>Democracy and Human Rights Program</b>	
In cooperation with the Department of History and the Master's Program in Democracy and Human Rights, the Faculty of Law and Public Administration at BZU held a lecture entitled "The Negotiated Revolution in South Africa: Lessons for Countries in Transition."	The lecture was delivered by Dr. Jairam Reddy, Director of the Amman-based International Leadership Institute at the United Nations University, on October 27 <sup>th</sup> 2007.
Mr. Fergal Bar, Irish activist, lectured on "Northern Ireland - From No to Yes: Lessons for Israel and Palestine."	The lecture was held in November 2007.
<b>Library</b>	
President of International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), Ms Claudia Lux, and her accompanying delegation from the section on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression "FAIFEE."	The delegation included Paul Sturges, Stuart Hamilton and Frode Bakken and the President of the Norwegian Library Association, along with a group of 100 librarians from international and local libraries and research centers. They visited BZU Main Library and Montesquieu Law Library on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008.
<b>Institute of Women Studies</b>	
Professors Mariam Fraser and Chetan Bhatt from the Goldsmith College, University of London visited IWS.	The visit took place from 29/11 to 4/12/2007, to explore possibilities of cooperation
<b>Institute of Law – International Guests</b>	
Seyada Program Coordinator (Judge Cornelis Block)	Discussion on the possibilities of future cooperation, on 19/9/2007.
Visit by Ms. Moreen Marroum, Cultural Affairs Specialist for Exchange, the American Consulate in Jerusalem.	To discuss the affiliation of some Fulbright students to the Institute of Law, on 2/10/2007.
Visit by Mr. Phillipe Guiguet-Bologne, Head of French Cultural Center in Ramallah.	To learn more about the Institute of Law's main activities and explore ways of cooperation.
Head of Saarland State in Germany	Through Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) office in Ramallah, on 16/10/2007



Mr. Stephen Terravecchia, Development Alternatives International (DAI)	To discuss the possibility of arranging a training course in legislative drafting for some researchers at the IoL within the Bayan Project, 17/10/2007
Ms. Ambra Launganti, an EU representative	To discuss the outcomes of the Court Judgment Project, on 25/10/2007.
Ms. Elieen Elma, from the IDRC mission to Palestine.	To discuss the Law and Society project outcomes, deciding on the most important dates for ending the project and discussing the possibility of extension. 27/10/2007.
Mr. Thomas Bringer	Discussing the ongoing project with KAS, 8/11/2007
Canadian judges delegation.	Discussing the outcomes and future plans of Karama Project, 12/11/2007.
Canadian judges delegation.	To meet Palestinian judges and to discuss with the Karamah project team how the Canadian judges can be involved in the implementation of the project.
French Delegation comprising Mr. Eric Minnegheer, attaché of the Regional Justice Cooperation and Madam Veronique Malbec, the Deputy Assistant for Judicial Institute in France.	This visit came as part of the activities of the Faculty of Law & Public Administration, on 28/11/2007.
Meeting with Mr. Fransesco Rosa.	To discuss the new project with Foundation for the Future, Amman, 15/12/2007.
Meeting with Dr. Hardy Ostry.	To discuss the administrative changes in KAS (Amman) and future activities, in Amman, on 12/1/2008.
Visit by Mr. Roland Friedrich.	To discuss future cooperation between the Democratic Control of Armed Forces Office in Ramallah & IoL within the framework of the security project, on 29/1/2008.
Mr. Mohammed Almobayed, DAI	To discuss the potential cooperation with Bayan project, on 14/2/2008.
Mr. Ulrich Steinle, new Task Manager, European Commission.	To discuss the Court Judgment project that is funded by the European Commission, on 18/2/2008.

Minister of Higher Education	As part of University activities, the Minister held a lecture at the IoL, on 11/3/2008
French consulate delegation.	To discuss the project funded by the French Consulate, especially the IoL building extension, on 13/3/2008.
EU Vice-President, Ms. Diana Wallis.	Ms. Diana Wallis visited the IoL to get introduced to its main goals and activities, on 15/3/2008.
Judge Allan Lutfy, Head of High Federal Court in Canada.	This came as a part of the activities of one of the IoL Projects (Kararma), Judge Lutfy held a lecture at the Institute of Law on the "Relationship between Judiciary and Media", on 19/3/2008
Visit by Mr. Arjan van Houwelingen and Ms. Bushra Mukbil.	Follow up on future joint activities between UNESCO and the IoL, on 30/3/2008.
World Bank mission and Ministry of Planning	To evaluate the land law study prepared by the IoL, on 5/4/2008.
Visit by Mr. Francesco Rosa.	To sign the contract with IoL and Foundation for the Future, on 23/4/2008.
Mr. Nabeel Ibrahim, UNDP	To discuss the amendments on the study which will be issued by the IoL, titled "District Regional Development Plan", on 26/4/2008.
Ms. Deborah Bakker, CIDA, Canada	To learn more about the IoL activities and the upcoming plans (for IoL and Kararma Project, Debrah works with CIDA, Canada), on 21/5/2008.
Swedish Consul	The Swedish delegation was interested in learning more about the Institute of Law and its activities especially in the domain of judicial independence and human dignity.

Mr. Ruttgers, the Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.	As part of the KAS activities and cooperation with BZU and IoL, the Prime Minister visited BZU and Institute of Law accompanied by a delegation including 41 persons, on 3/6/2008.
Visit by the Belgium Representative Office to PNA	To evaluate Al-Muqtafi (legal database) and the consolidation project which is funded by the Belgium Consulate and also to discuss the new proposal which is submitted by the IoL to the Belgium Consulate, on 5/6/2008.
Lecture by Professor Philippe Sands	As part of IoL's Legal Encounters, on 5/6/2008.

### Joint International Projects (Long-term)

Unit	Program
Office of Academic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of post-doctoral, doctoral and MA research fellowships and scholarships for students and faculty members, including specialized summer programs in different countries.</li> <li>• Coordination with AMIDEAST regarding its activities in BZU.</li> <li>• Liaising between BZU units and donors on the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) TEMPUS Programs:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It involves a project proposal by IEWS entitled: Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Curriculum Development and Training in Palestine.</li> <li>b) Introduction of a new course on "Methodology in Social Sciences" for all master programs, in partnership with the Austrian Academy for Sciences and the Research Institute of the Arab Islamic World in Paris, France.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B) The Norwegian Programme for Development, Research and Education (NUFU). It involves 3 Projects:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lower Jordan River Basin Project.</li> <li>2. Basic History of Palestine/ the Holy Land.</li> <li>3. Capacity Building and Regional Cooperation in the field of landscape architecture and planning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C) Ford Foundation Projects:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Support Unit.</li> <li>2. Academic Development</li> <li>3. Ibn Rushd Center for Educational Development</li> <li>4. Virtual Gallery.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Faculty of Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation with the University of Rome, in Rome, Italy: Students of the departments of Architectural and Civil Engineering, as well as students of the Master's Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture participated in a workshop, held during the summer of 2008 in Sabaudia, Italy.</li> <li>• Cooperation with GTZ Water Programme continues: In accordance with the cooperation agreement signed between BZU and GTZ in February, 2007, joint efforts have continued to promote low-cost solutions to water problems for the benefit of the marginalized Palestinian rural areas.</li> <li>• Cooperation with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) Within the joint project "Capacity Building in Landscape and Spatial Planning," supported by the Norwegian Programme for Development, Research and Education (NUFU), the following accomplishments were made during 2007-2008: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizing an international conference titled "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions," held at BZU in the period of 29/11 - 1/12/2007.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizing a workshop on "Criteria of Designing Public Parks" in September, 2007.</li> <li>- Organizing a regional workshop for Ph.D. students in December 2007.</li> </ul> <p>The Project's activities are expected to continue throughout 2008-2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation with Institut Supérieur d'Architecture La Cambra in Belgium The Faculty of Engineering hosted 10 students from Lacambra Institute to work with the students of Architectural Engineering Dept. and MA Program in Urban Planning and landscape Architecture on "Preliminary Planning for Birzeit Town" in December, 2007. Later on, Lacambra Institute hosted 10 students from the Dept. of Architectural Engineering and Master's Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture to participate in a workshop, held in Brussels in March, 2008.</li> <li>• Cooperation with Dortmund University in Germany The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) approved a provision of support to a 4-year cooperation project between the Faculty of Engineering at BZU and the Faculty of Urban Planning at Dortmund University, to support the Master's Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture at BZU, starting in 2008.</li> <li>• Intercultural Dialogue: At the start of 2007, the 3-year joint project "Spatial Planning through intercultural Dialogue: Sustainable, Integrated Urban Regeneration and Revitalization of Historic Town Centres" was initiated and selected for funding by DAAD. It aims to bundle and intensify previous activities in order to create a strong planning network in the Middle East, by bringing together students, young academics and senior lecturers from Northern Iraq, Palestine, Jordan and Germany. The intensive dialogue will be continued with several student workshops, in which several partner universities are participating, including BZU.</li> <li>• International Training Courses Both Dr. Salem Zawabeh from the Architectural Engineering Dept. and engineer Ibrahim Mahameed from the Civil Engineering Department at BZU participated in a training course held at the University of Newcastle-UK in the period of 16 - 28 October 2007, as part of the activities of the Tempus Project, implemented by the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) at BZU in cooperation with the Faculty of Engineering with financed by the European Union.</li> </ul>
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Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PROMEMBRANE is a Specific Support Action (SSA) financed by the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) of the European Union, run by a seven-partner consortium from Germany, Italy, Spain, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria and Palestine, in which TTZ-Bremerhaven (Germany) is the project leader. The main objective of this project is to support and enhance the ongoing research and development activities in membrane technology in the field of water and wastewater treatment in the Mediterranean zone.</li> <li>• Within the framework of the "Regional Water Demand Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa (WaDImena)", and in cooperation with the Palestinian Water Authority, and with support by the International Development Research Center (IDRC), the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) conducted a series of workshops.</li> </ul> <p>Water consulting to Austrian Representative Office (ARO). The main duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance in the programming process and therefore in projects of identification.</li> <li>• Following up and reporting on the latest developments in the water sector and performing regular reporting on other significant/ relevant practices taking place.</li> <li>• Reviewing and updating the water situation analysis and reviewing sections in the Austrian Country Program.</li> <li>• Reviewing and commenting on the National Strategy for Water in Palestine, and developing synergies between Palestinian national documents and the Austrian strategy papers (i.e. Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP) and the Austrian Water Strategy).</li> <li>• Reviewing papers done by other stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>Project Period: March 2008 – March 2010.</p>
Institute of Law & Faculty of Law and Public Administration	<p>In cooperation with the French Priority Solidarity Fund, academic and administrative cooperation took place in six major areas for the benefit of the whole legal community:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening the rule of law,</li> <li>2. Supporting the Faculty of Law and Public Administration,</li> <li>3. Training qualified public civil servants,</li> <li>4. Developing French-Palestinian research partnerships,</li> <li>5. Extension of the IoL Building,</li> <li>6. French government scholarships.</li> </ol>
Media Development Center	<p>Cooperation with Radio Monte-Carlo: running a model station, training students of the Radio Unit in the Media Department. A 5-year cooperation agreement was signed on 11/9/2008, funded by Radio France International.</p>
Center for Development Studies	<p>In coordination with UNDP-Tokten Program, the researcher Ms. Leila Farsakh was hosted as a visiting researcher.</p>

Institute of Women Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Arab Families Working Group (AFWG), a collective of fifteen scholars from universities, NGOs and research foundations whose work focuses on Palestine, Lebanon and Egypt. The AFWG project involves scholars from Lebanon, Egypt, the Netherlands, and the USA (University of California, Davis), to promote comparative studies on families in the Arab world.</li> <li>Participation in the research program consortium Pathways of Women's Empowerment, a global research group which aims to discover the means by which women have achieved economic, political and reproductive rights and the extent to which they have achieved them, in Arab countries, South America, South Asia, and West Africa. It is a five-year project, funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).</li> </ul>
Library	Cooperation with Book Aid International, UK and SABRE Foundation (USA) for book acquisitions amounting to 450 titles.

### Grants and Scholarships to Faculty, Staff and Students

- The Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs has partially or totally supported faculty members, with an amount of US\$ 5,572 for participation in international and regional conferences in which they presented working and research papers. Also, it managed to obtain a two-year fund (\$150,000) to support academic development from the Ford Foundation.
- Lecturer, Ms. Abeer Meshni, was delegated to attend a three-month course on "Public Sector Reform", held at Bradford University in UK.
- Dr. Rana Barakat from the History and Archeology Department earned a Fulbright Scholarship for 2008-2009 from AMIDEAST.
- The Head of the Cataloging and Classification Division at BZU Library, Ms. Suhela Ghadeeb, earned a scholarship from the Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) to attend a training course organized by the American Overseas Research Center in Chicago in the period of 15-24 April 2008.
- Four students from the Faculty of Engineering earned a grant to attend a summer school at Sabaudia University in Rome, Italy.
- The Media Department earned two MA scholarships in media studies from Lillehammer University College, Norway.
- Six students from the Master's Program in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture were granted full scholarships at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Norway.
- The Institute of Law encourages its employees to pursue their professional doctoral degree in order to develop the capacity and quality of its staff. As a result, two students earned scholarships to pursue their doctoral degrees in Belgium and Switzerland.
- The Institute of Community and Public Health assisted some graduate students in earning summer school scholarships in Norway, Sweden and Netherlands, aiming to contribute to the capacity building of distinguished students.





# Student Life at BZU

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During the 2006/2007 academic year, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs continued to organize and develop its internal structure, and made a number of accomplishments in empowering students' democratic representation and promoting cultural, artistic and voluntary work activities. In addition to this, social and psychological counseling was offered and financial support was offered to BZU students in a fair and transparent manner.

Despite the prevailing harsh political and social violence, the Office met its legal and democratic obligations towards the students, efficiently organizing and monitoring the Student Council elections, setting a proportional representation scheme in place and raising the voting percentage from 81% in 2005/2006 to 85% in 2006/2007.

The Extra-Curricular Activities Unit at the Student Deanship Office upgraded the arts groups, and put on more performances, both within the university and outside it. The Unit held a series of courses and festivals, issued a magazine and other publications, and revitalized the publication of the "Annual Yearbook", which had not been published for several years. Student clubs at the Unit also made several accomplishments on a national level.

