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Second “Sharing nature and knowledge” Festival in Aarsal in collaboration with AUB

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The municipality of Aarsal (Bekaa) is organizing the second “Sharing nature and knowledge” festival in collaboration with AUB’s Ibsar (Nature Conservation Center for Sustainable Futures), the Civil Engineering Society (CES) and the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS), between September 5 and 14, 2011. The main aim of the festival is relaying findings of research conducted over the past year by AUB and the University of Ottawa, under sponsorship by the International Development Research Centre, Canada (IDRC).

During these 10 days, residents, AUB faculty, students and staff will work together in the following tasks:

- 1 - Computer literacy workshop for over 50 participants at the Centre for Technical Practice (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 September).
- 2 - Public workshops to relay research findings on health and diabetes in Aarsal versus Beirut and disseminate nutritional advice in collaboration with the Aarsal Health Clinic affiliated with the Rafik Hariri Foundation - Directorate of Health and Social Services (September 5)
- 3 - Public workshop to relay results of the school feeding program that took place in two schools in Aarsal between January and May 2011 (September 7)
- 4 - Public discussions on the environment and techniques on greening one’s neighborhood, in the presence of guest speaker Mr. Ziad Abi Chaker, Director of Cedar Environmental (September 8).

The participants will share in a farewell evening on September 14, 2011 at 5.00 pm at Al Chafaq School.

For further information about the festival, please contact Aarsal Municipality at 08-240402/3 or AUB-Ibsar at ibsarprj@aub.edu.lb 01-350000 ext. 4505/9.

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