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Engineering co-organizes international workshop at AUB and Munich University of Technology

Within the scope of the CITPER project and in collaboration with EU institutions, faculty members and graduate students from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at AUB organized and participated in



Profs. Dawy and Ayman Kayssi with graduate engineering students in Munich

an International Workshop on Information Technology. The workshop was held in two parts: the first part at AUB between June 21 and 26 and the second part at Munich University of Technology (TUM) between July 11 and 15. It brought around 40 students and faculty members from AUB, TUM, and University of Southampton together at both locations to attend technical seminars and give presentations on the theme of Smart Homes and related technologies such as broadband access, media technologies, security protocols, and applications. The workshop also included technical and management presentations by industry specialists from ActiveMania in Beirut, BMW in Munich, and Siemens in Munich.

"The main purpose of the workshop was to enhance collaboration between AUB and European universities," said Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Zaher Dawy, one of the main organizers of the workshop. "It was both a technical and a cultural activity."



Participants during a workshop session at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

"It was a great experience, full of learning opportunities," said Lina Kanj, a graduate student of computer and communications engineering, who along with six other students participated in the workshops. "We saw some really cool and exciting inventions, such as a high-tech bed full of sensors that can

detect any change in a person's vital signs, thus allowing doctors to treat a patient from a remote hospital."

But exposure to technological advances was not the only enriching part of the experience, added Kanj. "We met lots of people from different countries and discovered the tourist sites of Munich."

The trip also helped Kanj secure a fellowship on an exchange program at TUM. "I hope such international workshops become a regular activity so that many students can participate in them," she said.

The motivation behind holding the workshop at two locations was to enrich the cultural experience of the participants. In Lebanon, the cultural activities included two excursions to Baalbek and Byblos, a banquet dinner, in addition to a guided tour of Downtown Beirut. In Germany, the cultural activities included an excursion to lake Chiemsee, a banquet dinner, in addition to a guided tour of Downtown Munich (Marienplatz).

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