

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO,  
LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS,  
BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM**

**[AUB/AUC/LAU/UCD/BZU] [BCBCB]**

**FOUNDER/COORDINATOR:**

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**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS AND HISTORY**

**NOVEMBER 2012**

**1999-2001.** Meetings with Presidents and Provosts of AUB, AUC, LAU to lay ground work for the BCBC initiative. This was done in Suad Joseph's capacity as Director of the UC Education Abroad Program at AUC in Cairo, and in cooperation with UC EAP Director John Marcum.

**2001 June.** First BCBC meeting. Presidents, Provosts, and Deans of AUB, AUC, LAU and key faculty (around 70-80 total) met in Beirut, hosted by AUB, LAU. UC team led by John Marcum (team of 7 included UCLA, UCB, UCD, UCSB). Outcome: Memorandum of agreement written and signed by AUB, AUC, LAU Presidents to work with UC on collaborative projects. Six projects identified. Co-funded, AUB, LAU, UC EAP. Organizer: Suad Joseph.

**2002 November.** Workshop in Washington, DC. 60 faculty from AUB/AUC/LAU/UC (including LAU Dean, AUC Provost, faculty from UCD, UCB, UCLA, UCSB). Faculty worked on all six projects. Organizer: Suad Joseph

**2003 March.** BCBC Gender and Water Projects meeting at UC Santa Barbara. Attended by AUC, LAU, UCLA, UCSB, UCD, UCD UOIP (Raba Gunesakara). Water group and the Gender group developed preliminary proposals for external funding. Co-funded UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, UOIP. Organizer: Suad Joseph

**2003 April.** BCBC Gender Group met in UC Davis. Attended by AUC, UCLA, UOIP (Dennis Dutschke), UC Davis. Work on Gender Project Proposal. Funded UOIP Seed Grant. Organizer: Suad Joseph

**2003 June.** BCBC Gender Group met in Beirut, hosted by LAU, attended by 50 faculty. UCD, UCLA, AUB, AUC, LAU. Conference/Workshop. Co-funded by UCD UOIP, LAU. Co-organizers: Suad Joseph (UCD) and Mona Khalaf (LAU).

**2004 April.** BCBC Gender Group met in UC Davis. Attended by AUC, Bir Zeit, and UC Davis. Develop new strategic plan. Organizer: Suad Joseph.

**Summer 2004 and 2005.** Dean Fuad Hashwa, LAU, visit Davis, met Dean Enrique Lavernia, and Vice Provost William Lacy to pursue water project.

**January-March 2005, also 2007 and 2008.** UCD Professor Fadi Fathallah spent one-quarter sabbaticals at AUB working on musculoskeletal disorders among full-time homemakers as well as migrant agricultural workers in collaboration with Professors Rima Habib and Iman Nuwayhid from AUB Faculty of Health Sciences. Gave a campus-wide lecture on Health and Safety Research in California Agriculture and yearly (2005-2011) guest lecturers at AUB FHS graduate classes on occupational health. Organizer: Fadi Fathallah.

**February 2005.** Iraq Agricultural Higher Education and Development (AHEAD) meeting at AUB. Fadi Fathallah gave four lectures on UC Davis agricultural engineering research, curricula, and outreach. Organizer: Fadi Fathallah.

**September 2005.** UCD Fall Chancellor's Conference, meeting of Dean Neal Van Alfen, Dean Enrique Lavernia, Associate Dean Jim Hill, Associate Dean Karen McDonald, Vice Provost William Lacy, Dennis Dutschke, Nicole Ranganath, Mohammad Mohanna, Majid Rahimian, Gretchen Kolongji, and Suad Joseph focusing on the Water Project. Organizer: Suad Joseph.

**January 2006.** New President of LAU, Joseph Jabbra, asked Suad Joseph to connect him with the Dean of Agriculture for consultation about their launching a new school of agriculture in South Lebanon. UCD CAES Associate Dean Jim Hill met with Jabbra in Washington, in May 2006.

**March/April 2006** Suad Joseph visit to Lebanon & Egypt: President Waterbury (AUB), President Jabbra (LAU), Provost Tim Sullivan (AUC), agree to fund a representative to come to UC Davis to build on BCBC initiatives, especially the water and gender projects.

**May 2006.** Associate Dean Jim Hill visit Cairo, met Provost Tim Sullivan and Dir. Richard Tutwiler. (Hill's April visit to Beirut to meet with AUB President John Waterbury and LAU President Jabbra had been postponed. His August trip to Beirut was not possible because of July/August war. Organizer: Jim Hill.

**November 2006.** Delegation from AUB (Nadim Farajallah), AUC (Richard Tutwiler), LAU (Fuad Hashwa), Birzeit (Simon Kuttub) visit UC Davis for one week. Meet Deans of all colleges, schools, Provost, Vice Provosts and key faculty. Organizer: Suad Joseph with collaboration of

Deans, UOIP, and Kais Menoufy, CEO Delegata, Sacramento.

