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The International Center for Human Sciences

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Newsletter





The CISH Newsletter is bi-annual and a summary of:

- Events organized by the Center
- Events attended by the team and staff
- Meetings and Visits
- Publications



Events Organized – Launching ceremony of CISH activities and programs



Date– June 20th 2019



Location: **CISH Premises**

Under the patronage and presence of H.E Minister of Culture Dr. Mohamed Daoud, the International Center for Human Sciences under the auspices of UNESCO and in collaboration with the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) launched its activities and program. The event took place in CISH historical monument in Byblos, in the presence of Lebanese Ministers, Deputies, Ambassadors, Mayors, CISH Governing Board Members, University President's and Directors, security forces, and many prominent religious and cultural figures. CISH Director Dr. Darina Abi Chedid introduced the Center's accomplishments so far and announced the program, action plan and activities for the upcoming years 2019-2020. The event was then followed by a cocktail dinner on the rooftop.



Events Organized – Partnership Signature with LAU

 Program– **Networking and Partnerships**

 Date– **June 19th 2019**

 Location: **CISH Premises**

The International Center for Human Sciences, represented by its director, Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid, and the Lebanese American University (LAU), represented by its president, Dr. Joseph Jabbra, have signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for an academic, scientific and cultural cooperation between the two institutions.

The ceremony took place at the Byblos ICHS, in the presence of ICHS Board members and staff, LAU vice-presidents, and deans and directors. A toast was then followed to celebrate the occasion.



Visits – College of Humanities and Sciences in Virginia



Date– June 10th 2019



Location: **CISH** premises

For the purpose of encouraging youth to write and publish, the CISH hosted a group of students specializing in international studies coming from the College of Humanities and Sciences in Virginia Commonwealth University in the USA who started a research work around global citizenship, humanism, tolerance and ethical response to catastrophism. Their work will be published with CISH publications.



Events Organized – Hosting the Lebanese Army



Program– **Workshops and Trainings**



Date– **June 25, 26 and 27th 2019**



Location: **CISH Premises**

Over the course of 3 days, the International Center for Human Sciences welcomed 165 second-year Lebanese Army students-officers at CISH Center, Byblos, offering them both knowledge-based and recreational activities.

The project aimed at introducing the history of the ancient city of Byblos, as well as highlighting the importance of humanities and the role of military in protecting our identity, history and cultural heritage on a global level.

The program included a presentation and an interactive workshop in CISH premises, as well as a guided tour in the historical Byblos Citadel, followed by a lunch in the Center.

At the end of the workshop, the Commander of the military Academy Georges Hayek visited the Center and offered the Director a letter of recognition and appreciation to all her efforts on behalf of the Lebanese army Commander Joseph Aoun. Finally, Dr. Saliba offered the Military Academy Library a collection of CISH publications.



Visits – Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa and the Arab Council for Social Sciences



Date– July 4th 2019



Location: **CISH** premises

CISH-UNESCO Byblos hosted the Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa and the Arab Council for Social Sciences, represented by colleagues from Kenya, Morocco, Jordan and Lebanon.

The program included a guided tour in the historical Byblos Citadel, and a visit to Byblos Old Souk.

It was then followed by a dinner in one of Byblos Port restaurants where future collaboration between CISH, CODESRIA and ACSS was discussed



Events Attended – Launching ceremony of the Sultan Qaboos Prize for Culture, Arts and Literature



Date– July 11th 2019



Location: **Bristol Hotel – Hamra**

The Director of the International Center for Human Sciences Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid attended the launching ceremony of the Sultan Qaboos Prize for Culture, Arts and Literature at its eighth session of 2019 under the patronage and presence of His Excellency the Minister of Culture Dr. Mohamed Daoud, and the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman in Lebanon Bader Bin Mohamed Bin Bader Al Munzeri.



Visits – The Brazilian Embassy in Lebanon



Date– July 25th 2019



Location: **CISH premises**

The Director of the International Center for Human Sciences, Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid, welcomed the Head of the Cultural Department in the Brazilian Embassy in Lebanon Mr. Thiago Antonio De Melo Oliveira and Administrative assistant Mrs. Rima Saade. CISH and the Brazilian Embassy are happy to collaborate and work together on Intercultural activities and on enhancing dialogue between different cultures



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Visits – International exchange students at LAU



Date– August 27th 2019



Location: **CISH premises**

In the framework of its educational and cultural cooperation with LAU, the International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) had the pleasure of welcoming international exchange students from various universities from all over the world such as : Science Po Paris, ESSCA and NEOMA from France, University of FREIE of Berlin, AARHUS, DMJX-AA and DMJX-CPH of Denmark, Université Grenoble Alpes, IVLM and University of Pavia of Italy, New York University, Sodertorn-Sweden and Vilnius University- Lithuania. The students took a tour inside the Center, discovered its programs and activities, and captured memorial photos before continuing their journey to another Lebanese city.



Events Organized – Youth inclusion: An important step towards sustainable development and human rights



Program– **Workshops and Trainings**



Date– **September 11th 2019**



Location: **CISH Premises**

In the framework of the “Arab Program for Democracy and Human Rights”, a program, affiliated to the Institute of Political science at Saint Joseph University of Beirut, and in collaboration with the Danish Institute for Human Rights, the International Centre for Human Sciences (CISH-Byblos) organized a debate session entitled "Youth inclusion: An important step towards sustainable development and human rights" and gathered program participants: officials coming from different Arab countries and university students from the Lebanese American University (LAU).