Regarding the voluntary work program, 1649 students (female & male) participated in the program's activities, which included weekly activities on campus during University hours. The program also provided local community institutions and centers with 489 students to carry out voluntary work and organized the annual international summer work camp in which Palestinian and foreign student volunteers participated.

The Financial Aid Unit at the Student Deanship Office provided assistance to over 4,000 needy students per semester, amounting to JD 880,000. This distribution of loans towards fees to support students in pursuing their education is part of the objectives set forth in BZU's framework.

### **Student Council Elections:**

Upon the completion of the Student Council term for 2007/2008, a preparatory committee was formed which consisted of a number of faculty and staff members from various faculties and

institutes. This committee monitored the electoral process, while it passed through each of its stages that eventually resulted in the formation of the student council. With the unanimous approval of the student blocs, the Committee formed a legal sub-committee comprising of BZU's faculty and staff members, to study the constitution and work on reformulating its legal and administrative aspects. This was then handed over to the Student Affairs Deanship, Student Council conference and student blocs for review and ratification. At a later stage, the constitution will be subject to a referendum during the next student council term, 2008/2009.

Seven student blocs competed in the 2008 student council elections, which took place on 22 April 2008:

1. Martyr Yasser Arafat Bloc.
2. Islamic Wafaa' Bloc.
3. Student Progressive Democratic Bloc
4. Islamic Group Bloc.
5. Progressive Student Union Bloc
6. National Unitary Student Bloc.
7. Initiative Bloc.

The Martyr Yasser Arafat Bloc won 25 seats out of 51 seats in the Student Council Elections, while the Islamic Wafaa' Bloc got 19 seats, the Student Progressive Democratic Bloc occupied 5 seats, the Islamic Group/Qawem (Resist) Bloc obtained one seat and the Progressive Student Union Bloc got one seat. The National Unitary Student Bloc and the Initiative Bloc did not win any seats.

The number of voters eligible to participate in the elections was 6347, out of which 5283 (83.24%) students participated, and there was a record of 72 void ballots and 70 canceled ballots.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Abdel-Karim Abu Khashan, stated that the voting process was totally smooth and transparent, in accordance with the standards drawn up by the Preparatory Committee. He added that BZU seeks to promote the students' sense of security and responsibility, as an integral part of the Palestinian realities on the ground.

In comparison with the results of the 2007 student elections, the Wafaa' Bloc won 22 seats out of 51 seats, while the Martyr Yasser Arafat Bloc occupied 21 seats. The Student Progressive Democratic Bloc got 6 seats, while the Islamic Group occupied 2 seats. As for the Jund Allah (Soldiers of God) Bloc and the Student Podium Bloc, they occupied 2 seats each, while the Omar Al-Qasem Bloc got one seat.

#### Seminars, Training Courses, Lectures and Workshops (Student Activities):

- The Counseling Division at the Student Affairs Deanship Office organized a seminar on the "Role of Academic Counseling" on 7/4/2008 in which a survey was carried out. It showed that BZU students largely depend on their colleagues in obtaining information pertaining to BZU rules and regulations. The results of the survey also showed a student need for activating the role of an academic counselor, who would hold regular meetings with the students.
- The Social Counseling Office held courses and lectures that concern students such as women's rights and human rights, in coordination with the Women's Center for Legal and Social Counseling.

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- Within the framework of the Professional Counseling for Rural Girls Program, a meeting was held with the Youth forum-Sharek.
  - The Social Counseling Office conducted a workshop on "Those with Special Needs", in cooperation with the YMCA on 22/5/2008.
  - The Activities Division at the Student Affairs Deanship Office held a seminar entitled "University Student Fund", in cooperation with the Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation (PYALARA).

### **Volunteer Work:**

The Voluntary Work Program at BZU is a vital one in that it has a positive impact on the relationship between students and the community. This year's program featured joint activities with governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as others taking place in Palestinian rural and urban areas, as detailed below:

- Dozens of BZU students participated in World Cleanliness Day, organized by the Municipality of Ramallah, on 10/9/2008.
- In an olive picking campaign, BZU students joined hands with the people of Birzeit Town on 20/10/2007 and with the villagers of Abu-Skheidem on 21/5/2007. Also, they volunteered in the Bireh City on 11/11/2007 and planted 350 olive trees in Tireh, in Ramallah City on 2/3/2008.
- Dozens of BZU students participated in the Birzeit Spring Festival, organized by Rozana Institute on 22/3/2008.
- Dozens of BZU students participated in the activities of the "Palestinian Children Day", organized by the Tamer Institute for Community Education on 4/4/2008.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, BZU students participated in the activities of the "Heritage Week" on 5/4/2008.
- BZU students volunteered for a day in a "Cleanliness Campaign", launched by Ramallah Municipality on 15/4/2008.
- BZU students participated in the activities organized by Ramallah Municipality's Centennial Celebrations at the Cultural Palace on 16/4/2008.

### **On Campus:**

- BZU students volunteered by doing cleaning, weeding, olive picking and painting of pavements from November 2007 till January 2008. They planted 300 trees behind the Faculty of Law and Public Administration Building on 1/3/2008 and others around the Institute of Women Studies Building. On Land Day (30/3/2008), students planted seedlings and roses.
- At the Institute of Law, 27 students undertook voluntary work for a total of 108 volunteer work hours, averaging 4 volunteer work hours per student volunteer.

### **Civil Society Organizations:**

- Within the Voluntary Work Program, BZU students participated in the coordination and organization of conferences, workshops and benefit dinners. They also worked on statistical data entry, book-shelving at libraries, rendering services for the sick and elderly and conducting studies and surveys for research institutions.
- BZU students volunteered to work as tourist guides with Vision Institute in Jerusalem, after receiving training.

#### Art and Cultural Activities:

- On 15 May 2008, the Student Affairs Office Deanship opened their 2nd exhibition entitled "The Homeland Remains", commemorating the 60th year of the "Nakba". This exhibition was the result of a one-month workshop entitled "In Order not to Forget", featuring a collection of 54 black and white works of art, done by talented students.
- The Student Affairs Deanship Office organized a range of national artistic activities on "Land day" on 30/3/2008, including a group drawing of a mural representing a flower for every Palestinian.
- The Student Affairs Deanship Office held an exhibition for the works of the Students Art Committee, entitled "The Land called upon us", which included 76 paintings.
- In cooperation with the Student Affairs Deanship Office, the Cultural Committee at the Student Council organized a poetry reading session with the poet Tamim Barghouthi on 25 May 2007.
- On 12/1/2008, the Student Affairs Deanship Office opened an art exhibition for the Artist Iyad Zeidan entitled "Can we Still Feel the Unspoken", in cooperation with Ashab (Friends) Group at the Social Counseling Office at the Student Affairs Deanship Office.

#### Student Clubs:

- **BZU Debate Forum:**

Based on the belief that intellectual diversity and argumentation are embodiments of freedom of expression and crucial for the development of human thought and society, the Birzeit University Debate Forum was established to promote critical thinking and advance pluralism of thought and democratic practice. The Forum, a student-oriented entity that is supervised by the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, aims to contribute to the democratic environment at BZU and in Palestinian society at large by exposing students and others to different views that could broaden their horizons, regardless of whether they agree or disagree with these views. It also aims at restoring rationalism as a pivotal element in dealing with internal disputes and differences in society.





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On 26 February 2008, the Forum organized its inaugural debate on the motion: "Arab satellite stations play a key role in encouraging normalization with Israel". The debaters were the head of Al-Jazeera Office in Palestine, Mr. Waleed Omary, and the prominent philosophy professor at BZU, Dr. George Giacaman, with the presence of an Arbitration Committee consisting of a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, the General Commissioner of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights, Dr. Mamdouh Al-Aker and the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Public Administration at BZU, Dr. Camille Mansour.

On 13 May 2008, the BZU Debate Forum organized a debate on the motion: "The Arab leadership's rejection of the UN Partition Plan of 1947 was among the vital factors that led to the Nakba". The debaters were: the head of the Intellectual Department of the Israeli Communist Party, Mr. Issam Makhoul, versus a team of students, namely: Fairouz Shahrour, Abad Yehya and Hussein Al-Deek. The arbitrators were the lawyer and author Raja Shehadeh, BZU mathematics professor, Dr. Carmela Armanious-Omary and history professor, Dr. Saleh Abdel-Jawwad.

● **Ashab "Friends" Group:**

- Ashab "Friends" Group, based at the Social Counseling Office, Student Affairs Deanship, is a group of students concerned with assisting their colleagues to solve their social problems. The Group held a lecture entitled "Secrets Deserve Recognition" on 7/11/2007.
- Ashab held a competition entitled "Different Stuff" on 8/4/2008, sponsored by Bait Jala Pharmaceuticals Company. It included a theatrical play on "Academic Counseling" and questions on academic rules and regulations at BZU. This initiative aimed to raise students' awareness of academic rules and regulations in an exciting manner.
- Ashab followed up on the "Free Prisoners Project", by organizing a festival on 14/4/2008 entitled "Renewed Hope", which included an exhibition of the artistic and literary works of students who had received medals of honor. Also, a documentary film featuring the suffering of detainees inside Israeli prisons was screened.

**Annual International Work Camp 2008:**

It is an annual tradition of the Student Affairs Deanship to invite international students to join BZU students to work on different Palestinian community projects. This year's work camp started on 24 July 2007 and was concluded on 4 August 2008. It was sponsored by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The participants were from different nationalities, allowing BZU students to interact in a dynamic environment. It included a variety of activities such as voluntary work, general lectures on various topics and visits to Palestinian cities and villages, allowing the participants to get acquainted with the realities on the ground.

A student from an international relations program in London, Rebecca Long, affirmed the importance of this experience, indicating that despite her theoretical studies in international relations and the Palestinian issue, the experience she gained through the work camp was of utmost importance to her.





### Financial Assistance:

During the 2007/2008 academic year, the Student Affairs Deanship Office continued to offer financial aid to students in a fair and transparent manner, keeping records of all support given in a database. Needy students were financially supported to cover their fees, transportation, housing, and were given food coupons.

Also, a number of associations provided financial assistance to students:

- **Saraya Center for Community Service**

The Center extended financial aid to needy students on a semester-basis in amounts ranging between 100-250 Jordanian dinars, while others got a temporary subsidy (NIS 750). 23 students benefited from these schemes. Moreover, BZU provided the Center with a list of needy former students who graduated and remain indebted to the University, out of whom five were given JD100 each.

- **Friends of BZU (FOBZU)**

FOBZU provided 150 students with food stamps monthly and assists others to pay their tuition fees.

- **Johar Family Grant**

The grant amounts to JD 500 paid every semester to cover fees of five needy students who are selected by the University.

- **Jamal Zalatimo Grant**

Dr. Jamal Zalatimo made a donation to pay the tuition fees of one needy student studying in the Faculty of Engineering, provided that his accumulative average is not lower than 80%.

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- **The Hala Attala Scholarship Fund**

This year, the Institute's Hala Attala Scholarship Fund for Women Students covered the costs of tuition for 12 students and paid for housing for eight more. In addition to this, the Fund paid the transportation expenses of six students who could not afford the rapidly increasing transportation costs.

The Scholarship Fund has suffered during the past few years from lack of funds. However, during 2007/2008, the Institute of Women Studies was awarded a fund of \$17,600 by the Welfare Association to be used for scholarships for undergraduate female students at BZU.



# Community Outreach



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In the 2007-2008 academic year, BZU continued building strong relationships with community based organizations, both in the public and private sector, through the outreach activities of the Centers and Institutes, implementing services, consultative, training and research projects, coordinating, cooperating with and contributing towards developing development and political plans, as well as spreading public awareness and knowledge in all fields of study.

BZU succeeded in measuring the performance of its community institutes and centers, as reflected in the continuity of its programs/projects such as: the Institute of Community and Public Health (ICPH), Center for Continuing Education (CCE) and the Institute of Law (IoL) for many years – all this confirms the importance of the various programs/projects in terms of benefiting the local community and the health sector.

The ICPH, Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) and Birzeit University Testing Laboratories (BZUTL) play the role of assisting in the improvement of health and environment conditions and developing the health and environment systems in Palestine. They also implement vital projects directed towards policy making in the health and environmental fields, as well as future planning, through a comprehensive package of research, teaching, training, monitoring, follow up and evaluation. The research findings are used to develop the training programs, particularly for those working in the health and environmental sectors, and for enriching various courses in academic programs.

The Center for Continuing Education's (CCE) programs contribute to capacity building by offering diploma programs in various fields such as school and family counseling, and technical counseling. The IoL conducts legal research projects and serves the community by offering legal consultancies, organizing lectures and legal training. The Center for Development Studies conducts applied research that contributes to the development process, while the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS) focuses on the political academic domain by organizing conferences and workshops that address the Palestinian issue and its dimensions like immigration and refuge. The IEWS was very active in conducting training courses on water and wastewater

Moreover, the faculties at BZU were keen about improving the environmental conditions in Palestine by revitalizing and restoring old towns, organizing conferences to address the Palestinian landscape, as well as holding scientific, political, literary and cultural lectures.

## **Environment & Health**

The following tables detail the various activities carried out by the different BZU faculties, institutes and centers in the area of environment and health:

Applied Research	
Unit	Intervention/beneficiary
Institute for Community and Public Health (ICPH)	Women and Health: fulfilling the needs of pregnant and birthing women, Regular and intensive on-the-job training for midwives in the Ramallah Hospital maternity ward.
	Palestinian MAPP-QoL Study: Palestinian Maternal Post-Partum Quality of Life. A context-specific questionnaire was prepared based on extensive literature review and focus group discussion with women from different socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
	The Marriage Paradox in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the fieldwork study (data collection through in depth interviews with women) was almost completed and preliminary analysis is in progress.
	Youth smoking in stressed environments: determinants and resiliency study (Argentina, Colombia and Palestine), Data analysis of the results was done from the cross-sectional survey and a report was prepared with the findings
	Assessment of anemia management in children study, A provisional base line assessment of anemia management in all of the clinics involving guidelines, drugs and laboratory investigations for anemia was completed.
	Training Needs assessment in selected UNRWA refugee camps in child abuse and neglect. The field work is in process. Most of the clinics in the sample have been surveyed. The results of this assessment will be used to design a curriculum on child abuse and neglect training suited to the needs of health professionals at UNRWA clinics.
BZU Testing Laboratories	A study was conducted on "Preservatives in Dairy Products on Sale in the Local Market", led the Ministry of Health to take samples from factories to be tested.
IEWS	MEDA-EMWater: Efficient Management of Wastewater in Mediterranean Countries study; the research highlights innovative solutions in wastewater treatment and wastewater reuse in the hopes of ensuring a future water supply for the region's rapidly growing population.

