

## **Egyptian Student Association in North America Semi Annual Meeting (SAM) Report, Prepared by: ESANA Media officer**

**17-20th July 2009**

The Egyptian Student Association in North America (ESANA) had their Semi Annual Meeting (SAM) during 17-20th July 2009 in Canada. The meeting was hosted by The Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs in Montreal.

ESANA members were honored to have His Excellency Ambassador Shamel Naser, Egypt Ambassador in Canada, H.E. Mr. Adel El Alfy- Egypt Consul in Montreal –Canada.

And the keynote speaker Dr. Sherif Barakat, Vice president of the National Council of Research (NRC) in Canada.

The meeting started with a speech delivered by Shamel Alam Eldin-ESANA president, who extended his appreciation to Prof. Nebal El-Tanbouly, Consul, and Dr. Amany Fouad- Cultural attaché-Bureau of Cultural & Educational affairs of Egypt – Canada for hosting ESANA semi annual meeting, Also he welcomed Prof. Maha Kamel Deputy Director and scientific counselor of ECEB-USA who joined the meeting from Washington DC through the video conference.

He also welcomed all attendees from ESANA Executive Committee and Project Managers and representatives from the Canadian Universities.

Through the Video conference, Mr. Mahmoud El Semin Director of the central office of mission sector and cultural cooperation and Colleagues from the mission sector joined ESANA semi annual meeting where they listened to all students questions and comments regarding all issues related to current and future decisions related to Egyptian scholars in USA and Canada.

In his speech, His Excellency Ambassador Shamel Naser, Egypt Ambassador in Canada thanked ESANA for inviting him to their semi annual meeting, acknowledging the role of all Egyptian Students abroad as they are the best representative to the Egyptian culture and civilization. And he encouraged that their learning should not be limited to their area of science and technology but should extend by being open to the other cultures.

In a friendly session with the students, H.E. Mr. Adel El Alfy- Egypt Consul in Montreal – Canada, talked to the Egyptian student explaining the role of the Egyptian consulates in Canada and what kind of services they provide to the Egyptian citizens living in Canada, emphasizing on the importance of the mutual relationship and link between the citizens and the embassy. He also enjoyed answering any question and inquiries raised by all the students.

“Canadian Science and Technology- A global trend and NCR response”, was the title of the lecture given by keynote speaker Dr. Sherif Barakat who talked about the NCR as an organization all across Canada, addressing the fundamental of research, and how can science and technology help us.

How can the Cultural Bureau help you? A session that aimed to answer all inquiries addressed by ESANA members, where Dr. Nebal El Tanbouly Consul, Bureau of Cultural & Educational affairs of Egypt – Canada, Dr. Maha Kamel, Deputy Director and scientific counselor Egyptian Cultural & Educational Bureau-USA, Dr. Amany Fouad Cultural attaché Bureau of Cultural & Educational affairs of Egypt – Canada where they discussed many issues related to ESANA students in Canada and USA.

On the second day of the meeting, ESANA Executive Committee and Project Managers presented their semi annual report to Dr. Nebal Al-Tanbouly and Dr. Amany Fouad, the session was fruitful in the sense of all comments and valuable inputs and suggestions raised by Dr. Nebal and Dr. Amany. The meeting was concluded by a Two Posters a present from the Egyptian Student Association of Toronto Canada, the posters showed Historical information about Egypt, the was followed by acknowledging all members in the Bureau of Cultural & Educational affairs in Canada for hosting the meeting a their efforts and collaboration for making ESANA's semi annual meeting a successful event, and announcing the recommendation and conclusive remarks by ESANA president.