

## IFIA Presidential Report about 14<sup>th</sup> Al Bassel Fair

The 14<sup>th</sup> Al Bassel Fair for Invention & Innovation was a great publicity of the creativity and innovation in Syria. The exhibitors from 20 countries (IFIA organizations from 12 Arabic and 8 non Arabic countries) come to assist to our Syrian inventor friends to call the attention the Arabic society and Governments the importance of inventive activity against to the crisis.

The venue of the Fair was the Hall 2 of the new Damascus fair ground. The opening hours were unusual for us: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. There were thousand and thousand visitors, a large number of families with many children. The atmosphere was very friendly. The safety was very high.

The head of organizers was Mr. Yasser Saada who worked a lot. There was only one problem the lack of sufficient English information.

The IFIA exhibitors got booths free of charge. The accommodation of the IFIA exhibitors leaders were covered by the Ministry of Economy & Trade. The hotel prize was reduced for other participants. I would like to say thanks to the Syrian Governmental support for the IFIA members.

The presences of VIPs were very flattering. Dr. Amer Hosni Lutfi, the Minister of Economy and Trade spent with his coworkers a long time on the Al Bassel. He was present on the opening and on the award ceremonies.

The WIPO Director General Mr. Francis Gurry visited the Fair. He opened the Al Bassel with Dr. Lutfi. Several high position representatives of the League of Arab States attended to the Fair and to the IFIA meeting.

Let me remark few words about the most important thing the presented inventions. More than 500 items were shown. I found top quality inventions which represent the world standard for example computer controlled or ecological solutions. These were the best inventions which were awarded by the appropriate IFIA prizes. Here is the list of IFIA awarded inventions:

### *IFIA awards on 14<sup>th</sup> Al Bassel Fair - Damascus*

#### **IFIA Cup for the best invention**

Dr. Ihsan Balbaaki: Heat Sound Isolator Panel - Syria

#### **IFIA ECO Prize for the best ecological invention**

Dr. Riad Saleh and Yasser Houria: Dezincification of water by ozone - Syria

#### **IFIA Lady Prize for the best women invention**

Dr. Hebat Al Rahman: Computer controlled device for manufacturing conditions -  
Egypt

#### **IFIA Scientific Medal for invention represented high scientific result**

Mateusz Smietana: Optical fiber sensors nano coated with diamond like carbon -  
Poland

Prof. dr. Adel Harfoush: His scientific inventive results

**IFIA Innovation Medal for well innovated invention**

Dr. Mohamad Imad Droubi: Dental Implanting by expanders - Syria

Abdulkader Badawi: (BTC Company): Computer controlled machine to produce covering furniture panels - Syria

I met here a prominent person who is altruistic supporters of inventors. He was awarded with IFIA high recognition with thanks of inventors from 88 countries.

**IFIA Gold Medal for altruistic support of Arabic innovation**

H. E. Dr. Amer Hosni Lutfi, Minister of Economy & Trade in Syria

The Syrian Chapter of the International Order of Merit of the Inventors started its activity because of Mr. Yasser Saada was initiated as the Officer of this Order of Merit for organization of Al Bassel serious.

The IFIA organized informal ExCo meeting on July 18 6:30 p.m. connected Al Bassel (see the report about “Damascus IFIA Meeting”).

The 14<sup>th</sup> Al Bassel Fair was a real manifestation of inventive activity in the Middle East due to the activity of the IFIA members from 12 Arabic and 8 non Arabic countries.

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