Training	
ICPH	Analysis of Health and Demographic Surveys in Palestine, Target group: Ministry of Health + PCBS statistical professional staff, October 27-28, 2007.
	Rational Use of Medicine, Target group: Health professionals/ NGOs, Nov., 2007.
	Qualitative Analysis and Focus Groups, ICPH faculty and staff, Jan 21-22, 2008
	Qualitative Analysis and Focus Groups, ICPH faculty and staff, Jan 28-29, 2008
	Health Economics and Management, alumni and Masters students, Feb 23 + March 1, 2008.
	Computer Training (Women's Health Unit: 9 sessions, certificate level). Target group: Midwives, Ramallah and Al-Makased Hospitals, Mar 1,8,15,22,29 , Apr 5,12,19 , May 3, 2008
	Rational Use of Medicine. Target group: Students from Ramallah's UNRWA (Tirah) College, April, 2008.
	Introduction to Statistical Analysis Using SPSS, Researchers and individuals are working on a demographic and health survey data, June-July, 2008



IEWS	On 30 August 2007, the Water and Environmental Studies Institute concluded a 9-day training course for Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC) staff. GVC is an Italian Non-Governmental Organization sponsoring several water and environmental projects in Palestine.
	In cooperation with the London School of Economics - Center of Environmental Policy and Governance and Oxfam-UK, WESI conducted a 3-day training course on "Transboundary Water", in which a number of staff working in water and environmental sectors, ministries, governmental institutions and BZU students at the Master's Program in Water and Environmental Engineering and Master's Program in Water and Environmental Sciences participated.
	Within the framework of the "Regional Water Demand Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa (WaDImena)", and in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, the IEWS conducted two training courses on the "Applications on the Use of Treated Waste Water for Irrigation", in May, 2008.
	In cooperation with the Swedish Royal Society (KTH), Sweden, and the International Institute for Infrastructure, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering (IHE), IEWS is implementing a two year project in "Capacity Building in Environment at BZU", funded by the European Union (EU), through Tempus programs.
BZU Testing Laboratories	A two-week training course was conducted for Olive Mills' Owners and another one on "Testing the Quality of Olive Oil". This comes within the 3-year Project "Developing the Olive Oil Sector in Palestine", funded by the Overseas Agronomic Institute (part of Italian Government foreign aid and development institutions) and the Italian Cooperation.
Seminars & Workshops	
ICPH	Evaluation of the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project, Target group: CBR team, Oct 25, 2007
	Monitoring Midwives Practices, Midwives, Nov 5, 2007
	Writers' workshop- Palestinian Health System I; target group included ICPH academics, faculty members and researchers, Nov 12-13, 2007
	Midwives Practices Review, Midwives, Dec 3, 2007
	School Health Committees / ICPH, School health field workers / MOE, Feb 11, 2008
	Midwives Practices Review, School health field workers / MOE, Mar 4, 2008
	Writers' workshop - Palestinian Health System II., ICPH academics, faculty members and researchers, Mar 17-19, 2008.



IEWS	<p>Within the framework of the “Regional Water Demand Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa (WaDImena)”, and in cooperation with the International Development Research Center (IDRC), the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) conducted a series of workshops on the “Applications on the Use of Treated Waste Water for Irrigation”, throughout 2007-2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Rashed Al-Sa`ed and Dr. Nidal Mahmoud participated in the 6th International Conference on “Technologies for Waste &amp; Wastewater Treatment, ECHO-TECH 07”. The event took place in the period of 26-28/11/2007 at the University of Kalmar, Sweden.</li> <li>- Within the framework of the “Regional Water Demand Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa (WaDImena)”, and in cooperation with the international Development Research Center (IDRC), the Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS) conducted a workshop entitled “Applications on the Use of Treated Waste Water for Irrigation” on 29 November 2007</li> <li>- IEWS conducted a workshop on “Sanitary Aspects of the Re-use of Waste Water for Irrigation” on 3 January 2007.</li> <li>- IEWS conducted a workshop on “Environmental Aspects of Treated Waste Water for Irrigation” on 17 January 2008.</li> <li>- IEWS conducted a workshop on “Institutional Aspects of Treated Waste Water for Irrigation” on 7 February 2008.</li> <li>- IEWS conducted a workshop on “Economics of Re-Use of Treated Wastewater for Irrigation” dated 14 February 2008.</li> <li>- IEWS conducted a workshop on “Perspectives of the Public and Farmers on Re-Use of Treated Wastewater for Irrigation” on 28 February.</li> <li>- IEWS conducted a workshop on “Religious and Social Conceptualizations of the Re-Use of Treated Wastewater for Irrigation” on 28 February 2008.</li> </ul>
Faculty of Engineering	<p>In cooperation with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and the Academy of Palestinian Arts, the faculty held awareness seminars on landscape in Palestine: status, importance and conservation”, addressing the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The concept of landscape in Palestine, its threats and the role of individuals in protecting and conserving it.</li> <li>- On 7 April 2008, the Department of Architectural Engineering screened a documentary film entitled: “An Inconvenient Truth” that shed light on climate change and global warming.</li> </ul>

BZU Testing Laboratories	Participated in a workshop on "Subsidizing Flour", organized by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with ANERA.
	Participated in two workshops on "Ways of Applying Sustainable Development in Palestine", organized by Ministry of Environment and the European Union.
	Participated in a workshop on "Environmental assessment for "Developing an Agricultural and Industrial Zone in Jericho" Project, organized by JICA.
Coordination, Cooperation and Consultative Projects	
Faculty of Engineering	Cooperation with Riwaq Center and Rozana society in the revival of the old part of Birzeit Town.
	Cooperation with Municipality of Ramallah in studying and evaluating the construction of the creation of the "Garden of Nations".



BZU Testing Laboratories	Held the 1 <sup>st</sup> Palestinian Conference on Feed Industry on 4 June 2008, in cooperation with the Palestinian Food Industries Association, funded by Palestine Poultry Company and Sinokrot Company for Animal and Agricultural Products.
	Participating in developing a validation method the stability of new pharmaceuticals for the benefit of Jaleel Pharmaceuticals Company.
	Held several meetings with Minister of National Economy, Deputy Minister and the General Director of Consumer Protection regarding the activation of mineral oils lab.
	Held a meeting with the Minister of Health to discuss the role of BZU Testing Laboratories in the health sector and spheres of cooperation.
	Participated in the meeting of the Technical Scientific Committee for Pesticides.
	Technical meeting with pharmaceutical companies regarding the pre-requisites for obtaining the GMP certificate for the pharmaceutical plants.
	Meeting with the Governor of Ramallah & Bireh to brief him on the eventualities of "Integrated Management of Solid Waste" Project.
	Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Finance and the ministry's Consultant regarding the activation of the petroleum oil lab.
	Members of the Follow up Committee of the Waste Office at the Governorate of Ramallah & Bireh, formed by the Governor.
	Member of the Description Committee for Food Standards and attends weekly meetings of the Committee at the Palestine Standards Institution.
	Member of the Description Committee for oil minerals and Committee for Petroleum Products and attends regular meetings.

### Capacity Building

Through its institutes and centers – The Center for Continuing Education (CCE) and IoL – BZU contributed to capacity building in both the public and private sectors, in terms of offering Diploma programs, training, research and teaching. The activities included training courses in media, law and teaching courses in information technology:

(1) Training			
CCE / Psycho-Social Unit	Granted the Diploma Degree in various fields in the West bank and Gaza Strip as follows:		
	Field	Beneficiaries	Donor
	School Counseling	22 social workers	FOBZU
	Technical Supervision	48 from Ministry of Social Affairs	UNICEF
	Counseling Supervision	Professional supervisors	FOBZU
	Counselors' Supervision	MoE & UNRWA	FOBZU
	Family Counseling	Ministry of Social Affairs	UNICEF



CCE/ Unit for Learning Innovation (ULI)	Organized the following training courses:		
	Field	Beneficiaries	Donor
	Information Modeling	Group of Engineers	CCC
	Project Management	Masrouji Company	Masrouji Company
	Developing ULI teams in Palestinian universities.	Faculty members at the universities	World Bank and Ministry of Education and Higher Education
	Capacity building of Math & Science teachers	Math & Science teachers	LG
	E-Learning	Staff of BZU, Bethlehem & Al-Quds University	Ford Foundation
	Capacity building of Ministry of Women Affairs.	Ministry's staff	Ministry
	E-Courses	UNRWA	UNRWA
	E-Curriculum	Schools	CCC
	Translation services via internet	Palestinian institutions	Welfare Association
	E-Curriculum for Diploma in Small & medium Enterprises	Companies, institutions and individuals	GTZ
	Steps Towards the Labor Market	Palestinian Youth	King Abdullah foundation

CCE/ Teaching Projects & Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merchandising Course, Solutions Hulul</li> <li>- Introduction to Excel and Excel Applications, Office of the President.</li> <li>- English for Project Management, Engineers Association.</li> <li>- Customer Service, Ramallah Municipality.</li> <li>- Ministry of Women Affairs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Excel</li> <li>• Project Management</li> <li>• English for Beginners / First Group</li> <li>• Leadership and Team Building</li> <li>• Technical Writing</li> <li>• Communication and Advocacy with Emphasis on Gender Perspective</li> <li>• English for Beginners / Second Group</li> <li>• Advanced Microsoft Office PowerPoint</li> <li>• Introduction to Microsoft Project</li> <li>• Time Management</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Teachers Creativity Center               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Management</li> <li>• Effective Management Practices in Rural development Management</li> </ul> </li> <li>- LIT – QIF               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of Trainers Program on e-Enabled Curricula Design, Development, Delivery and Evaluation</li> <li>• Communication and Team Building Skills,</li> <li>• Project Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Media Development Center / TV Unit	<p>Organized the following training courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentary Film/West Bank in the period of 28/10-2/11/2007.</li> <li>• Documentary Film/Gaza in the period of 28/1-2/2/2008.</li> <li>• Training of Trainers in the period of 18-26/4/2008</li> <li>• Documentary films/Dotshevelia in the period of 10-29/5/2008.</li> <li>• Digital TV Montage.</li> <li>• Non-Linear TV Editing. In the period of 20-26/4/2008.</li> </ul> <p>Video Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different school classes by creative teachers as models in February-April 2008, funded by Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development.</li> <li>• Interviews with students who earned scholarships from FoBZU, May 2008.</li> <li>• Workshops that aim for educational outputs, funded by Ibn Rushd Unit for Educational Development.</li> </ul>

Media Development Center / Radio Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Programs in local radio stations in the West Bank in the period of 15-22/9/2007.</li> <li>• Radio Stations Management in the period of 29/10-4/11/2007.</li> <li>• Grammatical errors in the period of 24-30//12/2007.</li> <li>• Future radio Station in the period of 22/2-4/3/2008.</li> <li>• Beginners in radio Stations in the period of 27/2-4/3/2008.</li> <li>• Radio archives throughout February 2008.</li> </ul>
Media Development Center / Print Journalism Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course on "Economic Journalism" in the period of 31/3-12/4/2008.</li> <li>• Course on "Featured Story" in the period of 21/4-3/5/2008.</li> <li>• Course on "Creative Thinking in Journalism" in the period of 28/4-9/5/2008.</li> <li>• Course on "Production of University Youth Magazines" in the period of April-May 2008.</li> <li>• Project "Improving the Efficiency of Journalists at Palestinian news Agencies in the period of January-August 2008.</li> </ul>
Faculty of Law and Public Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held several training courses for law students at Palestinian universities on "Legal Framework that Regulates the process of Eliminating Corruption in Palestine", organized by AMAN in the period of 20-24/4/2008.</li> <li>• Participated in "Training of Trainers Program" for judges and members of General Attorney Office.</li> </ul>
	<p>Judicial Independence and Human Dignity (JIHD)  Type of Project: Continuing Education  Starting date: 25/11/05  Ending date: 31/3/2011  Donor: Canadian International Development Agency  The project is being implemented by the University of Windsor and the IoL, with CIDA support, and with the close collaboration of the Judicial Education Department (JED) at the High Judicial Council (HJC).  The goal of the project is: To support the rule of law/access to justice in Palestinian society.  The purpose of the project is: To support increased judicial independence and to promote human dignity in the administration of justice.</p>
2) Legal Research	
Institute of Law	<p>IoL's capacity building role to promote the rule of law in Palestine is centered on its Legislative Assistance Programme. Legal departments from several official institutions (Palestinian Legislative Council, Council of Ministers, High Judicial Council, etc.) benefited from working with IoL staff on legal drafting and conducting applied research, as did two staff members from the</p>



	Ministry of Labour, 1 staff member from the Ministry of Women Affairs, a team from the Ministry of Planning, two lawyers from the Ministry of Communication including the main drafters of legislation, the Diwan al Fatwa wal Tashri' (The Bureau for Legislation and Opinion). The IoL Manual for Legislative Drafting is not only the first and the only manual in the Arab World, but it is used by several PA institutions, Palestinian and Jordanian universities as a reference.
3) Coordination and Cooperation	
Faculty of Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 9 February 2008, a cooperation agreement was signed between BZU President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, and the Chairman/ General Director of Nassar Investment Company (Jerusalem Stone). Both parties shall cooperate to establish an institute for research and studies for the Palestinian stone.</li> </ul>
Faculty of Law and Public Administration /Public Administration Department	Contributed to the Project of "Local Infrastructure Capacity Building", funded by the Belgian Technical Cooperation.