Events Organized – Intercultural dialogue in the Mediterranean: Iberians-Phoenicians



Program– **Conferences and Seminars**



Date– **September 26th 2019**



Location: **CISH Premises**

In the presence of H.E the Ambassador of Spain in Lebanon Don José Maria Ferré de la Peña, the International Center for Human Sciences - UNESCO organized in partnership with the Spanish Embassy a cultural day entitled : “Intercultural dialogue in the Mediterranean: Iberians-Phoenicians”.

The event included a round table on « The Phoenician Presence in Spain: History and Development », featuring a painting exhibition on Phoenicians.



Events Organized – Implementation of Article 95 of the Lebanese Constitution



Program– **Conferences and Seminars**



Date– **September 28th 2019**



Location: **CISH Premises**

In line with UNESCO's initiatives to enhance the culture of “living together” in Lebanon and worldwide, the International Center for Human Sciences organized a seminar entitled “Implementation of Article 95 of the Lebanese Constitution”. The seminar was attended by former ministers and deputies, prominent political figures and specialists in constitutional law.



Events Organized – Tolerance: An ethical basis for justice, peace and intercultural dialogue



Program– **Conferences and Seminars**



Date– **2nd and 3rd of October 2019**



Location: **CISH Premises**

On the occasion of the International Day of Non-Violence, and in line with UNESCO endeavors of promoting a culture of peace, and for the safeguarding of the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together signed by Pope Francis of the Catholic Church and, Grand Imam Al Azhar Ahmad El Tayeb, the international Center for Human Sciences has organized at its headquarters, a conference entitled: « Tolerance: An ethical basis for justice, peace and intercultural dialogue » in the presence of H.E. Minister of Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth, Mrs. Violette Safadi, deputy Moustafa Al Hussein and Qa'imaqam of Byblos Mrs. Nathalie Merheh, the Representative of Hanns Seidel Stiftung, Kristof W. Duwaerts, along with youth students, religious and cultural figures and academicians.



Events Organized – Arabic language: Roots, shapes and globalization



Program– **Conferences and Seminars**



Date– **17th of October 2019**



Location: **CISH Premises**

On the occasion of the International Day of the Arabic Language, at the invitation of the President of the Lebanese American University Dr. Joseph Jabra and the Director of the International Center for Human Sciences - UNESCO Darina Saliba Abi Chedid, held a seminar entitled “Arabic Language: Roots, Shapes and Globalization”. The seminar was attended by the Ambassador of South Korea, Qaimaqam of Byblos Natalie El Khoury, Secretary General of the World Cultural University, Roger Hani, and President of the Youth Council at the University, Sergio Feghali, President of the Cultural Council in Byblos, Dr. Nawfal Nawfal, Journalist Marwan Iskandar, Vice President for Student Affairs, Lebanese American University Elise Salem, head of the Lebanese Red Cross Center in Jbeil, Randa Kallab, a number of school principals and a crowd of interested people.



Events Attended – Children Right: progress and challenges for tomorrow



Date– 21th November 2019



Location: **Poitiers– France**

The International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) represented by its Director, Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid participated in the 30th anniversary of UNICEF's International Convention on children's rights, "Children's Rights: Progress and challenges for tomorrow". During the conference, Dr. Saliba Abi Chedid presented CISH, its mission, activities and the importance of it being a UNESCO affiliated Centre. Also, she explained during her intervention, the relationship between UNESCO and UNICEF and intervened on the situation of children in the Arab world generally and stressed specifically on the Lebanese case. The intervention was highlighted by the film produced by 5th graders students from the Lycée Franco-Libanais- Nahr Ibrahim.



Events – The Economic crisis in Lebanon: Challenges and Solutions

 Program– **Conferences and Seminars**

 Date– **December 17th 2019**

 Location: **CISH premises**

CISH-UNESCO, Byblos organized in coordination with Students for Liberty (SFL-Lebanon), a seminar entitled “The Economic crisis in Lebanon: Challenges and Solutions”. In her opening speech, the SFL national coordinator, Ms. Nour Bou Malhab, called the youth for an intellectual revolution. Then, CISH Director Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid discussed the economic problems, petroleum wealth, and possible solutions of the crisis. It was followed by a debate animated by the economic and financial experts Dr. Nassib Ghobril, Dr. Mazen Derawan, Dr. Nouh El Harmouzi and Dr. Nizar Younes, where they presented the role of the Banking and private sectors, methods of privatization, and the sectarian system paralyzing the role of the judiciary.



Events – Celebrating Christmas at CISH: A message of hope to all humanity



Date– December 19th 2019



Location: **CISH** premises

From the sweetest hearts and the smallest hands we learn our biggest lessons. Here's a message of Hope from CISH and the Birds Nest Orphanage, to all of Lebanon's children and people. Have a merry and forever hopeful Christmas!



Publications— The *Letters from Byblos*



Date— December 2019

We are happy to announce that the 24th issue of our journal *Letters from Byblos* (LFB) entitled “Living Together: Tolerance, an ethical peace for justice, peace and intercultural dialogue” has just been released and the full version could be downloaded on CISH-UNESCO Byblos website.

Letters from Byblos

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