

**EU –Egypt Cooperation in the Science and technology area:
New perspectives for a new partnership
Cairo International Conference Center (November 27th, 2005)**

09:30 Opening Address:

H.E. Dr Ebermann, Ambassador, Head of Delegation – European Commission
H.E. Tarek Kamel, Minister of Communications and Information Technology
H.E. Fayza Aboulnaga, Minister for International Cooperation
H.E. Dr Amr Salama, Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research

Coffee break

- 10:30 Dr Ali Abdel Rahman, President of Cairo University: "The Egyptian University system and its role in promoting scientific excellence"
- 11:00 Mr Gregorio Medrano, Special Advisor to the Director for International Scientific Cooperation, Directorate General for Research, European Commission: "The future of EU Scientific Research: the 7th Framework programme"
- 11:30 Helmi Abouleish (Executive Director, IMC): "Bridging the innovation gap with the business community: public-private partnerships"
- 12:00 Roundtable discussion: "EU-Egypt scientific cooperation: the way forward towards scientific excellence and competitiveness"

Chair: Dr Fawzi Elrefai, President, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology

- Gregorio Medrano (DG RTD – Commission, Brussels)
- Prof Hany El Nazer, Chairman, National Research Centre
- Nader Riad (Chairman, Bavaria Group – Chair, R&D Committee FEI)
- Prof Mohamed Megahed (Vice – Dean, Cairo Engineering Faculty)
- Mr Bernard Levri (CEO – Siemens Egypt)
- Prof Maha Eissa (Faculty of Medicine – Alexandria University)

13:30 *Light lunch*

- 15:00 Innovation and Centres of excellence in Egypt:
- Dr Khaled Ismail, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
 - Dr Mohamed Swellam, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology
- 15:45 Applied research for industry use: science for economic growth
- Prof Mahmoud Nasr (Head of the Central Metallurgical Research and Development Institute)
 - Prof Mohamed Megahed (Vice – Dean, Cairo Engineering Faculty)
 - Prof Ahmed Hisham (Vice President - EOIP)
- 16:30 EU-Egypt partnerships: examples of collaborative work in a new technological environment between Universities, research centre and private sector: Med Net-University (Cairo University and Helwan University)
- 17:00 National Research and Education Next-Generation-Network (Academy of Scientific Research and Technology)
- 17:15 Conclusions:
- Prof Hany El Nazer
 - Prof Ibrahim Badran
 - Prof Adel AbdelAzeem
 - Prof Moataz Khorshid