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INTEL SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR ARAB STUDENTS TO BE HELD IN QATAR FOR FIRST TIME

Science Students From 11 Countries Across Middle East And North Africa To Compete For Top Prizes

Doha, Qatar 26 October: Joint organisers Intel Corporation (Ltd.), the Research and Development Division of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF R&D), and Qatar's Supreme Education Council, (SEC) have announced the 5th Intel Science Competition Arab World 2014 (ISC AW) will take place in the State of Qatar from 9 to 11 November 2014.

The ISC AW is an annual Pan Arab Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) competition for students in grades 9 to 12.

The ISC AW will be hosted in Qatar for the first time, with more than 100 students participating from 11 countries across the Middle East and North Africa all competing for prizes. The three-day event takes place at the Qatar National Convention Centre in the Qatari capital Doha.

Alongside Intel and SEC, QF R&D's involvement in the competition stems from its core mission areas of supporting programmes in education, driving the science and research culture in Qatar and furthering learning and knowledge.

The ISC AW is held in the same spirit as Intel's International Science & Engineering Fair competition, by providing talented young scientists with the opportunity to showcase their independent research projects on an international stage and be judged by a panel of experts.

Qatari judges will be joined by international experts to appraise a total of 89 projects in a range of diverse categories, including energy, environmental science, engineering, computer science, biochemistry, behavioural and social sciences.



Students qualified for the ISC AW by winning their home country's science competition and now set to meet and compete with their international peers. Students will be presenting their projects and competing in Arabic, with the aim of building confidence and experience of working with the language in the field of science.

Dr Ayman Bassil, Head of Research Training at QF R&D, said: "Qatar Foundation is delighted to jointly organise the ISC AW, as the competition inspires young people to become passionate about science and pursue scientific careers."

"Scientific expertise and innovation is fundamental to advancing society and developing knowledge-based economies. As the ISC AW is helping to foster the next generation of scientists in Qatar and the rest of the Arab World, it is firmly in line with Qatar Foundation's role in contributing to human development nationally, regionally, and internationally."

Taha Khalifa, Intel General Manager, MENA region, said: "The world needs more scientists, makers and entrepreneurs to create jobs, drive economic growth and solve pressing global challenges. Intel believes that young people are the key to innovation, and we hope that these winners inspire more students to get involved in science, technology, engineering and maths; the very foundation for creativity."

Fawziya Abdulaziz Al-Khater, Director of the Education Institute, Supreme Education Council, said: "We are thrilled to host this year's ISC AW in Qatar. The competition is an engaging way for students to learn more about the key subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths, in addition to developing softer skills such as presenting."

For more information about the 5th Intel Science Competition Arab World 2014, please visit: <https://arabscience.intel.com/>.

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