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AUB professors receive prestigious international management awards

Beirut, Lebanon- 18/08/2014 - AUB professors from the Olayan School of Business were recently granted several awards at the annual Academy of Management Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Professors Jon Thornberry, Yusuf Sidani, and Marina Apaydin won the best international paper award for the Management History Division. Titled "Role of Informal Networks in Mitigating the Liability of Outsidership: Case of the Iranian Bazaar," the paper explained the role the informal network of local merchants (bazaars) play as a mediating mechanism and the implications of this on foreign companies. Presented at the meeting of the academy earlier this month, the paper was selected for the Journal of Management History Award for Best International Paper. This paper was also nominated and was a finalist for the prestigious Carolyn Dexter Award which is an all Academy award given to the paper that best matches the objective of internationalizing the Academy.

"The Academy of Management is a very prestigious organization on a global scale and we are intensely honored to have several of our faculty members gaining such an international recognition," said Professor Salim Chahine, acting OSB dean. "This contributes to our objective of positioning the Olayan School of Business at AUB among the elite research institutions."

Another accomplishment for AUB professors at the Academy of Management was winning the 2014 Emerald Best international Symposium Award that Dr. Charlotte Karam and Dr. Fida Afiouni organized and chaired. The symposium featured contributions from AUB professors Karam and Afiouni in addition to Dr. Dima Jamali as author and Dr. Yusuf Sidani as discussant. Dr. Afiouni's paper about "Women's careers in Academia" was also a finalist for the Best international Paper Award in Careers Division.

The Academy of Management conference attracted over 9500 participants, representing 89 countries. Founded in 1936, the Academy of Management is the preeminent professional association for management and organization scholars. Its global community today is nearly 20,000 strong, spanning 115 countries.

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Note to Editors

About AUB

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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