**March 2007.** Chancellor and UC Davis Delegation visit Egypt and hold a one-day conference of the BCBCB Consortium attended by Chancellor of UC Davis (Larry Vanderhoef), President of AUC (David Arnold), Provost of AUB (Peter Heath), President of LAU (Joseph Jabbra), President of Birzeit (Nabil Kassis) and key Deans, Vice Chancellors, Vice Provosts, and faculty. **SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE BCBCB COOPERATION AGREEMENT.** Co-Organizers: Suad Joseph, UOIP (William Lacy, Robert Kerr) and President David Arnold.

**October 2007.** Water Project meeting at UC Davis attended by key UC Davis faculty (Richard Snyder, Wes Wallender), AUB (Nadim Farajallah), AUC (Richard Tutwiler), LAU (Jean Chatila). Co-Organizers: Richard Snyder and Suad Joseph.

**December 2007.** Meeting of Steering Committee of BCBCB attended by UC Davis (Suad Joseph), AUB (Helene Sadr), AUC (Richard Tutwiler), LAU (Irma Ghosn), Bir Zeit (Ziad Mimi) and key faculty of AUC. Organizer: Suad Joseph

**January 2008.** AUC Dean of Engineering Medhat Haroun visited UC Davis School of Engineering. Co-Organizers: UCD Provost Enrique Lavernia and Suad Joseph.

**June 2008:** UC Davis College of Biological Sciences Dean Ken Burtis visits LAU as a reviewer for the graduate program in Molecular Biology. Co-Organizers Ken Burtis and LAU Dean Fuad Hashwa.

**July 2008- March 2011.** Fadi Fathallah served as UC EAP Study Center Director at the AUC. Presented several lectures about UC Davis and its programs in the departments of Mechanical Engineering and Electronics Engineering, and the Biotechnology Graduate Program. Facilitated the link between AUC students and UC Davis researchers in biotechnology. Currently (August 2011-March 2012), there is one AUC PhD student, Reem Al Olaby, conducting part of her doctoral research on hepatitis C virus at UCDMC due to this effort. Facilitated the link between AUC (Richard Tutwiler; Director of the Desert Development Center, and the late Stephen Everhart, Associate Dean of the Business School) and Ruihong Zhang (UCD Bio and Ag Engineering) to collaborate on building an anaerobic digester at AUC as well as exploring other alternative energy sources in Egypt. Organized a 3-day visit of Professor Pierre Zalloua (LAU) to AUC as a Distinguished Visiting Professor- established collaborations between LAU and AUC as well as UCD biotechnology programs. Fadi Fathallah and Richard Tutwiler (AUC) received a small grant from AUC office of research to look at musculoskeletal disorders among AUC agricultural and ground maintenance workers. Organizer: Fadi Fathallah.

**October 2008.** LAU Professor Faculty of Science Pierre Zalloua visited UC Davis for one week, giving the Storer Lecture and meeting with key research partners, hosted by the College of

Biological Sciences. Co-Organizers: UCD Dean Kenneth Burtis & Suad Joseph.

**April 2009.** Professor Hani Sayed, incoming Chair, AUC's graduate program in Law, visited UC Davis, for one week, hosted by the Martin Luther King Jr. School of Law, developing several action plans for collaboration. Co-Organizers: UCD Director, Beth Greenwood and Suad Joseph.

**April 2009.** AUC Provost Lisa Anderson exchanged plans for a graduate School of Education with UC Davis Dean of the School of Education, Harold Levine. Dean Levine extends an invitation to Provost Anderson to visit Davis and invites collaboration. November 2009, BCBCB Coordinator, Suad Joseph, meets with AUC Acting Dean SOE, Samiha Peterson to discuss collaborations.

**June 2009- June 2010.** Doha: BCBCB Coordinator, Suad Joseph, works with the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development, in Qatar, to develop proposals for collaborations with UC Davis on family studies.

**October 2009.** Beirut: Water Project: Middle East Irrigation Outreach Program Workshop meeting to finalize funding proposal. Beirut. Participants include AUB, AUC, LAU, Zagazig University, University of Jordan, UC Cooperative Extension and UC Davis. Lead PI's: Dr. Richard Snyder, Wes Wallender, Khaled Bali, UC Davis. Co-Organizers: Richard Snyder and Suad Joseph.

**December 2009.** BCBCB Coordinator, Suad Joseph, meets with Mr. Faris Saeed in Dubai to consider developing a UC Davis Center in Dubai focusing on Environmental Studies.

**April 2010.** Doha: Joseph meets with DIIFSD; Qatar University President, Office of Research; Social & Economic Survey Research Center and faculty; Qatar Foundation President and Executive Director of Research of the Qatar National Research Fund; numerous branches of the QF and government agencies to explore collaborations with UC Davis and other BCBCB partners.

