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MEEA Research in Middle East Economics

Note from the Executive Secretary

As mentioned earlier at the MEEA Business meeting in Boston, Volume 4 of *Research in Middle East Economics (RMEE)* continues to run behind schedule for an unusual combination of reasons, including delay in obtaining the new series editor, delays in manuscript revision and editing, a change in ownership and management of the publisher, and discussions concerning a switch in publishers. The MEEA Board apologizes for these delays and asks for your patience. We hope that the quality of what emerges from the publication of this volume (on women) and from the following one (on food and agriculture) will reward our members' patience. The good news is that Volume 5 is presently very much on schedule.

Thank you.

Jeffrey B. Nugent

From the series editor

Due to the items mentioned above the tentative date for the publication of Volume 4 of *Research in Middle East Economics* will be toward the end of 2000. Volume 5 will follow shortly with publication set for some time in early 2001.

The theme for Volume 6 is still being discussed by the editor and the board. While Money and Finance is still a possibility, we may end up choosing another topic, depending on publisher interest, and our ability to locate contributions and a volume editor. Please contact the editor with any volume proposals as well as contributions you would like us to consider. We are also actively seeking volume proposals from members for Volume 7 and beyond of *RMEE*.

Reviewers: We are of course always interested in reliable, thoughtful reviewers of manuscripts. Reviewers provide a valuable service to the profession, as well as having their name appear on the frontispiece of the volume in the list of "Reviewers of Manuscripts." Please drop a line to the editor, indicating your willingness, as well as your fields. Please note that as of August 2000, the address of the series editor will change to the one listed below.

Thank you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEA CONFERENCE IN EUROPE— SUMMER 2001

MEEA is planning to hold its first conference in Europe in the summer of 2001. The theme of the conference – to be held at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) – is: 'The Changing Economic Boundaries of the Middle East and North Africa.'

The conference aims to provide an opportunity for addressing MENA's economic challenges in a global setting looking at ways in which the changing patterns of trade, investment and finance, and labour flows are likely to shape up the future direction of the region's economies. More details will appear in the autumn issue of the newsletter. Meanwhile, if interested, please contact Hassan Hakimian at SOAS (H.Hakimian@soas.ac.uk).

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE CHANGES

Note that the current newsletter marks the first Spring/Summer edition of the MEEA newsletter, which will be regularly published to keep members more current on professional activities related to Middle East Economics.

Additionally, there will be an initiative soon to overhaul and revamp the MEEA website. For the time being the current website has been moved to <http://www.gsb.luc.edu/depts/economics/meea.htm>. Up to date announcements concerning the 2001 meeting of MEEA at the ASSA meetings in New Orleans and the most recent edition of the online journal will be available shortly at the current MEEA website.

IBN KHALDUN PRIZE

Reminder that submissions for the Ibn Khaldun Prize for the best paper on one or more Middle Eastern countries by a junior economist (no more than three years after receiving Ph.D.) must be received no later than December 10, 2001 at the following address: Prof. Jeffrey B. Nugent, Dept. of Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0253, USA. The entries will be evaluated by a three person committee.

CORRECTION

In Volume 10 of this newsletter Salem Ajluni was mistakenly listed as a new member with his affiliation listed as Israel. Mr. Ajluni is a long-time member of MEEA and the head of the Economic and Social Monitoring Unit Office of UNSCO Gaza.

MEEA-CHRAF

Saad Eddin Ibrahim, professor and chair of Sociology at the American University in Cairo, and Director of Center for Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies was arrested by Egyptian State Security on June 30th. MEEA is gravely concerned about Professor Ibrahim's arrest and detention. Those who wish to send letters of protest to Egyptian authorities may contact Sohrab Behdad (see below) for appropriate addresses.

MEEA's Committee on Human Rights and Academic Freedom (CHRAF) monitors infringements of human rights and academic freedom of economists in the Middle East. For information. Please contact Co-Chairs of MEEA-CHRAF, Abbas Alnasrawi, or Sohrab Behdad. Professor Alnasrawi may be reached at the Department of Economics, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05405 USA (telephone 802-656-3064, fax 802-656-8405, email alnasra@moose.uvm.edu). Professor Behdad is at Department of Economics, Denison University, Granville, Ohio, 43023 USA (phone 740-587-6404, fax 740-587-6348, email behdad@denison.edu).

WILLIAM F. QUILLIAN, JR., VISITING INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORSHIP

Selective liberal arts college for women with a historic commitment to international studies seeks a visiting scholar with a specialty in **Islamic Studies** for the 2001-2002 academic year. Qualifications: a Ph.D. or the equivalent, scholarly or creative achievement that would merit appointment at the associate or full professor level, English fluency, extensive (preferably current) living experience in an Islamic culture, and teaching experience adaptable to an undergraduate United States classroom.

Discipline open, but candidate must have a broad knowledge of one or more areas. Preference will be given to candidates who are able to offer a comparative perspective on their discipline and native Islamic culture relative to their countries within the Islamic world. Duties include teaching an entry-level and upper-level course each semester, participating actively in campus academic life, offering faculty development seminars, and giving two public lectures. Salary commensurate with experience.

Review of applications will begin on **September 15, 2000**, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send letter, resume, samples of scholarly or creative work, and three letters of reference to Dawn Kepets, Director of International Programs, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503. EOE.

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