### Public Awareness:

BZU's various Faculties and Departments organized lectures, workshops, study days and exhibitions for the purpose of increasing the public awareness of issues of general interest. Following is a list of various activities carried out throughout the academic year 2007-2008:

Sponsor at BZU	Description of Activity
Faculty of Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized the "Engineering Day 2008" on 27 May 2008, during which exhibitions by engineering companies and industries were held, as well as graduate students' projects, scientific seminars, and an honorary ceremony for distinguished students.</li> <li>In cooperation with the Faculty of Landscape Architecture at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB), an International Conference was organized entitled "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions" at Kamal Nasser Assembly Hall - BZU in the period of 29/11/2007- 1/12/ 2007.</li> <li>Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on the "Future of Concrete in Palestine - its technology and applications", in cooperation with the Engineers Association-Al-Quds Center and the Palestinian Concrete Society on 6 May 2008. Leading</li> </ul>

	<p>engineering experts from industry and academia from Palestine, Europe and the Americas participated, promising to identify concrete enabling technologies for Palestine that meet Palestinians' current and future needs .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Architectural Engineering participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Riwaq Biennale Conference, held in the period of 17-24/10/2007 at Riwaq Center in Ramallah. The conference was attended by the Director of Riwaq, the Director of Biennale and the Deputy Minister of Tourism, emphasizing the significance of preserving Palestinian architectural heritage by either securing international support for the "Renovation of 50 Historical Locations in Palestinian Villages Project", or campaigning against the occupation procedures in terms of combating our heritage, or issuing laws that prohibit bulldozers from destroying these locations.</li> </ul>
<p>Faculty of Commerce and Economics</p> <p>General Lectures Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsored by the Arab Bank, the Faculty of Commerce and Economics organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Marketing Day on 29 May 2008, to announce the introduction of a new specialization in "marketing", in which a number of Palestinian companies and institutions participated.</li> <li>• Organized a Career Day for its graduates on 28 May 2008, in cooperation with Sharek Youth Forum.</li> <li>• "Role of Women in Management", by the Manager of Customer Services-Arab Bank, Ruba Abdel-Hadi, on 5/5/2008.</li> <li>• "National Beverages Company – A Success Story", delivered by the General Manger of Coca Cola on 15/9/2008.</li> <li>• "Currency Exchange", given by the Executive Director of the New Step Investment Company on 8/5/2008.</li> <li>• On 27 May 2008, the Department of Finance and Banking held a lecture on insurance, delivered by the Customer Service Manager at the National Insurance Company (NIC), Mr. Hussein Al-Seify.</li> </ul>
Faculty of Arts / Department of Education and Psychology	<p>On 12 November 2007 and in cooperation with the Inclusive Education Division at the Directorate of Education in Ramallah, the Department of Education and Psychology held a lecture on "Special and Inclusive Education".</p>
Faculty of Arts / Department of Sociology and Anthropology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized a lecture entitled: "Palestinians' Attitudes towards Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Resolution" by Mahmoud Miari on 26 November 2007.</li> <li>• Held a lecture entitled: "Zionism and the Issue of Knowledge", delivered by a faculty member of Political Science, Mr. Sameeh Hammoudeh.</li> <li>• Held a lecture entitled: "Concepts on Nation and Homeland in the Forming of Contemporary Palestine", delivered by Dr. Abaher El-Sakka on 23 June 2008.</li> </ul>

Faculty of Arts / Department of History and Archeology	On 13 May 2008, as part of the General Lectures Series, the Department of History and Archeology and the Master Program in Arab and Muslim History jointly held a lecture entitled "Aqaba in Light of the Archeological Excavations", delivered by the Director of the Islamic Project at Aqaba, Jordan, Professor Donald Whitcomb from the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago.
Faculty of Arts / Department of Media	In cooperation with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), the Media Department conducted a workshop on the Production of TV Reports entitled: "As We See the World Today", on 29 November 2007 in which the Journalist, Nijem Al-Khafaji participated.
Faculty of Arts / Department of Arabic Language and Literature	Held a lecture on "Body language and Non-Verbal Communication", given by Dr. Mahdi Arar on 4 December 2007.
Faculty of Law and Public Administration / Public Administration Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted the Director of the Palestine Stock Exchange, Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh, to talk about "Promoting Integrity in the Private Sector and Financial Institutions".</li> <li>Held a lecture on "Phrenology and Charisma", delivered by Dr. Abbas Zaru.</li> <li>Hosted Engineer Samah Abu-Hamad to give a lecture on the "Financial System in Local Government Authorities".</li> <li>Hosted a French delegation (university teachers) to deliver lectures on various topics such as: local government, comparative public administration and others.</li> <li>In cooperation with the Department of History and the Master Program in Democracy and Human Rights, the Faculty of Law and Public Administration held a lecture entitled "The Negotiated Revolution in South Africa: Lessons for Countries in Transition" by Dr. Jairam Reddy, Director of the Amman-based International Leadership Institute at the United Nations University, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007.</li> </ul>
Faculty of Law and Public Administration / Law Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In cooperation with the Palestine Capital Market Authority, the Law Department held a lecture on "The Role of the Palestine Capital Market Authority in Regulating the Securities Sector", delivered by the Director of the Securities Surveillance Department, Mr. Buraq Al-Nabuls on 8 November 2007.</li> <li>In cooperation with the Coalition for Accountability and Integrity (AMAN), the Faculty held a lecture on "Combating Corruption within the Framework of the UN Convention against Corruption", delivered by the Chairperson of the Law Department, Dr. Yaser Amouri on 1 December 2007.</li> </ul>

Faculty of Information Technology	Held a lecture on "Development of Cellular Telecommunication from GSM System to CDMA/UMTS" on 1 <sup>st</sup> of December 2007, delivered by Engineer Omar Zitawi, from Wataniyah Palestine Telecom.
Faculty of Graduate Studies/Academic Support Unit	Organized the 1 <sup>st</sup> Seminar entitled: "Other Views of Knowledge Theory: popular history versus followers history", delivered by Professor Roger Heacock on 6 December 2007.
ICPH / General Lectures Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Price increase during the month of Ramadan, given by Mr. AbdulaFou Jum'a, Director of pricing and price index department , PCBS, Oct 4, 2007</li> <li>- Reform and development for the next three years –OPT, given by Dr. Ali Jarbawi, Professor of Political Science at Birzeit University, Oct 18, 2007</li> <li>- Health information systems: maternal mortality measurements, given by Dr. As'ad Ramlawi, Director of Primary Health Care and Community Medicine, Ministry of Health., Nov 1, 2007.</li> <li>- The Palestinian health plan for the next three years, given by Dr. Fathi Abu Mughli, MOH, Minister of Health, Nov 11, 2007.</li> <li>- Systematic reviews, given by Sir Iain Chalmers, Editor of the James Lind Library – UK (<a href="http://www.jameslindlibrary.org">www.jameslindlibrary.org</a>, Nov 14, 2007</li> <li>- Wages and unemployment rates, given by Ms. Suha Kan'an, PCBS, Dec 6, 2007</li> <li>- Violence among students at schools, given by Ms. Reema al-Kilani/MOE/General Director of schools counseling, Feb 14, 2008</li> <li>- Health promotion in health services, given by Dr. Lars Jerden, Epidemiology and Public Health Services, Umea University, Sweden, Feb 28, 2008</li> <li>- Needs assessment of maternity services in Ramallah Hospital, given by Ms. Sahar Bitar, Institute of Community and Public Health/BZU, Mar 13, 2008</li> <li>- Nutrition of school children aged 7-16 years old, given by Dr. Ramzi Sansur, Director of Center for Environmental and Occupational Health Services, Mar 27, 2008</li> <li>- Health in conflict situations: UNRWA's Role, given by Dr. Umayyah Khammash, Chief of field health program, UNRWA, Apr 10, 2008</li> <li>- The Palestine 2007 Census: main findings and lessons learnt, given by Dr. Lu'ay Shabaneh, President of the PCBS, Apr 24, 2008</li> <li>- Smoking cessation, given by Dr. Omar Ghosheh, Pharmaceutical Expert, May 8, 2008</li> </ul>

Media Development Center (MDC)	In cooperation with the Representative Office of Canada, MDC held a lecture entitled "Progress beyond the Illusory: Envisioning the Prospects of New Media Development in Palestine" on 20 February 2008. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Adel Iskander from Georgetown University, a Middle East media scholar and activist, who is having a major impact on the interdisciplinary study of international communication.
Institute of Law (IoL) / Legal Encounters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Management of Legislation: Experiences from Austria", Speaker: Günther Schefbeck -President of the Section of Archives and Archivists of Parliaments and Political Parties in the International Council on Archives., 27 October 2007</li> <li>2) Public Retirement in Palestine: Reality and Horizons" Speaker: Majed Al-Helou, Palestinian Insurances and Pensions General Commission, 7 November 2007</li> <li>3) The Private Sector's Perspective on the Draft Company Law, Speaker: Basem Khoury- Chairman of the Palestinian Federation of Industries (PFI) and Board Member on the Dar al Shifa' Pharmaceutical Company. , 14 November 2007</li> <li>4) Towards Incorporation of Nongovernmental Pension Funds, Speaker: Samir Hulileh, Managing Director of Portland Trust, 11 December, 2007</li> <li>5) Legal Environment of the Capital Market in Palestine, Speaker Mr. Haitham Zobi , 13 February 2008</li> <li>6) The Legislative Plan of the Palestinian Government: Efforts Exerted and Future Horizons, Speaker: Mr. Khalil Karajah Rifai, 27 February 2008.</li> <li>7) Legal and Practical Aspects of the Palestinian Road Accident Victims Compensation Fund, Speaker: Mr. Tareq Al Disi, 12 March 2008</li> <li>8) Small Enterprises in Palestine: Reality and Horizons, Speaker: Mr. Ahmed Abu Baker-Director General of the Small Enterprise Centre – Palestine, , 27 March 2008</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized a seminar on "The Role of the Judge in Society" on 13 December 2007, in which three Canadian judges participated, along with Representatives of Palestinian civil and official institutions and lawyers.</li> </ul>
Ibn-Rushd Unit for Educational Development / Educational Encounters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In cooperation with the Faculty of Arts, an educational encounter was held, entitled: "School Textbooks: Attitudes and Vision" on 1 November 2007.</li> <li>2) "Higher Education in Palestine" on 4 December 2007</li> <li>3) "The Culture of Sway and Violence" on 9 January 2008</li> <li>4) "Violence at Educational Institutions and its Impact on Students' Personalities" on 14 February 2008.</li> <li>5) "Examinations in our Country - In View of Modern Theories of Tests and Measurements" on 19 March 2008</li> </ol>

	<p>6) Educational encounter on the World Bank Report entitled "The Road not Traveled: Education Reform in the Middle east and North Africa" on 15 April 2008.</p> <p>7) "Wisdom in the Educational Institution" on 20 May 2008.</p> <p>8) "Harmony between Palestinian University Graduates and Labor Market Requirements" on 27 May 2008</p>
Institute of Women Studies (IWS)	In collaboration with the Sociology Department at Goldsmiths College, the IWS held a seminar entitled: "Frontlines and Interstices in the Global War on Terror" on 3 December 2007.
Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Refugees and International Migration Resource Unit (RMRU) at IALIIS held a workshop on "Refugees and Migration in the Palestinian Territories" on 29/10/2007</li> <li>• The Refugee and International Migration Resource Unit organized a workshop to discuss two working papers by Dr. Sharif Kana'neh and Dr. Saleh Abed Al- Jawwad. Dr. Kana'neh presented a paper entitled: "Taking Refuge, Identity and Mental Health". Dr. Abed Al-Jawwad addressed the wider framework of investigating massacres suffered by the Palestinians.</li> <li>• IALIIS held a lecture-discussion on "From Adam to Noah: narratives of origin from the "Lives of the Prophets" in anthropological perspective" on 13 February 2008, delivered by the Guest Speaker, Edouard Conte, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Berne in Switzerland.</li> </ul>
The Ethnographic and Art Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held an art exhibition for the latest works of the artist Inass Yassin, entitled "The Sea is Black" on 8 September 2007.</li> <li>• Hosted the art exhibition "Stage of Life" by the artist Jamil Daraghmeleh on 22 September 2007.</li> <li>• Held an art exhibition for the latest works of the artist Samar Ghattas titled "Things in Mind" on 6 October 2007.</li> <li>• Held an art exhibition "From Golan", in cooperation with Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center, Abdel-Mohsen Foundation and Fateh Center in Golan on 3 December 2007.</li> <li>• Organized by al Hoash in partnership with the Second Riwaq Biennale, the Ethnographic and Art Museum hosted an exhibition of art, architecture and design by the Badran Family whose roots in Jerusalem go back to the establishment of the Badran brothers' first art studio over seventy years ago, held on 23 February 2008.</li> </ul>
Main Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Academic Libraries Committee in the West Bank held a meeting on 12/12/2007 to discuss the relationship between PALICO and the Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL). The Library Director, Mrs. Diana Sayej-Naser, has participated in her capacity as the EIFL's coordinator to Palestine.</li> <li>• Through its Gift program, the Library donated 845 books and 18 periodicals to the libraries of national and Arab institutions.</li> <li>• Offered distant services to 950 persons outside BZU.</li> </ul>

## Development

### I. Research

#### A. Office of Planning and Development:

In cooperation with the Italian Universities, Pavia and Siena, within the signed cooperation agreement, the Office obtained funds of €14.112 to cover the expenses of two research projects on:

- 1- Decentralization in finance and fiscal relations between the central authority and the local government.
- 2- Urbanization in Palestinian rural areas and its impact on the Palestinian economy

#### B. Center for Development Studies:

- Conducted a field survey in the West Bank and Gaza Strip through which 1000 young adults (males & females) were surveyed, as part of a research project entitled: "Integrating Youth in the Development Program".
- In cooperation with the Institute of Women's Studies, the Center conducted a research project on the "Relationship between Israeli Occupation Policies and Violence: its impact on gender in the Palestinian Labor Market".
- Conducted a survey on "Housing Loans for those with limited income in the Governorate of Ramallah and Bireh", funded by Cooperative Housing Foundation International.

