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Welcome Note

Dear readers,

We are pleased to welcome you to BioVision Alexandria 2012 first newsletter. This issue will bring you the latest news and information about BioVision Alexandria 2012; in addition, it contains a summary of BioVision Alexandria 2010 Conference.

More details will be shared with you over the next few months. We look forward to welcoming you at this exclusive Event.

As we are keen to answer your questions and assist you with any information you may require, we will be glad to receive your comments and suggestions. We really hope you find this newsletter useful and interesting.

So please, take a bit of time and join us to share our vision and passion!



What is BioVisionAlexandria?

BioVisionAlexandria (BVA) is an international event organized by the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in partnership with the World Life Sciences Forum, BioVision. It is a continuation of the tradition that started in BioVision 1999 in Lyon, France, in which BioVisionAlexandria Conference was held every even year, alternating with the World Life Sciences Forum held in Lyon every odd year since 2004.

BioVisionAlexandria is an important gathering that brings together distinguished speakers and Nobel Laureates from the four corners of the globe through rich discussions that commemorate science and the finest achievements of the human intellect. It includes representatives of the greatest minds in the realms of industry, science, policy-making, media and civil society. The ultimate goal is to provide a platform for exchange of information and dialogue so as to explore the different ways in which life sciences can help meet the challenges facing us in the 21st century; a vital step for global economic development to improve the quality of life for all. BioVisionAlexandria aims to increase the participation of developing countries in this important global dialogue. As the BA is a key player in building bridges and fostering

dialogue, BioVisionAlexandria presents a unique opportunity for North-South collaborations by bringing in new scientific knowledge to the South.

The conference focuses on three major themes: Health, Food and Agriculture, and Environment. It features a special exhibition titled "BioFair@BioVisionAlexandria" and a poster session for young researchers and scientists.



BioVisionAlexandria 2010 attendees during Plenary Session 1: Genomics & Molecular biology: The Biological Challenge

It also features an interactive event organized in collaboration with the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), for young researchers from the developing world titled "TWAS/BVA.Nxt". This event takes place during the two days preceding the BioVisionAlexandria conference. The young scientists are also invited to attend and actively participate in the BioVisionAlexandria Conference.

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The Bibliotheca Alexandrina is organizing its Sixth International Biennial Conference, BioVisionAlexandria 2012, on 22-25 April 2012, in Alexandria, Egypt.

Currently the world, especially developing countries, is undergoing radical changes. Entire countries are being changed, visions of a better tomorrow are being shaped, and societies are transformed. The theme of the upcoming BioVision-Alexandria Conference is *New Life Sciences: Linking Science to Society* which aims at addressing the role science can play in achieving a fair, equal and just society, not just through scientific research but also policy adjustment.

A vision for achieving health as a state of well-being, not just combating disease, is imperative especially for developing countries. Furthermore, human activities have taken a

tremendous toll on the environment and have destroyed many elements of nature. Consequently, the impact this has on the quality of human life needs serious attention. Similarly, food and agriculture, especially with countries struggling to meet the first Millennium Development Goal of halving extreme hunger and poverty by the year 2015. Special emphasis will also be placed on those marginalized within society and what can the new life sciences do about that.

At the conference, we aim at gathering representatives and leaders in science, industry and society to identify and set the priorities needed to rebuild society and discuss how the policies of scientific research need to be revolutionized towards serving society, especially the less fortunate, and to transform the lives of those who truly need it.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We are so excited for BioVisionAlexandria 2012 and cannot wait to meet each and every one of you!

To visit BioVisionAlexandria 2012 click [here](#)
For registration click [here](#)

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After the success of BioVisionAlexandria 2004, BioVisionAlexandria 2006 and BioVisionAlexandria 2008, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina organized its Fifth International Biennial Conference, BioVisionAlexandria 2010 which was held on 11 to 15 April 2010, in Alexandria, Egypt.

BioVisionAlexandria 2010 addressed *New Life Sciences: Future Prospects* aiming to explore new fields in life sciences that would serve humanity and provide hope for solving some of the world's most pressing issues. It brought together 167 eminent speakers from the four corners of the globe, including 5 Nobel Laureates. Professionals in the fields of science, industry, policy-making and civil society were present to share their knowledge with the attendees.

On 12 April 2010, BioVisionAlexandria 2010 commenced with a Nobel Day on which Nobel Laureates shared their experiences which helped advance science and inspired the world. The Nobel Day was dedicated to honor Nobel Laureates whose vision and perseverance in the quest of scientific knowledge has changed our lives.



BVA 2010 Nobel Roundtable

The conference focused on three major themes: health, food and agriculture, and environment. The health theme shed light on novel approaches in treatment of diseases such as cancer, translational medicine, and global challenges facing biotechnology and health. The environment theme addressed global issues associated with water, climate change and clean energy sources. In the food and agriculture theme, topics like sustainable agriculture, green ways to global food security and priorities in food and food security were discussed.



