



## ASREN Interim Board Meeting December 8-9, 2010

### Decisions/ Actions:

#### 1. Interim Board of Directors

1. Honorary President: H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa / Secretary General of the League of Arab States
2. Chair: H.E. Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh / TAGOrg
3. Co-Chair: Dr. Saleh Hashem / Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities
4. Secretary – Redouane Merrouch/ MARWAN – Morocco
5. Directors
  - H.E. Dr. Khedija Ghariani/ Secretary General of the Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization
  - Dr. Faeqa Saleh / League of Arab States
  - Mr. Yousef Torman / Jordan University Network
  - Dr. Salem Al-Agtash / TAGOrg
6. DANTE's current EUMEDCONNECT2 project manager - special ASREN executive board advisor
7. Invited - Turkish Academic Network and Information Center (ULAKBIM)

#### 2. Infrastructure Committee:

1. Arab Information and Communication Technology Organization (Chair)
2. Egypt University Network (Coordinator)
3. League of Arab States
4. NRENS
5. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization
6. DANTE
7. Invited - Turkish Academic Network and Information Center (ULAKBIM)

#### 3. Scientific Research Committee

1. Arab League for Science, Education, and Culture Organization (Chair)
  2. Federation of the Arab scientific research councils (Coordinator)
  3. League of Arab States
  4. Association of Arab Universities
  5. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization
  6. Invited – The Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council (TUBITAK)
4. Legal name to be the “Organization of Arab States Research and Education Networks” but retain the name ASREN for branding purposes
  5. Board composition and Interim Board’s decisions to be ratified at first Board meeting after ASREN is registered. (Same for Infrastructure Committee)
  6. ASREN to be registered as soon as possible, estimated within 8 weeks. Initial signatories: Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, TAG, Arab League, Egypt (to confirm soon)
  7. Yacine to resolve the final registration issues with TAG lawyers
  8. Prepare information booklet for all participants including proceedings, attendance list, strategic plan
  9. Chairman Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stressed his involvement is only to establish ASREN
  10. EC confirmed it intends to fund EUMEDCONNECT3, no detail provided in the meeting
  11. DANTE to propose transition plan to ASREN:
    1. to engage additional countries to make it ‘Arab-inclusive’ in collaboration with the Republic of Turkiye
    2. to work out with the ASREN Technical Committee procedural steps for the transition, including a realistic timeline
    3. to plan re-tendering of the network with ASREN
  12. TAG accepts with a pleasure to host ASREN offices in Amman and in Cairo during the incubation period until the establishment of permanent base in NREN or standalone
  13. Need to further develop business plan to start to enhance awareness and generate support of donor organisations
  14. DANTE to propose cost sharing principles for infrastructure

- 15.** Membership of NRENs in ASREN to be promoted
- 16.** First Board meeting needs to be planned: Could coincide with next EUMEDCONNECT2 meeting in March and/or ASREN registration signing in Dusseldorf
- 17.** TAG/JuNet/DANTE will continue to jointly provide support pending CEO, but to appoint immediately an ASREN office administrator
- 18.** Prepare and print ASREN Launch booklet, and publish all related presentations, declarations, and documentation on ASREN Launch website
- 19.** Organize a registration frame for technology patents; Plan the architecture of the Pan-Arab e-Infrastructure with a facility for resource sharing and joint content development; and Promote partnership with private sector
- 20.** Plan with the Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization to organize an Arab ministerial meeting in Tunis to discuss cooperation venues towards a unified ASREN e-Infrastructure as a pan – Arab network dedicated to research and education.
- 21.** Plan to start annual ASREN conference from late 2011

ASREN 1<sup>st</sup> annual conference in Amman – December 2011

## **22. Financing**

1. Clear business plan to be submitted to donors
2. New partners, mainly from the Gulf
3. Membership

# ASREN Infrastructure Committee Meeting

## December 9, 2010

### Decisions/actions

4. Interim Infrastructure Committee composition and decisions to be ratified at first meeting after ASREN is registered.
  - DANTE is a member of the Infrastructure Committee
  - TAGOrg is a member of the Infrastructure Committee
  - NRENs are members of the Infrastructure Committee
5. EUN to prepare proposals by 20 Dec for how to prepare network plan based on strategic plan, Mme El-Maouhab's document and relevant points from the CEO TOR