**June 2010.** Davis: Mr. Faris Saeed and Dr. Fabiana Tessele visit UC Davis for one week, meeting Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, Deans and faculty of Division of Social Science, Engineering, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and Graduate School of Management. Hosted by Dean George R. Mangun, Dean DSS. He proposes a UC Davis Dubai Center for Environmental Studies, focusing on training professionals in waste management and water treatment initially and evolving into a college eventually. He offers land use and start-up costs. Co-Organizers: UCD Dean George R. Mangun, Victoria Austin, and Suad Joseph.

**September 2010.** Davis. Dean Bruce White, Engineering, agrees to be Lead Dean on the Davis Dubai Center for Environmental Studies, working with Faris Saeed.

**September 2010.** Mr. Faris Saeed makes/begins his \$250,000 commitment to Middle East/South Asia Studies, for Arab Studies, donating \$50,000 annually.

**September 2010. Cairo.** Stephen Everhart, Dean AUC School of Business and Richard Tutwiler, Director of Desert Development Center, AUC, develop biogas project with Ruihong Zhang, UC Davis. Tutwiler had come to UC Davis twice with the BCBCB project. Joseph met Everhart and Tutwiler in Cairo in 2009 to follow up. Everhart and Tutwiler visited UC Davis together in 2008.

**November 2010 San Diego.** Harold Levine, Dean UC Davis School of Education meets with Samiha Peterson, Dean of AUC Graduate School of Education, with Suad Joseph, to discuss collaborations. Dean Levine plans February 2011 trip to Cairo. Visit postponed because of Egyptian revolution.

**July 2011. Beirut.** Atif Idriss, UC Davis Food Science alumnus, and head of MEFOSA, meets with Suad Joseph to inquire about collaboration with UC Davis Food Science on food safety and value chains. Joseph connects Atif Idriss with UCD: Jim Hill, Associate Dean CAES, Glen Young of Food Sciences, and Fadi Fathallah Engineer and CAES. Hill, Young, Fathallah, and Joseph meet to consider range of collaborations. Conversations by email proceed with Atif Idriss for next 8 months. Idriss is invited to visit UC Davis; plans visit for Spring 2012. Co-Organizers: Glen Young and Suad Joseph.

**July 2011.** The BCBCB Group applied with CMCC, Italy for Funding of the Water Project Proposal to “Cross-Border Cooperation within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), Mediterranean Sea Basic Joint Operational Programme. Organizer: Richard Snyder.

**July 2011. Beirut.** Kamal Badr, Founding Dean Lebanese American University School of Medicine and Professor of Medicine AUB (Nephrology and Hypertension), Associate Dean for Medical Education, and Associate Chair for Medical Education, Department of Internal Medicine, and Director, Vascular Medicine Program at AUB, meets with Suad Joseph to discuss collaborations with UC Davis school of Medicine on salt and vascular health. Suad Joseph contacts Claire Pomeroy, Dean UC Davis School of Medicine connects Associate Dean Kamal Badr with Carl Keen (UC Davis Nutrition), Francene Steinberg (UC Davis Chair, Nutrition), David McCarron (UC Davis, Nutrition). Email exchange follows.

**July 2011.** Fadi Fathallah visits the Universite Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (USEK) in Lebanon on behalf of CAES International Programs Office to explore potential collaborations with UCD and other BCBCB programs. Meetings with Dean of Agriculture, Associate Dean of International Programs, and Director of Public Relations.

**August 2011. Beirut.** George Khalaf, Director, Middle East and North Africa Synergos, asks Suad Joseph to connect him with UC Davis faculty who might be interested in working collaboratively on a US AID project for social entrepreneurship. Joseph connects Khalaf with Steve Currall, Dean, UC Davis Graduate School of Management, Wilson Agatstein (UC Davis, GSM). Email conversation ensued.

**October 2011. Beirut.** Former Dean Kenneth Burtis invited by Former Dean Fuad Hashwa and goes to Beirut to carry out external review of LAU’s BS Program in Biology, School of Arts and Sciences. This is second external review mission for Burtis at LAU. Former Dean Hashwa and Former Dean Ken Burtis discuss possible student exchanges between LAU and UC Davis.

**December 2011.** Washington, DC. Samiha Peterson, Dean of AUC Graduate School of Education meets with Suad Joseph to discuss reinitiating collaborations with UC Davis School of Education, after Egyptian Revolution.

**December 2011.** Samiha Peterson, Dean of AUC Graduate School of Education requests from Harold Levine, Dean, UC Davis School of Education, reviewers for tenure dossier at AUC.

**January 2012.** BCBCB Agreement Renewed.

**August 2012.** Co-Organized the visit of Atef Idriss, MEFOS, Beirut, to UC Davis. Consultation on Food Security and Food Safety.

**November 2012.** Organized the visit of Diamond Developers, Faris Saeed, Wassim Adlouni, Phil Dunn to UC Davis, to consult on the building of Dubai's Sustainable City. MOU signed by Chancellor.