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Dear Professor Ali-Reza A'arafi,

I have the pleasure to advise you that the application of Al-Mustafa International University for membership in the International Association of Universities (IAU) was carefully reviewed by the Association. Your institution meets all the criteria for admission as set by the IAU Administrative Board and so, we are delighted to accept the application. On behalf of the IAU President and members of the IAU Administrative Board, as well as personally, allow me to express how much we look forward to welcoming Al-Mustafa International University as a Member of the Association as soon as possible and hope that you will take an active part in our work.

Three remaining formalities must be completed before Al-Mustafa International University officially becomes a Member of IAU. The first concerns the provision, in the Constitution of IAU, requiring each member to designate a Correspondent (usually the academic head of the institution) and an alternate Correspondent (most frequently the Senior Administrative Officer or the International Relations Officer). For this purpose, please find enclosed a form entitled *Information for Updating of IAU Records*, which I would ask you to complete and return to our office as soon as possible. Please provide us with correct e-mail addresses since IAU strives to use e-mail for communications with members as much as possible.

Second, as part of the admission process, all institutions are asked to endorse the enclosed "Letter of Commitment to Core Academic Values", which underpin the Association's work. We hope that this will be acceptable to you.

The third and final step to becoming a Member of IAU concerns the constitutional obligation to settle annual membership fees. These are payable per academic year (1 October to 30 September). Starting in 2006, IAU membership fees became based on a combination of institutional student enrolment and GNP country category (cf. our webpage: http://www.iau-aiu.net/membership/i_fees.html for details). The annual fees for Al-Mustafa International University are therefore **2,300 Euros**, payable as of now and that will cover the period ending on 30 September 2011. A formal invoice in this amount is enclosed.

As soon as IAU receives the payment of fees, Al-Mustafa International University will become entitled to all membership benefits. They include complimentary copies of IAU reference works and publications, which will be sent to you immediately. Among these are:

- *International Handbook of Universities* (new style) at a discount price
- *World Higher Education Database (WHED)* on CD-Rom
- Free subscription to *Higher Education Policy*, IAU's quarterly journal
- *Monthly E Bulletin*
- *IAU Horizons: World Higher Education News*, an IAU and higher education news magazine published three times a year (copy enclosed)

We encourage a two-way flow of news and communication with our members to remain up-to-date on their needs and interests. If you would like IAU to announce special programmes, courses or events of interest to the broader higher education community, we would be pleased to post these either on our website, in the "News from our Members" section or in *IAU Horizons*.

One of the benefits offered to IAU Members is an opportunity to meet. The IAU holds annual Conferences and a General Conference, every four years now. Besides it organizes Round Tables, Seminars, special Workshops and other kinds of special Meetings on themes related to the IAU thematic clusters that have been selected by its Board and which reflect concerns universities face around the world. As you may know, the next **IAU Annual Conference** will be hosted by Kenyatta University (Nairobi, Kenya) on **17-18 November 2011** and will focus on *Strategies for Securing Equity in Access and Success in Higher Education*. We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you at this event.

IAU also launched last year a new service which may be of interest to your University. The goal of the new [Internationalization Strategies Advisory Service \(ISAS\)](#) is to 'accompany' Member Institutions in their reflection on how to achieve their institutional international objectives. IAU will call on experts from around the world, using its global network of members and contacts, to lend their knowledge and experience to this advisory, peer-learning service designed to strengthen and improve internationalization strategies at the institutional level. More information on ISAS is available online at: www.iau-aiu.net

We look forward to our collaboration with Al-Mustafa International University and are open to any suggestions you may have to make your Association more useful to you. If you feel that we may be of further assistance to you or your colleagues, or would like more information on IAU, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Eva Egron-Polak
Secretary-General
Executive Director, International Bureau of Universities

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- Letter of Commitment (also sent by email)
- Membership dues 2011 invoice (also sent by email)
- IAU Horizons: World Higher Education News (sent by airmail)
- IAU Policy Statements (sent by airmail)