### II. Conferences, Workshops, Seminars and Training Courses

#### A. Institute of Women studies:

In conjunction with the Gender Studies Program at the Centre for Applied Social Research (MADA al Carmel), the Institute sponsored the First International Feminist Conference in Palestine on June 28-29, 2007, in both Nazareth and Ramallah. The conference was entitled "Palestinian Voices: Feminist Thought as a Tool for Resistance", funded by the International Development Research Center (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada.

#### B. Center for Development Studies:

- Held 15 workshops in the various governorates of the West Bank and Gaza Strip within the "Integrating Youth in the Development Program".
- Workshop on "Palestinian Development Plan: Visions and Horizons", held in Ramallah on 13 November 2007.
- In cooperation with the Palestinian Network for Mini and Micro-Credit, a seminar was held on "Mini-Credit and its Reflections on the Development Process", in Gaza on 26 February 2008.
- Theoretical and practical training of 20 adults (males & females) in Gaza on "Qualitative and Quantitative Methodologies of Scientific Research".
- Training of the field work group at the Center on field research in various projects.



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### **III. Democracy and Human Rights:**

#### **A. Master Program in Democracy and Human Rights:**

1- General Lecture:

- The Negotiated Revolution in South Africa: Lessons for Countries in Transition, given by Dr. Jairam Reddy, 27/10/2007.
- Northern Ireland - From No to Yes: Lessons for Israel and Palestine, given by Mr. Fergal Bar, 6/11/2007

2- Conferences and Workshops:

- A workshop on "The Elections Policy and the Struggle for Democracy in the Middle East", on 3 September 2007 in the London Institute for Middle Eastern Studies.
- A workshop on "The Elections Policy and the Struggle for Democracy in the Middle East", on 8 December 2007 in the London Institute for Middle Eastern Studies.

### **IV. Coordination and Cooperation:**

- On 25 September 2007, the Minister of Culture, Mr. Ibrahim Ibrash, visited BZU and met with the President, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, and Acting Vice-President for Community Affairs, Dr. Ghassan Al-Khatib. The Minister expressed his interest in activating cultural activities on campus, emphasized the necessity of building joint cultural relations, considering that Palestinian culture and cultural identity are of vital importance and highly needed, in view of the continuous attempts by the Israeli occupation to suppress the Palestinian cultural identity.
- The Faculty of Law and Public Administration participated in the drawing up of the "National plan of the Palestinian Children", in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.
- The Director of the Training Department at the Ministry of Interior, Mr. Nitham Hamayel, and Dr. Mohammad Abu-Zayed and Ms. Abeer Meshni from the Public Administration Department at BZU coordinated their efforts with regard to cooperation in training and research activities.
- Mr. Bahaa' Bakri from the Public Administration Department participated in the formulation of draft law of "Regulating Security bodies", which was prepared by the Public Policies Group at the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy (Muwatin)..
- The Institute of Law participated in a meeting that was held at the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights (PICCR) on 13 May 2008, in which a number of active civic institutions and national figures in the field of justice participated. The meeting was attended by the deans and faculty members of BZU, and the Universities of An-Najah, Al-Quds and Arab American University, in addition to representatives of PICCR

### **V. Consultancies:**

BZU institutes and community centers are active participants in studying, developing, formulating, and planning important Palestinian policies that impact the development of the Palestinian society. The university has been very active in providing consultancies in various domains that continued throughout the academic year 2007-2008 as stated below:

Provider	Consultancy	Beneficiary
Office of Planning and Development	"Support for Economic & Financial Institutions & Reform (SEFIR)", within the framework of the USAID's Project. On "Modernizing Financial Institutions in Palestine"- 5 days during August 2007.	Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS)
	Preparing a report on "Defining the Needs of Jenin's Governorate by Rural Participation: Development & Priorities".	New Vision for Management and Consultations Co.
Faculty of Law and Public Administration	Proposing suggestions for the conference on "National Plan for Local Government in Palestine".	Palestinian National authority
	Assessment of the National Strategic Plan for Local Government Development	Municipality of Ramallah
Faculty of Arts/ Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies	Dr. Abdel-Kareem Barghouthi and Dr. Nadeem Msees provided several consultancies on training and delivered lectures for human rights activists and civil society organizations.	1) Teacher Creativity Center. 2) Musawaat. 3) ICRC
	Dr. Jaqaman served as a referee for articles submitted for publication.	Chicago University – Journal of Education
	Dr. Abdel-Rahim Al-Shaikh provided the following consultancies: 1) Research arbitrator and consultant. 2) Manuscripts and books arbitrator. 3) Methodological writing. 4) Palestinian Cultural Week	1) PARC 2) Ogarite and Ministry of Culture. 3) Muwatin. 4) Palestinian House of Poetry.
Department of Arabic Language and literature	Dr. Ali Khawaja offered linguistic and critical studies	Ogarite and
	Dr. Omar Musallem offered linguistic consultancies	Women Affairs Technical Committee
	Dr. Ibrahim Musa offered linguistic and critical studies	Qattan Center for Educational Development
Department of Geography	Dr. Ahmad Abu-Hammad offered an academic consultancy	Faculty of Graduate Studies

Department of English Language and literature	Dr. Wael Abdeen served as a referee for scientific research on "Sociolinguistics: Ethnicities"	Bristol University-UK
Media Department	Mr. Waleed Shurafa lectured in a course on "Technical Writing".	Students of the Faculty of Graduate Studies
	Mr. Waleed Shurafa is a member and consultant for the Research and Evaluation Committee for Methodology of Theses Submitted in Application to Scholarships at AMIDEAST	AMIDEAST
	Dr. Subhi Hamdan assessed a number of BA and diploma programs in Journalism at Palestinian universities & institutes	Ministry of Education and Higher Education
	Ms. Inaam Obeidi worked as the media consultant for the Project "Rehabilitation and Renovation of the Old town of Birzeit"	Riwaq Center
Sociology Department	Mr. Hasan Ladadweh worked as a consultant for the Medium Term Plan for Reform and Development	Ministry of Planning



IoL	District(Regional)StrategicDevelopment Plan (DSDP) in partnership with UNDP/ PAPP and the Palestinian Ministry of Planning	This consultancy aims at developing the legal frameworkforparticipatory development planning at the national, regional and local levels in the Palestinian territory.
	<p>Within the Karama project in order to discuss the project objectives Palestinian CSOs can be involved in the implementation of the activities, held several meetings with PNA officials, aiming to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a new draft law on the regulation of the audio-visual sector in Palestine</li> <li>- Discuss the drafting of the Child Law</li> <li>- Discuss the legislation plan</li> <li>- Discuss the study of the draft land law prepared by the IoL</li> </ul>	Meeting with Civil Society Group ( Al-Haq, PICCR, the Bar Association, Dean of Faculties of Law, Musawa, 17/9/2007 , Ministry of Planning, Dr. Salam Fayyad, Ministry of Information, the Palestinian Bar Association.
	Held a consultative meeting on 17 January 2008 to discuss "Forensic Medicine and Criminal Laboratories" in which representatives of the judicial sector participated including: the Ministry of Justice, General Prosecution, Al-Quds and AnNajah Universities, the Palestine Medical Association and experts in the field.	Ministry of Health
	On 20 January 2008, IoL organized a meeting on ""Dissemination of Legislation and the Official Gazette", attended by representatives of the judicial sector in Palestine	Ministry of Justice, Bureau of Edicts and Legislation & Palestinian Legislative Council
Consulting Unit at CCE	Capacity Building of the Ministry of Ex-Detainees / Program evaluation, M&E, Organizational development.	Ministry of Ex-Detainees.
	Marj Sanour Watershed Development Project / IUCN.	Marj Sanour Area & People
	Training services contributing to the Capacity and Institutional Building Project (CIB Project).	Office of President of the Palestinian Authority.

	Organizational needs assessment and strategic planning	Edward Said National Conservatory of Music
	Capacity Building of Women Affairs Technical Committee and all Organizations – members of the committee	Women's Affairs Technical Committees (WATC).
	Evaluation for the "Israeli Scene" project	Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (MADAR).
	Supporting the Citizens' Rights Advocacy Forum in East Jerusalem	The Civic Coalition for the Defense of Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem.
	Intajuna Project Merchandising Training	Solution for Development
	English for Project Management Training	Engineers Association – Jerusalem
	ICT in Education British Council	School teachers
	Needs Assessment and Capacity Building for Ramallah Municipality.	Ramallah Municipality
	Deprived Families Economic Empowerment Program / DEEP, organizational capacity building of 17 NGOs working in poverty reduction	UNDP / PAPP.
	Stepping Stones into the Job Market	Young Palestinians from disadvantaged communities
	ICT4D in MENA 2011-2015	Middle East & North Africa Countries.
	Socially Responsible Entrepreneurs Fellowship (SREEF)	Small, locally-owned, general purpose business entities in Palestine. Needy people in Palestine
	PLC Analysis	PLC staff.
	Organizational Development / Programs	UNRWA Women Centers in AQBA JABR & SHO'FAT refugee camps
	Evaluation of the Capacity Building for the Newly Elected Women in the Palestinian Local Councils.	Elected women in Palestinian Local Councils

	Capacity Building for the Ministry of Interior (Implemented jointly with the computer center).	Ministry of Interior
	Capacity Building for the Ministry of Transportation Interior (Implemented jointly with the computer center).	Ministry of Transportation
	Negotiations	Palestinian managers & leaders in the private, public & non-governmental sectors in the West Bank & Gaza.
Faculty of Engineering	Dr. Omar Zimmo participated in the management of two projects	1) Innova-MED 2) EMWater
	Dr. Faisal Awadallah participated in the Reform and development Plan-Infrastructure aspect	Ministry of Transportation
Faculty of Information Technology	Within the Project "Building a Network of Academics in E-learning and Distance Learning (Rufo)", Mr. Ma'moun Nawahda was a member of the Committee for Course Development regarding the course on "Introduction to Computers"	BZU
	Dr. Wasel Ghanem participated in the Rufo Project as a coordinator	BZU
	Dr. Wasel Ghanem participated in the Arabization of some applications in open source software	UNESCO
	Dr. Adnan Yahya was a member of the selection committee for IT Director	Central Elections Committee

Faculty of Law and Public Administration/ Department of Political Science	Dr. Basem Zubeidi participated in the "Development of a tool to Measure the Transparency Level in Local Government in Palestine"	UNDP
	Dr. Basem Zubeidi evaluated a project titled: "Role of the Civil society in the Activation of the Legislative Council"	The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue & Democracy (Miftah)
	Dr. Asem Khalil conducted a survey on "Bioethical Regulations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories"	UNESCO, Cairo Office
	Dr. Saleh Abdel-Jawwad undertook the following evaluation and arbitration tasks: 1) Refereed a university textbook entitled: "Neighborhood Committees in Gaza"	Al-Azhar University
	2) Evaluated a research study entitled: "Issue of Jerusalem in the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Conference Summits, 1969-2003".	Al-Quds Open University
	3) Evaluated a research study entitled: "The Status of Muslim Women in Jerusalem during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century"	Al-Quds University
	4) Evaluated a research study entitled "Records of Islamic Courts as a Source of the Social History of Jerusalem"	Al-Quds University
	5) Evaluated a research study entitled: "Importance of Oral History in Writing the Contemporary History of Palestine"	Al-Quds Open University
BZU Testing Laboratories	Participated in developing a validation method for the stability of new pharmaceuticals	Jaleel Pharmaceuticals Company



ICPH	Health sector program advising	Austrian Development Agency
	The Marriage Paradox in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, 30/06/2008	Population Reference Bureau
	Capacity Building in Rational Use of Medications	Care International
	Psycho-Social Health	MAP-UK
	Educational (Teaching program support)	Vello Foundation
Library	Annual technical support and consultations regarding Minisis 2L	Al-Haq Foundation





# The Campus

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During the academic year 2007-2008, the Engineering Office at BZU proceeded with its efforts to enhance the campus and add new teaching and research facilities by implementing the following projects:

- Azeez Shaheen Building – Faculty of Arts was completed and put into operation by the start of the Academic Year 2007/2008.
- Najjad Zeenni Center of Excellence in Information Technology was completed and in use.
- Installation of elevated water tanks and construction of underground wells at the Faculty of Engineering building.

### **New facilities:**

- Commencing with the construction of the Center for Development Studies building, which is expected to be finished by February 2009.
- The construction of the new administration building is in process to be completed by September 2009.
- The Institute of Law contributes to the infrastructure and campus enhancement through its' funded project by the French government This year's contribution is illustrated in one of the project's components manifested in the Extension of IoL Building that is currently under-construction.
- Launching the construction of the Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions Building, this is expected to be completed in October 2009.
- Working on modifying the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Engineering Workshops Building to accommodate the labs of the Faculty of Information Technology.



# Revenues and Expenditures

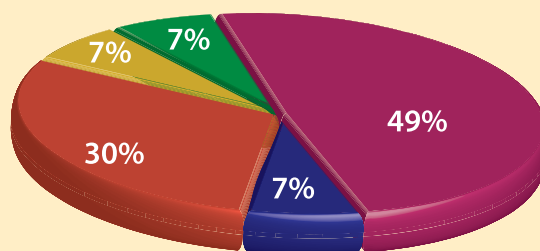
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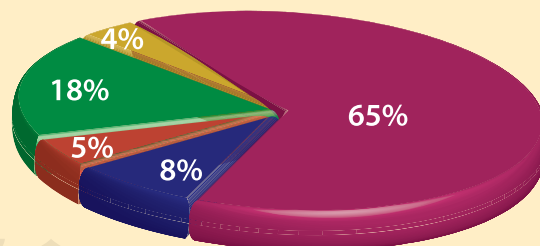
### Revenues for 2007/208

- Tuition & Fees
- Unrestricted Grants
- Restricted Grants
- Government Subsidy
- Community



### Expenditures for 2007/208

- Salaries & Benefits
- Consultancy & Training
- Purchases
- Other Operating Expenses
- Student Aid



#### Notes:

- Figures for revenues and expenditures are calculated on accrual basis.
- Student Aid is allocated from the accrued tuition and fees

# Alumni Liaison Unit



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The Alumni Liaison Unit (ALU) was set up within the Public Relations Office to promote graduate relations and networking amongst alumni, friends and BZU and to serve as an activity and service base for alumni. It has also worked with alumni and friends to hold successful fundraising events, alumni reunions and develop services for alumni and graduating students.

