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Diary of the Week

Number of Applications

To date, we are at 682 applications from all over the Arab world.

Recruiting Jury Members:

Two additional jurors had been recruited over the past two weeks. Mr. Abdulsalam Haykal and Mr. Karim Tabbah who are both from Syria..

Facebook Group

We have created a Facebook group, MIT Arab Business Plan competition, which we encourage you to join and invite your friends.

Call for Volunteers

We are always in need of help. You can recommend a juror, advise on a specific issue, or propose new ideas.

We appreciate whatever you are willing to bring in. Please contact the people below:

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IN THE NEWS

Last Year's Competition on TV



The four episodes of last year's Competition are being run on LBC SAT every THURSDAY at 11:20pm, KSA time.

Subsequently, the same episodes will run for the second time on LBCI every Sunday starting January 4, 2009 at 10:00pm, Beirut time.

Follow-Up on University Packs



Three weeks ago, we sent promotional packs to universities across the region. The packs included flyers, posters, and a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the different stages of the Competition. We have been following-up with the concerned party at every university to check if the posters were hung on campus and the flyers distributed to students.

The Arab Business Angels Network (ABAN) is helping us with universities at UAE and is making sure the promotional material is well exposed on site.

Presentations at Universities in Lebanon

We are running presentations at universities in Lebanon to raise awareness among students about the Competition and to tell them more about its structure, different rounds, and calendar of events. Last week, we presented at Hariri Canadian University (HCU), American University of Beirut (AUB), and American University of Science & Technology (AUST). We will continue running presentations at universities in Lebanon. On Monday, December 22, 2008, we will be present at Lebanese American University (LAU) at 4:00pm in Beirut. Tentative presentations are scheduled for January 2009 at Notre Dame University (NDU), Haigazian University, Saint Joseph University (USJ), and Universite Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (USEK).

COMPETITION CALENDAR - DEADLINE EXTENDED



The deadline for submitting the application forms has been extended to **January 22, 2009** (previously set on January 8th). Participants now have two additional weeks to think thoroughly of their answers in order to come up with a sound form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop on How to Fill the Application Form

For the participants who are having difficulties filling in the application, EcoVentures will be holding 3 sessions at their offices (Office 332 in Building #10 in Dubai Media City, same as BBC Building). For further details, please contact Mr. Armen Vartanian at 050 385 9892. The schedule of the sessions is as follows:

- Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 6:00pm, Dubai time
- Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00pm, Dubai time