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FAFS Gala Dinner

The FAFS Gala Dinner 2016 was held on the occasion of AUB's 150th Anniversary and the huge success of the first International Federation of Landscape Architecture (IFLA) 2016 Conference "Unfolding Middle Eastern Landscapes".

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FAFS Class of 2016 Graduate Reception

FAFS celebrated the achievements of its graduating students and awardees in the annual Graduate Reception held on May 19, 2016 at Charles Hostler Auditorium and Terrace.

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Congratulations to the First Registered Dietitians and Accredited Class of the Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Program

FAFS celebrates the first group of students to receive the Registered Dietitians credential and first accredited class of the Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Program in a Celebratory Dinner on May 17, 2016.

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___ Research and Outreach

Lebanon Rallies to Fight IDD

AUB Professor Dr. Omar Obeid and FHS, issued a newsletter about the efforts done to fight Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in Lebanon. The study conducted in 2013-2014, showed that the iodine concentration (in human urine) has reached dangerous low levels.

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___ Workshops and Conferences

Food Security Program (FSP) Participates in EAT Stockholm Food Forum 2016

The Food Security Program (FSP) at the American University of Beirut has participated in [the EAT Stockholm Food Forum](#), a major international gathering on the topic of sustainable food systems, held June 13-14 in Stockholm, Sweden. AUB was one of the selected academic institutions invited to participate. What was this event, and why did FSP participate? FSP Coordinator Rachel Bahn [answers those questions](#).

Landscape Architecture Takes Firm Root in Lebanon at IFLA 2016 Conference

In a major initiative spearheaded by Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences members and colleagues at the Lebanese University, in collaboration with the Lebanese Landscape Association (LELA), landscape architecture is being embedded in the Middle East with the first regional International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) 2016 conference devoted to the discipline, which was hosted at AUB.

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NFSC Hosts Workshop on Basic and Advanced Carbohydrate Counting

The Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences at FAFS hosted a 2 day workshop on May 23 and 24, 2016 titled Basic and Advanced Carbohydrate Counting, given by specialist Claudia Matta. The workshop targeted clinical and licensed dietitians and aimed to equip them with evidence based skills in carbohydrate counting.

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FAFS Research Team Receives National Energy Globe Award

Dr. Yusuf Abou Jawdah, FAFS, and his research team at AUB, received the National Energy Globe Award for their MED-ALGAE project titled "Production of biodiesel from Algae in selected Mediterranean Countries" in partnership with The Lebanese Association for Energy Saving & for Environment (ALMEE), on June 5, 2016 which marks the UN World Environment Day. Read the [interview with Dr. Abou Jawdeh on the project here](#). And [read more about the Award here](#).

FAFS Faculty Lead Agricultural Initiative to Help Refugees

FAFS Faculty (Dr. Salma Talhouk, Dr. Monika Fabian, Dr. Ali Chalak and Dr. Rami Zurayk) lead project backed by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, which aims to decrease the cost of urban gardening for Syrian refugees and Lebanese nationals based in Akkar by designing affordable vertical gardens which can be maintained by their owners. This project is intended to improve social cohesion while also providing a positive coping mechanism for disadvantaged women in the North of Lebanon. Read more about this initiative on [VAO News](#) and [The Daily Star](#).

FAFS Faculty Members Play Critical Role in Newly Launched AUB Botanic Garden

The AUB community and administration has made a powerful statement of their commitment to the environment and preserving the greenery on campus by declaring the University grounds as a permanent botanic garden. FAFS Faculty members addressed the issue of providing the botanic garden with ecosystems services and discussed AUB's position and future role as a model botanic garden.

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"Nutrition in Emergencies" Intensive Course

The sixth annual "Nutrition in Emergencies" intensive 10-day course, in collaboration with University College London, launched on May 16, 2016 hosting professionals from around the world.

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Workshop on "Nutrigenomics and Personalized Nutrition"

Within this year MEMA's theme of Precision Medicine and in line with its mission to provide cutting edge evidence and recent advances in the field of Nutrition, the NFSC department hosted a workshop on Nutrigenomics and Personalized Nutrition: Implications for the Dietetic Practice on May 16, 2016.

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NFSC Department Hosts Session on Precision Nutrition

The Nutrition and Food Sciences Department led the coordination and delivery of a session on Precision Nutrition that took place on Saturday May 14, 2016 as part of this year's MEMA theme of Precision Medicine.

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