As part of its mission to help recent graduates increase their employment opportunities, the ALU regularly receives and publishes vacancies that are sent by alumni, as well as companies and organizations via the ALU website. The monthly newsletter alerts alumni to the vacancies so they could visit the website and learn more about them. In addition, the ALU organizes employment events for alumni. On December 12, 2007, the ALU and Wataniya Telecom Company organized an employment event, at which BZU alumni were made aware of current vacancies in the company.

The ALU also provided services to BZU alumni by establishing the BZU Career Service Unit (CSU) at the start of the 2008/2009 academic year, in cooperation with Sharek Youth Forum. The CSU liaises with companies and organizations in order to help alumni find job opportunities. It also works with graduating students and alumni to better prepare them for the job market.

The ALU worked with alumni and friends to organize two fundraising dinners in Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on April 11 & 12, 2008, respectively. BZU alumni who reside in the UAE volunteered their time and efforts to help make the two events a success. The two events helped to develop BZU's relations with UAE-based supporters, friends and alumni. The revenue from the events was allocated to supporting university programs and student scholarships.

On June 23, 2008, the ALU and the Faculty of Graduate Studies along with the Academic Support Unit at BZU organized a reunion for the alumni of graduate (masters) programs. The reunion was aimed at obtaining feedback and impressions from the alumni about the master's programs as well as the relevance of the field of study to the alumni's employment positions. The reunion was an opportunity to strengthen ties with the graduate alumni and obtain valuable feedback and suggestions that would be used to enhance the graduate study programs.

On June 26, 2008, the ALU worked with alumni and friends to hold a successful benefit dinner on campus. The event aimed at raising funds from BZU friends and alumni in order to support university student scholarships and academic programs. The event included a Palestinian fashion show, a music performance and an auction on paintings and served as an opportunity for alumni to reminisce about their memories at BZU.

With the help of alumni, the ALU produced a promotional film about BZU that was shown during the UAE fundraising events and the BZU campus benefit dinner. The film included interviews with alumni, who expressed their commitment to BZU and how it marked a vital stage in their lives.

## Faculty of Engineering:

### Activities:

- **Issuance of the newsletter "Tawasol" (No.'s 4 & 5):**  
The newsletter includes recent news of the Faculty. It is distributed electronically to the Faculty's graduates, friends, faculty members and BZU students.
- **Issuance of the Yearbook:**  
The Faculty issued the Yearbook for the 25<sup>th</sup> batch of graduates (2007-2008); it documents their life on campus in text and photos.
- **Faculty of Engineering Alumni Meeting**  
The annual meeting was held during the "Engineering Day", in addition to a dinner which was held at a later stage.

### Institute of Women Studies (IWS):

Mr. Dan Richards, Project Manager of Friends of Birzeit University (FoBZU), visited the IWS to discuss a proposal titled "Enabling Local Voices: A Gender and Development Forum", which aims to bring the voices of local communities, development practitioners and scholars to the attention of international donors in an attempt to evaluate and improve the development guidelines and programs operating in Palestine.

### Institute of Community and Public Health (ICPH):

- To ensure continuous communication, the graduates of ICPH have joined a yahoo group in order to keep updated on the latest developments regarding their work and needs. The ICPH's website included a link related to graduates' news, through which graduates can provide ICPH with their news.
- ICPH conducted interviews with graduates' managers at health institutions, aiming at evaluating and developing ICPH's program in accordance with the Labor market needs.
- As a part of the ICPH's work plan, it continued to circulate scientific articles to graduates via a yahoo group. Also the graduates and students in the master's program received training on "Health Economics".



- As part of ICPH's contribution to the development of distinguished graduates' skills, ICPH assisted some graduates to obtain scholarships to pursue their studies at universities in Norway, Sweden and Netherlands during summer. See table below:

No.	Graduate's Name	Title of Course	Duration	Location
1	Khaled Abu-Khaled	Epidemiology and Field Research Methods	2 weeks	Umea University, Sweden
2	Hamed Abu-Mukkho	Special Needs Education	6 weeks	The International Summer School University of Oslo, Norway
3	Mustapha Al-Nadi	International Community Health Accessibility, Equity and Human Rights	6 weeks	The International Summer School University of Oslo, Norway
4	Intima' Rimawi	Reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases	4 weeks	Amsterdam University /Holland
5	Jehan Samara	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Adolescents	3 week	Karolinska Institute, Sweden

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**TABLE I: Working Papers**

Faculty of Engineering			
No.	Author	Working Paper	Conference
1	Hasan, Afif	Problems Facing Solar Water Heating in Palestine	Sixth Jordanian International Mechanical Engineering Conference, Amman- Jordan, 22-24 / 10/2007
2	Ghadban, Shadi & Bishawi, Manal,	Women's Behaviour in Public Space and the Influence of Privacy as an Islamic Value	International Conference "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions, Birzeit University 29/11- 1/12 / 2007
3	Saleh, Ahmad, Awadallah, Faisal , Ghadban, Shadi & Albert, George	Potential Lands for Urban Development and the Challenge of Population Growth,	the International Conference "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions, Birzeit University 29/11- 1/12 / 2007.
4	Ghadban, Shadi,	Old Town Regeneration with Respect to the Inhabitant's Social and Economic Reality,	the 1 <sup>st</sup> Euro- Mediterranean Regional conference "Traditional Mediterranean Architecture-Present", Barcelona/ Spain, 12-15/07/2007.
5	Thawabeh, Salem	Sustainable development and landscape capacity for absorbing urban development,	the International Conference "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions", Birzeit University 29/11- 1/12 / 2007.
6	Thawabeh, Salem	Segregating Jerusalem: The impact of Israeli Wall on Transforming Jerusalem North West Villages' Urban Structure	Instant Cities: Emergent Trends in Architecture and Urbanism in the Arab World CSAAR 2008A School of Architecture and Design, American University of Sharjah, UAE and The Center for the Study of Architecture in the Arab Region 1-3 April, 2008
7	Thawabeh, Salem, Rifaei, Yazeed, Jaser, Deema	Urban Landscape transformation within fortified cities: a comparative study between Toledo, Spain and Jerusalem, Palestine,	the International Conference "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions", Birzeit University, 29/11- 1/12 / 2007.

8	Anani, Yazeed	Palestinian Landscape Values in Turmoil	The International Conference "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions", Birzeit University, 29/11- 1/12 / 2007.
9	Amro, Jamal	Jerusalem Old City Crisis; the Role of Modern Expectances on Transforming the City Architectural Identity,	, XXI AESOP Conference "Planning for the risk Society. Dealing with Uncertainty, Challenging the Future", 11-14/07/2008 Napoli, Italy.
10	Amro, Jamal,	Planning in Multicultural Societies-Birzeit Old Town (Case Study),	XXI AESOP Conference "Planning for the risk Society. Dealing with Uncertainty, Challenging the Future", 11-14/07/2008 Napoli, Italy.
11	Ghadban, Shadi,	Capacity Building and Regional Cooperation in The Field Of Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning-Interpretation of Results, Norwegian Programme for Development	Research and Education (NUFU) Conference, 4-5/6/2007, Bergen/ Norway.
12	Shahin, Lubna,	Challenging Sustainable Urban Development in the Palestinian Cities,	International Conference "The Sustainable City 2008", Skiatos, September 2008, Greece
13	Shahin, Lubna	The Urbanization Impact on the Palestinian Landscape,	the International Conference "Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Region", Birzeit University 29/11- 1/12 / 2007.
14	Jubran, Mohammad	Scalable H0264 Wireless Video Transmission Using Quasi-Orthogonal Space-Time Block Codes,	the 2008 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics,
15	Abu Khaizaran, Mohammad	Parameters Influencing the Performance of an IGBT Gate Drive,	IEEE Power Electronics Specialist Conference, Greece, 15-20 /06/2008.
16	Hashlamoun, Wael	Stability of a Rumor Propagation Model,	An International workshop on dynamics and control, Jordan, 24-29 / 03 / 2008.
17	Hashlamoun, Wael	Modal Participation Factors: New Perspective and New Results,	An International workshop on dynamics and control, Jordan, 24-29 / 03 / 2008.

18	Hashlamoun, Wael, Eyad H. Abed, University of Maryland, USA, Munther A. Hassouneh, University of Maryland, USA.	Modal Participation Factors: New Perspective and New Results	An international workshop on Dynamics and Control, Amman-Jordan. March 24-29/2008
19	Abu Hanieh, Ahmad,	Active-Passive Vibration Isolation of Rotating Hand-Held Tools,	11th International Conference on Hand-Arm Vibrations (HAV 2007), Bologna, Italy, 3-7 June 2007
20	Abu Hanieh, Ahmad	Vibration Isolation of Hand-Held Tool	6th Jordanian International Mechanical Engineering (JIMEC6), Amman, Jordan, 22-25 October 2007
Office of Planning and Development			
21	Zagha, Adel	Taxation and State Formation in Palestine 1994-2005	Law & Economic Development: Towards Constructive Engagement in the Middle East, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 22-23/2/ 2007
22	Zagha, Adel	Does Palestine Need A Competition Law?	The Legal Impact of the European Community Competition Rules on the MENA Legal Systems, IoL, Birzeit University, 21/4/2007
Faculty of Commerce and Economics			
23	Şabri, Nidal	Country role models for development success	United Nations University, Helsinki, 2008.
24	Şabri, Nidal	International Aid Effectiveness Arab NGO;	Bahrain, 2008
25	Şabri, Nidal	Bologna process of higher education management	Central European University, Budapest, 2008
26	Dawood, Yosef	Palestinian Employment in Israel and the Sectoral Transmission of Shocks	Cultural Research Forum, Cairo, December 2007
Faculty of Science			
27	Tukhman, Khaled	Presentation on "Weakly and Cofinitely Weak $\delta$ - Supplemented Modules"	The second international conference on mathematics, Cairo 2007. (ICMTD 2007)
28	Nazzal, Khalida	Presentation on "The domination number of the Cartesian product of graphs".	Petra International Conference on Mathematics, Alhusain Bin Talal university, Jordan. Oct, 23-25, 2007

29	Saleh, Muhammad	Presentation on "Efficient elliptic curve cryptosystems using efficient exponentiation"	International Conference on Rings and Things Ohio University - Zanesville June 15 - 17, 2007
30	Khater, Wafa`a	LHC-Cosmology Interplay and BSM Institute: New Physics and the LHC, Organized by the Theory Division at	Geneva, Summer 2007
31	Badran, Esmaeil	Hands on research on complex systems	India, Jan 2008
32	Abdel-Khaliq, Ahed	The Callipyge , a gene to increase leanness and reduce fat in lamb carcasses.	The first international conference on food safety of animal products, Nov. 12-14 2007, Amman Jordan.
33	Harb, Jamil	Aroma volatiles as influenced by ripening and storage procedures	International Conference: Ripening Regulation and postharvest fruit quality. Weingarten, Germany. November 12-13, 2007
34	Abu-Ali, Hijazi	Synthesis, properties and characterization of novel organoboronic compounds and evaluation of their biological activity	4 <sup>th</sup> Chemistry Conference, Al-Quds University, April, 2008
35	Leila, Abdel-Hameed	Determination of nitrogen oxides and particulates in the gas phase tobacco smoke of local cigarettes in the absence and presence of citric acid within the filter.	4 <sup>th</sup> Chemistry Conference, Al-Quds University, April, 2008
36	Jaqaman, Henry	Lecture on the proposed project for establishing a center of Excellence in mathematics and theoretical physics at BZU	International Conference on Research Development in Palestinian Universities, UNESCO, Paris, 4-5 November
Faculty of Information Technology			
37	Ghanem, Wasel	Open Source for Schools	Free Os Software In the Public Service, Morocco, 25-29/11/2008-
38			E-learning & Multicultural Education, Italy, 14-27/5/2008.



39	Ghanem, Wasel	Open Source as Sustainable Solution in Developing countries"	GUIDE International Workshop 2008 , Università Telematica "Guglielmo Marconi", Rome, Italy from 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May 2008.
40	Yahya, Adnan	<u>Engineering Accreditation: A Developing Nation Perspective";</u>	International 37th ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference Milwaukee, WI, USA October 10–13, 2007
41	Yahya, Adnan	Implementation of a New Scheduling Policy in Web Servers	4th International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies Funchal, Madeira – Portugal. 4 - 7 May, 2008,
42	Yahya, Adnan, A. Hithnawi, A. Salhi and M. Fawadleh	Statistical/Corpus Based Methods for Improved Bilingual (Arabic/English) Web Search,	Humboldt Kolleg on Human Language Technologies in Africa: Status and Prospects. Rabat, Morocco, June 3-5, 2008
Library			
43	Sayej, Diana	"Promoting, Managing, and Marketing E-resources in Higher Education Institutions".	"Reading and Technology in the Service of Everyone", Bethlehem University, 10/4/2008.
Institute of Environmental and Water Studies			
44	Al-Sa`ed, R., Khamis, M., El-Dakiky, M.	Assessment of current conventional and membrane technologies for wastewater treatment and effluent reclamation in Palestine.	Int. Symposium on Biotechnology, 4-8 May, 2008, Jerba, Tunisia.
45	Al-Sa`ed, R., Sayadi, S., Ghata, A., Abdel-Shafy, H Schories, G., Oropeza, M., Lorenzo, A., Drioli, E.	Current status of R&D in membrane technologies for wastewater treatment in selected Arab MENA countries.	Int. Symposium on Biotechnology, 4-8 May, 2008, Jerba, Tunisia
46	Al-Sa`ed, R., Monther, H., Tomaleh, N.	Albireh wastewater treatment plant: reliability of operation and effluent quality for reuse.	o 1st Symposium on Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse for Water Demand Management in Palestine, 2-3 April, 2008, Birzeit University.
47	Abu-Madi, M.	Cost Benefit Analysis of wastewater reuse considering cultural and ethical aspects in the MENA region.	o International Symposium on wastewater reclamation and reuse, Branschweig, 10-12 Oct 2007, Germany.