Dr. Ismail Serageldin speaking at the BVA 2010 opening session

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Moreover, the conference featured several plenary sessions which addressed global issues, such as Genomics & Molecular Biology: The Biological Challenge, Biodiversity: Natural Wealth and Well-Being, and exclusively the Theory of Biorobs: Towards the Future, which captured the hearts of the audience. It also incorporated 8 tracks which focused on numerous topics, including Rethinking Science and Technology in the 21st Century; Research, Education, Innovation and Industry: The Gap; Brain Aging-Brain Advancing and others.



Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina and Mr. Bruno Maisonnier, CEO, Aldebaran Robotics with the Biorob Nao while speaking to the BVA

BioVision Alexandria conference also hosted a special exhibition titled "BioFair@BVA" which presented a unique platform for top biotechnology, agricultural, environmental, pharmaceutical and publishing companies to

network key research and business development executives.



Mrs. Sanaa Mahfouz responsible of FAO's booth at BVA 2010 BioFair

It also featured a poster session for young researchers and scientists, and an interactive event, organized in collaboration with the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), for young researchers from the developing world titled "TWAS/BVA.Nxt". This event took place during the two days preceding the BioVision Alexandria 2010 conference. The young scientists were also invited to attend and actively participate in the BioVision Alexandria 2010 Conference. They were offered the opportunity to demonstrate their projects and research in the poster session held during the conference.

Group Photo of BioVision Alexandria 2010



Group Photo of TWAS/BVA.NXT 2010



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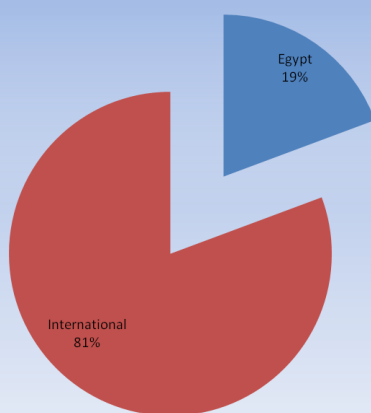
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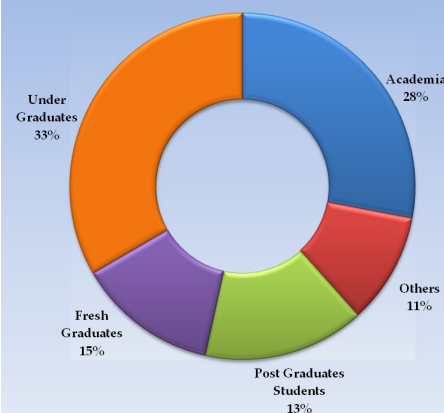
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Speakers By Nationality

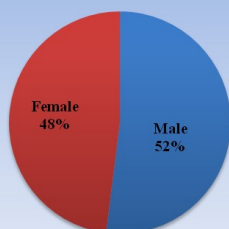


Participants by Category

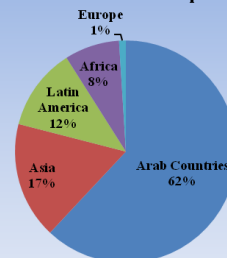


TWAS/BioVision Alexandria.Nxt 2010 Demographics

TWAS/BVA.NXT 2010 Participants by Gender



TWAS/BVA.NXT 2010 Participants by Region



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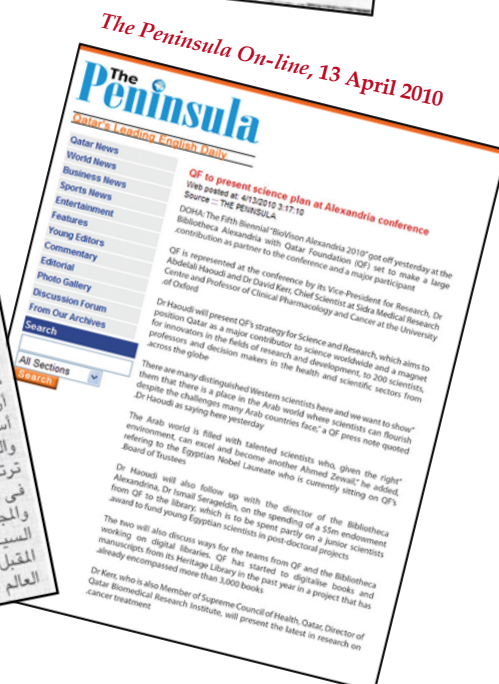
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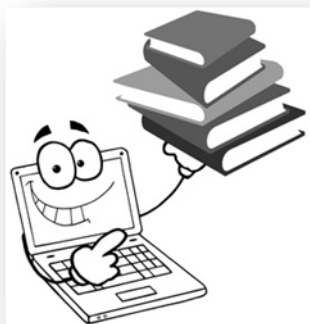
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