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QATAR FOUNDATION'S FLAGSHIP ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE (ARC'14) REVEALS 13 PER CENT INCREASE IN SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Leading Science Experts Come Together To Address Qatar's Grand Challenges At Next Month's Event

Doha, Qatar 27 October 2014: Qatar Foundation's Annual Research Conference (ARC'14) has revealed a 13 per cent increase in scientific abstracts submissions; a record number for the flagship annual event.

The two-day conference, taking place on 18 and 19 November at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), is held under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. The event supports QF's mission to build Qatar's innovation and technology capacity through key sciences.

Qatar Foundation Research and Development's (QF R&D) Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) undertook peer reviews for almost 1,200 abstracts. The evaluation process was based on a strict set of criteria, including research quality, originality and merit, relevance to Qatar and relevance to Qatar's Grand Challenges – water, energy, cyber security and integrated healthcare.

Shortlisted contenders for the best research presentation award will deliver their high-quality presentations to the local and international science community.

As one of the main pillars of QF, Qatar Foundation Research & Development has been active in promoting QF's vision of cultivating life-long learning and interest in science and research in Qatar. The annual research conference is regarded as the premier scientific research conference in Qatar, hosted by QF R&D.

Dr Nabeel Al Salem, Executive Director of Outreach and Communications at QF R&D, said: "It is a source of great pride to see record numbers of the science community submit their research to be part of this year's Annual Research Conference.

"The conference provides a platform for local experts and QF R&D's key entities, in addition to international subject matter experts, to come together to find compelling solutions and technologies for the country's Grand Challenges. The research submissions



play an important part of ARC as part of multi-disciplinary knowledge sharing, to contribute to Qatar's research agenda.”

Next month's conference follows on the success of ARC'13, which was attended by more than 2,000 delegates and where Qatar's research Grand Challenges were unveiled. Additionally, more than 1,000 scientific abstracts were received, of which close to 450 abstracts were accepted for poster presentations. The authors of around 50 delivered oral presentations on their research.

ARC'14 will offer thought-provoking panel discussions, technical presentations, and high-powered debates where leading experts will share constructive experiences and innovative approaches '*Towards World-Class Research and Innovation.*'

For more information about ARC'14 or to register, please visit: <http://www.qf-arc.org/>.

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