48	Abu Madi, M., Braadbaart, O., Al-Sa'ed, R., Alaerts, G.	"Viability increasing irrigation water tariffs as a tool to stimulate reuse in the Middle East and North Africa Region".	the 6th IWA conference on wastewater reclamation and reuse for sustainability, Antwerp, 9-12 Oct 2007, Belgium.
49	Al-Sa'ed, R., Mahmoud, N., Abu-Madi, M., and Zimmo, O	Enhancement of waste stabilization ponds efficacy using local fixed film materials.	Kalmar ECO-TECH '07 and the Third Baltic Symposium on Environmental Chemistry, 26-28 November, Kalmar, Sweden.
50	Abusharbak, N., Al-Sa'ed, R., Abu-Madi, M	Analysis of operation costs at Al-Bireh wastewater treatment plant: A Palestinian case study	Kalmar ECO-TECH '07 and 3rd Baltic Symposium on Environmental Chemistry, 26-28 November, Kalmar, Sweden.
51	Abu-Madi, M., Mimi, Z. Abu-Rmaileh, N.	Public Perceptions and Knowledge towards Wastewater Reuse in Agriculture in Deir Debwan.	First Symposium on Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse for Water Demand Management in Palestine, 2-3 April, 2008, Birzeit University.
52	Al-Deek, Z., Abu-Madi, M., and Al-Sa'ed, R	Acceptance of Rural Communities in Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate to Use Treated Wastewater.	First Symposium on Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse for Water Demand Management in Palestine, 2-3 April, 2008, Birzeit University.
53	Isaed, R., Ghanem, M., Abu-Madi, M.	Willingness to Use Treated Wastewater and to Pay for its Irrigated Products in Dura – Hebron. Proceedings	First Symposium on Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse for Water Demand Management in Palestine, 2-3 April, 2008, Birzeit University.
54	Al-Jamal, W. Mahmoud, N.	Community onsite anaerobic sewage treatment in a UASB-septic tank system: System behavior during winter period in Palestine.	the International Conference: Sustainable Development and Management of Water Resources in Palestine", 25-28 August 2007, Amman, Jordan.
55	Abu Hilo, F., Khayat, S., Mimi, Z., Geyer, S. Marie, A	Spatial and Temporal Patterns in DOC and Nitrate in the Springs of Wadi Quilt and Nuwe'meh Jericho – Palestine.	International Conference on the Sustainable Development and Management of Water Resource in Palestine, 25-28/2007 August, Amman, Jordan

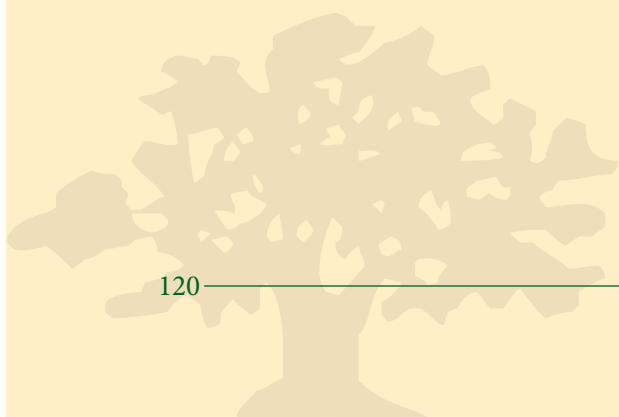
Faculty of Arts			
56	Abdel-Fattah, Mahmoud	EFL Online Curriculum Development: Problems and challenges.	Technology and Language Learning: from Theory to Practice 1-3 March 2008, CDELT, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt.
57	Rantisi, Rajaa'	Localizing The Academic World List	Palestinian Teaching English as a foreign language: PTEFL Qattan Foundation
58	Rammal, Sameer	Using Peer-Response Journals in Promoting English Writing In EFL Settings	Technology and Language Learning: from Theory to Practice, 1-3 March 2008, CDELT, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt.
59	Omary, Basma	La francophonie en Palestine : une langue en déplacement dans un espace d'emprisonnement	XIle congrès mondial de la FIPF, Québec 2008, 21-25 July 2008.
60	Salem, Hamed	Workshop on "Gaza Pottery Tradition as a Marker of Cultural Continuity and Change"	Jerusalem, Kenyon Institute, 13 May 2007
61	Salem, Hamed	Ethno-Historical and Archaeological Approach of the Ottoman Pottery).	the Ninth Workshop of the Lower Jordan Valley Project., Birzeit, Palestine. 24 /10/2007
62	Salem, Hamed	The current State of Archaeology in the Palestinian Territories	The Institute of Archaeology St. Andrews University, Berring Spring, U.S.A. 12/11/2007
63	Salem, Hamed	Cultural Landscape of the Birzeit Region: An Overview of Excavations and Surveys in Palestine	University of Tucson, Tucson, U.S.A. 13/11/2007
64	Salem, Hamed	The Late Bronze Age Pottery Traditions and Craftsmanship at Tell Jenin, Palestine	American School of Oriental Research, San Diego, U.S.A.14-17/11/2007
65	Salem, Hamed	The Palestinian Pottery Traditions).	University of Phoenix, Phoenix. U.S.A. 19/11/2007
66	Salem, Hamed	Archaeological Education in Palestine	BANEA, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, U.K.29/2 -/2/3/2008
67	Salem, Hamed	An Ethno archaeological Study of the Jericho Water Irrigation System).	International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East Rome, Italy, 5 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> may 2008
68	Al-Shaikh, Abdel-Rahim	Veiling Palestine: A Genealogy of the Israeli Toponymy,"	Modern Mahrem: Islamic Veiling and Secularism, Santralistanbul-Istanbul Bilgi University, (Istanbul), 18-20 October 2007.

69	Al-Shaikh, Abdel-Rahim	Exile and the Poetics of Recognition,"	Di\Visions, House of World Cultures, (Berlin), 13-15 January, 2007.
70	Al-Shaikh, Abdel-Rahim	The Sufi Dance: Islamic Semiotics of "Being".	The Nomadic Line and the Sufi's Dance, Wilhelm Worringer on Orient and Occident, Ha'atelier for Philosophy and Art, and Gallery Mani , (Berlin), September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2007.
71	Al-Shaikh, Abdel-Rahim	"From Jerusalem to Massada: Colonial 'Directions',	Cultural Studies Now, University of East London, (London), 19-22 July, 2007.
72	Nasser, Randa	The Palestinian Women's Movement;; How Empowered are the Empowered	Boston, USA august 2 2008 American Sociological association
73	Nasser, Randa	Palestinian Women's Activist Feminist Consciousness and Empowerment ",	Washington, DC. USA November, 2008, MESA, Middle Eastern Studies Association
74	Mikkawi, Ibrahim	Psychology of the oppressed: Encounters with community psychology in Palestine,	the II International Conference on Community Psychology, Lisboan, Portugal, June 2008
75	Mikkawi, Ibrahim	. The psychology of resilience among Palestinian female students.	the II International Conference on Community Psychology, Lisboan, Portugal., June 2008
76	Mikkawi, Ibrahim	Colonialist educational system and the role of Palestinian teachers within the green line.	Al-Quds University's Conference: Teaching and Learning Process in Palestine: Future Visions. Jerusalem, Palestine, April 2008
77	Shakhshir, Khawla	The Relationships between students' achievement on TIMSS and the new Palestinian science curriculum	The ECER 2007, 19-22/9/2007-
78	Ghanem, Marwan	Integrated water resources management in the Jordan rift valley/Palestine	The international water resources management in the Mediterranean basin: Water Med 4, 22-24 March 2008, Algeria.
79	Aabdeen, Wa`el	Students' Perception of starting up an MA Program in American Studies	American Studies Conference BZU, 19/3/2008

Faculty of Law and Public Administration			
80	Khalil, Asem	Refugees, migrants and the law in Palestine". Migration and Refugee Movements in the Middle East and North Eastern Africa. The Forced Migration & Refugee Studies Program.	American University of Cairo, 23-25 October 2007.
81	Khalil, Asem	The Circulation of Palestinian Refugees and Migrants". CARIM Thematic Session on Circular Migration	European Institute – University of Florence – Italy, 17-19 October, 2007.
82	Milhem, Feras	The legal framework of the Palestinian Constitution	the 4 <sup>th</sup> International conference: God's Reign and People's Rule, Dar Annadwa, Bethlehem Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> -Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007.
83		Legal Transplant and Socio-Legal Change: Palestinian Experience"	the annual meeting of the The Law and Society Association, TBA, Berlin, Germany, Jul 25, 2007
Institute of Women Studies			
84	Jad, Islah	The Empowerment of Women in Political Spaces", National Dialogue on Women's Empowerment and the Building Constituencies	Thematic Meeting sponsored by IDS at BRAC University, Bangladesh. January 21-24, 2008
85	Jad, Islah	Human Development Report: The Advancement of Arab Women	MENA Regional Consultation on Women's Rights and Citizenship sponsored by IDRC in Cairo, December 10-11, 2007.
86	Kuttab, Eileen	Economic and Citizens' Rights in the Middle East	MENA Regional Consultation on Women's Rights and Citizenship sponsored by IDRC in Cairo, December 9-10, 2007.
Institute of Community and Public Health			
87	Mataria, Awad	The quality of life of Palestinians under chronic political conflict: assessment and determinants (poster presentation)	The 6 <sup>th</sup> international Health Economics Association congress Copenhagen, Denmark July 8-11, 2007

88	Khatib, Rana Mataria, Awad Daoud, Amal Abu-Rmeileh, Niveen	Implementing Rational Drug Use Practices at the Primary Care Level: the Importance of In-field Intensive Transformative Supervision	Conference on Pharmaceutical Policy Analysis 2007, Zeist, The Netherlands, Sept 19-21, 2007.
89	Musleh, Reem Abu-Rmeileh, Niveen	Hazardous industrial solid waste management in Ramallah city, West bank: current status and legal framework	Sardinia 2007: XI International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium. Sardinia, Italy, Oct 1-5, 2007
90	Al-Bitar, Sahar	Needs Assessment of Childbirth Care in a Palestinian governmental hospital	The Women Deliver Global Conference, ExCel Center, London, UK, Oct 18-20, 2007
91	Mataria, Awad	A health system under occupation: ten lessons still to be learned	EuroMed workshop on health Systems and Communicable Diseases, Brussels, Belgium, Dec 4-5, 2007
92	Mataria, Awad	Quality of life under political conflict: conceptualization, assessment and determinants"(background paper)	The 14 <sup>th</sup> conference of the Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt, Dec, 2007
93	Khatib, Rana	Right to Health in Palestine: Reality or Fiction. Ramallah- Palestine	Right to Health conference, Ramallah, Palestine, Dec 12, 2007
94	Mataria, Awad	The Palestinian health care system: challenges for reform"	Choices and Challenges in Changing Childbirth workshop, American University of Beirut- Lebanon, Jan 21-23, 2008
95	Abu-Rmeileh, Niveen	Age at first marriage in Palestine	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2008, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 17- 19, 2008
Institute of Law			
96	1 Bikerat, .Fayez	1. "The Role of Manuals in Enhancing the Legislative Drafting Process- The Palestinian Experience"	Regional Capacity Building Seminar on "Drafting Legislation and Oversight Bodies for Regulatory Quality", held in Amman-Jordan 29-30 April 2008
97	2. Dodeen, Mahmoud.	2. "Free Access to Legislation: Reducing Complexity through IT and Law"	
98	3. Alawneh, Mahmoud	3. "The Role of Legislative Drafting Institutions in the Legal Reform Process"	

99	Queider, Liana Qireh, Dia Darghmeh, Mansour	The Reality of Academic Legal Libraries in Palestine"	The Libraries conference from a Human Rights Perspective", held in Ramallah - 29/3/2008
100	Salem, Jamil Hamo, Ahmad	A Paper was presented entitled: "Building a Legal Taxonomy and Thesaurus: The Palestinian Experience"	The International Legal Informatics Symposium – Reducing Complexity through IT and Law", held in Salzburg, Universität Salzburg, 22-24 February 2008
101	IoL Team	Several papers will be presented. Conference is organized by IoL	Law and Society in the Arab World: Transformations and Prospects", held in Amman, Jordan, July 2008





**TABLE II: Books**

No.	Author	Title of Book	Place, Publisher Date of Publication
1	Al-Shaikh, Abdel-Rahim	Double vs. Unhappy Conciseness in the Post-Oslo Palestinian Novel," in Walid Abu-Baker (editor) Woman and Literature,	Ramallah: Ogarit Cultural Center, 2007, pp.71-101
2	IEWS	A Practical Guide for Decision Makers: Improving Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Practices in the Mediterranean Countries.	Birzeit University. IEWS, 2007 (Within MEDA Project Activities)
3	IEWS	EMWater Trainer's Toolkit: Efficient Management of Wastewater – a training manual	Birzeit University. IEWS, 2008 (Within MEDA Project Activities)
4	Milhem, Feras	The Security Sector Legislation of the Palestinian National Authority,	DCAF, 2008 Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Geneva
5	Al-Botmeh, Samia	The Determinants of Female Labour-Force Participation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip	Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).(2007)
6	Sabri, Nidal	Stability of International Stock Markets"	NY, Nova Science Publishers, 200
7	Sabri, Nidal	Financial Markets and Institutions in the Arab Economy	NY, Nova Science Publishers, , 2008
8	Sabri, Nidal	Performance and Succession in Palestinian Family Businesses" in Culturally-Sensitive models of family business in Middle East	ICFAI University Press,India 2008

**TABLE III: Contribution to Books:**

No.	Contributor	Title of Book	Title of Chapter	Publisher
1	1) Ammouri, Yasser 2) Heacock, Roger	The Palestinian Refugees: Comparative Case Studies.	1) International law and the rights of Palestinian refugees,	IALIIS -BZU, 2008
2	3) Shiblak, Abbas		2) Crystallizing the global memory: correspondents, editors, governments, and the Nakba, 1947-1949.	
3	4) Nassar, Issam		3) Reflections on Palestinian Diaspora in Europe	
4			4) Photographing the Palestinian refugee experience: The UNRWA photo archive	
5	Mansour, Nisreen / IEWS	Management of Wastewater, its Treatment and Reuse in Water Scarce Countries	Alleviation of salinity stress imposed on broad bean ( <i>Vicia faba</i> ) plants irrigated with reclaimed wastewater mixed with brackish water through exogenous application of Jasmonic acid, In Efficient Management of Wastewater, its Treatment and Reuse in Water Scarce Countries	Springer 2008
6	Taraki, Liza	The Three Communities in Wartime	Communities and Identities deals with family dynamics, public institutions, social reproduction and mobility in three Palestinian communities – Amari, Masyoun and Um Shariet	to be published by the Institute of Palestine Studies (2008)
7	Liza, Taraki	Understanding the Contemporary Middle East	Update of the chapter on, "The Role of Women" – 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2008

