

MES Cairo's Managing Director, Ms Ghada Dajani was recently appointed as Vice President of Middle East IB Association (MEIBA). Following on from the regional MEIBA meeting hosted



at MES Cairo, Ghada Dajani hosted a meeting for Egypt's IB schools on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017, where thirteen of Egypt's IB World schools were represented.

The meeting was also supported by Nevine Souefi representing Mary Tadros who is the

regional recognition officer for the IBO. The group continued the productive dialogue that was started at the regional meeting. Ms Ghada Dajani led the group by outlining her vision for revolutionising the training opportunities available to IB teachers in Egypt and bringing more training opportunities to teachers in the region. Egypt's geographical location makes it an ideal centre

point for conferences and training events. Amongst several other important topics, the group discussed CPD priorities for schools and shared ideas for the upcoming IB Schools in Egypt networking event, which took place at MES Cairo in November 2017. You can read all about the event which involved twelve IB Schools in Egypt from Cairo and Alexandria, in our next issue of the MESSenger!



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## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME JOBALIKE EVENT

In November, MES Cairo hosted over 160 IB teachers from all over Egypt at an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Jobalike event.



After a warm welcome, visitors attended presentations and workshops that were led by volunteer IB examiners and teachers from many different schools in Egypt. New connections were made and the feedback survey reveals that the vast majority of colleagues who attended found the Jobalike to be a successful event that they found to be very beneficial.

One IB teacher stated: "the event was great for sharing experiences and challenges. I enjoyed having this opportunity to meet other teachers of the same subject and enjoyed sharing experiences and ideas". Another teacher stated that he felt it was very important to get to know more members of the IB Community in Egypt and to be able to have conversations with teachers from different schools: "It was a great

opportunity to share good practice and to tap into different areas of expertise. I made subject contacts and we now are good friends sharing ideas on a regular basis."

This "Congregation of Expertise" as one colleague called it, "stimulated new ideas and was purposeful and well-organised. Thank you for the great opportunity; the incredible effort made to connect IB educators and the friendly and extremely positive atmosphere and support!"

As part of the feedback survey, teachers were asked to make suggestions and share ideas about how to improve and develop the Jobalike session. Full details of the Jobalike and the survey results will be shared and discussed at the next MEIBA meeting for Cairo member schools - to be held at MES Cairo on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

On behalf of all the IB teachers who attended, I would like to thank all those who volunteered to lead sessions and workshops. Many thanks also to our DP11 and DP12 students who were extremely welcoming and helpful throughout the event.

An extra special 'thank you' goes to those presenting teachers who had never visited MES Cairo before yet willingly volunteered to be put under the spotlight in a completely new environment. Showing true IB spirit – these leaders took a risk and rose to the challenge. Your courage has definitely paid off!

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