8	Khalil, Asem,	In: FRIEDRICH, Roland, Luethold, Arnold (Eds.( ). Entry Points to Palestinian Security Sector Reform(	Legal Framework for Palestinian Security Governance.	Geneva: Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) ), 2007, pp.26-40.
9	Hamed, Salem	Special volume on Ottoman Pottery	An ethno archeological approach to the late Ottoman Pottery: Gaza Grey Ware.	American School of Oriental Research Special Series).14-17/11/2007
10	Mahmoud , Nidal,	Biological Wastewater Treatment, Editors: M. Henze, M. C. M. van Loosdrecht, G.A. Ekama and D. Brdjanovics	chapter 16: Anaerobic wastewater treatment	International Water Association (IWA) Publishing 02 Sep 2008 • ISBN: 9781843391883
11	Abdeen , Wae`l	Between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Stephan Prochazka and Veronika Ritt-Benmimoun (Editors)	Attitudes and Prejudices: Social and Linguistic of Tow Communitéis Living in a Jerusalem Arab Neighborhood	Transaction Publishers USA and UK, 2008

**TABLE IV: Reports**

No.	Author	Title	Publisher
1	Khatib R. Ghandour, R.	Rational Use of Medications (III): Knowledge and Practice affecting mobile teams.	Institute of Community and Public Health. Birzeit University. Palestine, 2008
2	Halileh, Samia Abdullah, Anita Narainen, Sheila	Child Abuse and Neglect in the West Bank: Training, Perception and Management of Cases among Palestinian Physicians.	Institute of Community and Public Health. Birzeit University. Palestine, 2007
3	Musleh, R. Abu-Rmeileh N.	Ramallah City Industrial Zone: Industries Description, Perception and Work Conditions	Birzeit University, 2007
4	Coleridge, P	Palestinian Adolescents Coping with Trauma 2 - A formative assessment	. Institute of Community and Public Health. Birzeit University. Palestine, 2007
5	Alkahtib, R. Abu-Rmeileh, N.. Husseini, A.	Smoking and Associated Factors in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.	Institute of Community and Public Health. Birzeit University. Palestine, 2007
6	Narainen, Sheila	Training Needs Assessment of UNRWA health professionals on Child Abuse and Neglect.	Institute of Community and Public Health. Birzeit University. Palestine.2007
7	Mataria, A.	Health (In-)Equity under Chronic Political Conflict: an Extra Hidden Burden of the Occupation.	The World Bank and the Institute of Community and Public Health.2008

**TABLE V: Studies**

No.	Author	Title	Publisher
1	CCE	Public Private Partnership in Palestine. The purpose of this study was to review the existing experience of partnerships between the private and public sectors and to investigate the level of awareness, willingness and readiness of the various concerned parties to engage in partnerships	Supported by The International Council of Swedish Industry, Completed: Feb. 2008
Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions			
2	Abu-Rob, sameer	Prevalence of Cryptosporidium In children .spp with diarrhea in the West Bank, Palestine. (Master Thesis within Program of Master Program in Clinical Laboratory Science	JIDC, 2008
Faculty of Law & Public Administration			
3	Khalil, Asem,	The Circulation of Palestinian Refugees and Migrants.	CARIM Analytical and Synthetic Notes 2008/33, Circular Migration Series, Legal Module. Available at: <a href="http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/e-texts/CARIM_AS&amp;N_2008_33.pdf">http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/e-texts/CARIM_AS&amp;N_2008_33.pdf</a>
4	Ezbeidi, Basim	Hamas Perception of Peace and Security	The Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais, Lisbon, Portugal, 2008
Institute of Law			
5	Legal Assistance Dept. at IoL	Land Registration Law Map	At the end of this phase, LAD research team developed an inclusive report on all legal and thematic remarks on the land registration process. The report was submitted to the Ministry of Planning
6	Legal Assistance Dept. at IoL	Eminent Domain Law Map	A comprehensive report on all legal and thematic remarks on the eminent domain process was developed and submitted it to the Ministry of Planning.
7	Legal Assistance Dept. at IoL	Land Law Map	An overall report on all legal and thematic observations on land-related issues in the Palestinian territory was developed and submitted to the Ministry of Planning.

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**TABLE VI: Periodicals**

Author	Title	Publisher
Sayigh, Rosemary Halabi, Hanan Qazzaz, Hadeel	Annual Review of Women's Studies, Vol. (4)	Institute of Women Studies
Institute of Environmental and water Studies	Birzeit Water Drops, No. (5)	Birzeit University, IEWS September 2007
Institute of Law	Palestine Yearbook of International Law (Volume XIV & XV)	Birzeit University 2008
Public Relations Office	Annual Report 2006-2007	Birzeit University 2008
Public Relations Office	E-Newsletter (14 issues)	Birzeit University (1/9/2007 – 31/8/2008)

**TABLE VII: Conferences, Workshops, Symposia:**

No.	Conference	Place & Date
Library		
1	Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnership"	Durbin, South Africa, 19-23 August, 2007
Academic Affairs & Faculty of Information Technology		
2	LINK 2007 Conference	28-30 October 2007, Amman , Jordan, King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center On the Dead Sea
Faculty of Engineering		
3	HAV : Hand Arm Vibrations 2007	Italy, 3-7/6/2007
4	JIMEC6 : Sixth Jordanian International Mechanical Engineering Conference	Jordan, 22-25/10/2007
5	IEEE Power Electronics Specialist Conference	Greece, Rhodes, 15-20/6/2008
Faculty of Arts		
6	Facilitating Peer-Response Journals	Ein-Shams University, Cairo 2008
7	Symposium on Using E-mail28 <sup>th</sup> CDELT	Cairo, Egypt. March 1-3 2008
8	A training course in Italy " Integrating the ICT tools in the Teaching & Learning Process" as THE ICT Focal point at BZU.	Italy, September – Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2007
9	A seminar held at Bir-zeit University with SPEP stakeholders :an Italian senior mission, UNDP ,the Ministry of Education,& local universities on the occasion of launching the ICT Focal point	Italy, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2007
10	A seminar held at Bir-zeit University with SPEP stakeholders :an Italian senior mission, UNDP ,the Ministry of Education,& local universities on the occasion of launching the ICT Focal point	Bethlehem University on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of November 2007
11	Seminar on assessment conducted by Ibn-Rushd (3 months), which resulted in a project suggesting assessment framework for the Com. Courses	Birzeit University, 28/10/2007-6/1/2008
12	Ibn-Rushed seminar "pedagogy Workshop, project: an alternative approach to Teaching Argumentative Essay through Collaborative Learning.	Birzeit University, 4/3/-27/5/2008
13	Seminars on Using Technology in teaching: Organized by, M. Bulbul, Osama Mimi, and Ahmad Janazreh and others	Birzeit University June 2007



14	The Palestinian Women's Movement;; How Empowered are the Empowered "American Sociological Association "	Boston, USA, 2 /8/2008
15	Exile and the Poetics of Recognition," Di\Visions,	House of World Cultures, (Berlin), 13-15 January, 2007.
16	"Palestinian Women's Activist Feminist Consciousness and Empowerment ",	Montreal, Canada, MESA, Middle Eastern Studies Association, November, 2007
17	"NGOs in a Changing Environment ",MESA, Middle Eastern Studies Association	Washington, DC. USA November, 2008
18	The Future of the Palestinian Identity –	Al Bireh
19	Workshop on Needs assessment	Birzeit University June, 2007
20	Humboldt Kolleg on Human Language Technologies in Africa: Status and Prospects.	Rabat, Morocco, June 3-5, 2008
21	EURAMAL/League of Teachers of Arabic Literature in Europe	Sweden, 11-14/6/2008
Faculty of Commerce and Economics		
22	Femise Economy Conference,	Marseille, France, 2007
23	Economic Research Forum Conference	Cairo, 2007
Faculty of Science		
24	Hands on Research on Complex System-Winter	India, 6-18/1/2008
Institute of Women Studies		
25	The Arab Thought Forum in Abu Dubai	Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), South Africa, February 16-21, 2008
Master Program in Democracy and Human Rights		
26	OsnaMUN2007: Osnabruck Model United Nations Conference )	Germany, Osnabruck University, 3-6/6/2008 and
27	DuEMUN2007 :Duisburg - Essen Model United Nations conference	Germany, Dunsburg University, 5-7/6/2008
Institute of Community and Public Health		
28	Fifth global national health accounts symposium	Lund-Sweden July 4-5, 2007
29	Middle East and North Africa Health Policy Forum: "Better Policies for Better Health	Cairo, Egypt Sept 8-10, 2007
30	Models of treatment for post traumatic children – Mediciens Du Monde, France	Nablus, Palestine, Oct 29, 2007
31	Children Rights in Palestine – Early childhood	Ramallah, Palestine, Oct 31, 2007

32	Inclusive education in schools – BZU + MOE	Birzeit University, Palestine, Nov 12, 2007
33	Well-being and welfare of Palestinian children	Al-Quds University, Palestine, Nov 22, 2007
34	Body language: communicating without the tongue – Mahdi Arar	Birzeit University, Palestine, Dec 4, 2007
35	Palestinian refugees and identity: linking them to mental health – Sharif Kana'neh	Birzeit University, Palestine, Dec 4, 2007
36	Capacity Building in resource mobilization (CBRM). Training Workshop in MENA-IDRC-	Jordan, May 4-8 2008.
Institute of Law		
37	Regional Capacity Building Seminar on "Drafting Legislation and Oversight Bodies for Regulatory Quality".	Amman-Jordan 29-30 April 2008
38	The Libraries conference from a Human Rights Perspective.	Ramallah - 29/3/2008
39	The International Legal Informatics Symposium – Reducing Complexity through IT and Law", held in	Salzburg, Universität Salzburg, 22-24 February 2008
40	Law and Society in the Arab World: Transformations and Prospects.	Amman, Jordan 11-12 July 2008
41	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Conference	Berlin&, Brussels 23-29 Sept. 2007
42	"Social Market Economy in the Arab World"	Amman, Jordan, 21-22 2008
43	Workshop to announces the Launching 4 <sup>th</sup> Version of the Palestinian Legal and Judicial System (AL MUQTAFI)	IoL, 3 April 2008
44	Workshop on the "Relationship between Judiciary and Media"	IoL, 19 March 2008
45	Workshop on "Dissemination of Legislation Process and the Official Gazette"	IoL, 21 January 2008,
46	Workshop on "Forensic Medicine and Labs in Palestine"	IoL, 7 January 2008
47	Symposium on the "Development of the Curriculum of the Diploma Programme in Legislative Drafting"	IoL, December 5, 2007
48	Symposium on the "Development of the Curriculum of the Diploma Programme in Legislative Drafting"	IoL, September 26, 2007
49	Symposium on the "Development of the Curriculum of the Diploma Programme in Legislative Drafting"	IoL, September 11, 2007
50	International Development Research Center (IDRC).	Cairo, 25/2/2008

**TABLE VIII: Master Theses**

NO.	Title of Thesis	Student Name	Program
1	Assessing the costs of achieving the water and sanitation target of the millennium Development goals in Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate Palestine	Attiyeh Ramahi	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
2	Affordability and willingness of the Palestinian committees to pay for water	Bisan Shunnar	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
3	Characterization of Household Wastewater Streams as a Tool for Pollution Control	Haytham Al-lahaliah	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
4	Groundwater Vulnerability Assessment in the Western Aquifer Basin Portion in the west bank	Shireen Nazzal	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
5	Community Onsite Anaerobic Sewage Treatment in Hybrid UASB Septic Tank System	Nour al-Huda	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
6	Identification of the Optimal Solution for the Groundwater Pollution Problems Using GIS as Planning Tool	Marwan Ayyad	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
7	Alleviating Salinity Stress of Vegetables Irrigated with Brackish Water Through the Application of Naturally Occurring Plant Growth Regulators	Ahmad Jadallah	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
8	Upgrading and Monitoring for Domestic Water Treatment Plant at Aqbat Jaber Refugee camp	Mohammad Yaseen	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
9	Solid Waste Generation and Composition with Emphasis on Composting Feasibility in Rural Communities of Ramallah and Albireh District	Ayman Abdel-Haleem	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
10	Application of water Pinch Analysis For Water and Wastewater Minimization in the textile Industry	Mona Abu-Awad	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
11	Climate change and its impacts on water supply and demand in Palestine	Shireen Abu-Jamoos	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
12	Improving the keeping quality of green bell peppers irrigated with saline water through the adaption of environmental friendly techniques	Kamal Zorba	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences

13	Health risks associated with consumption of untreated water from household roof catchment systems	Abdel-Latif Darwazeh	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
14	Development of an environmental management system for selected Palestinian dairy industries	Manal Shkoukani	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
15	Feasibility of a windrow composting pilot for domestic organic waste recycling in Beit liqia village- Palestine	Mahmoud Mafarjeh	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
16	Assessment of Home Generated Medical Waste Management in two Palestinian Districts	Ra'ed Hamad	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Sciences
17	Optimization of ABR followed by activated sludge system for wastewater treatment "Case Study: Ein Sinya"	Mohammad Ads	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
18	Treatment of a aerobically treated domestic grey water by a trickling filter	Musa Al-Haj Shawqi	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
19	Decentralized grey water treatment in UASB septic tank systems operated at ambient conditions in Palestine	Feras Matar	MSc Program in Water and Environmental Engineering
20	The Change of Local Culture and its effect on sustainable of Urban Form	Shireen Al-Qadi	Urban Planning & Design
21	Association between high sensitive CRP and coronary heart disease in the West Bank	Husam Thaher	Nursing and Applied Health Sciences
22	The Influence on Women's Consciousness of Political Activity in the Palestinian Parties",	Fida' Bargouthi	Gender, Law and Development,