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2018 JOINT FUND SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 5-7

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The 2018 Joint Fund Symposium will highlight the plans and accomplishments of current and former grantees of the U.S. - Egypt Science and Technology Joint Fund. This Symposium will provide an opportunity for grantees to meet other program participants, discuss their research plans, and present the outcomes of past collaborative scientific research projects.

Monday, November 5

Location: Salon Vert, Palace Building, 2nd Floor

10:00 – 10:45 Welcome

Dr. Emad Hegazi, *Executive Director, Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)*

Ms. Tara Simpson, *Acting Director, Office of Education and Health, USAID/Egypt*

10:45 – 11:15 Program Expectations

Moderator:

Ms. Katherine Matheson, *Program Officer, U.S. - Egypt S&T Joint Fund, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS)*

Discussion and Q&A with Katherine Matheson and Dr. Samer El-Haw, *U.S. - Egypt Coordinator, Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)*

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Alumni PI Panel: Lessons Learned and Best Practices

Moderators:

Dr. Riju Srimal, *Senior Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, U.S. Department of State*

Dr. Lara Campbell, *Program Director in the Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation (NSF)*

Panelists:

Dr. Mahfouz Abd-Elgawad, *National Research Centre* (Representing the Cycle 9 project: *Developing a basis for commercial biological control tactics for IPM in citrus* and Cycle 11 project: *Formulating a Rule for Modeling Optimal Application Strategies for IPM in Citrus*)

Dr. Gayle Volk, *United States Department of Agriculture* (Representing the Cycle 16 project: *Development of Cryopreservation Strategies for Conserving Grape Genetic Diversity within Genebanks*)

Dr. Larry Duncan, *University of Florida* (Representing the Cycle 9 project: *Developing a basis for commercial biological control tactics for IPM in citrus* and Cycle 11 project: *Formulating a Rule for Modeling Optimal Application Strategies for IPM in Citrus*)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Omar's Café, Palace Building, Ground Floor

14:30 – 17:00 Project Flash-Talk Presentations (3-minutes each)

Moderators:

Ms. Negin Sobhani, *Program Officer, U.S. - Egypt S&T Joint Fund, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS)*

Presenters: All project teams

17:00 – 18:00 Pre-reception break

18:00 – 20:00 Reception with Egyptian Officials and Academic Community

- Poster presentations by Cycle 17 and Cycle 18 project teams

- Remarks on the Innovation program by STDF, U.S. Department of State, and Innovate Egypt Cycle 18 participant Dr. Hoda Yousry Abdallah from EGYCancer Predict (*Suez Canal University*)

Tuesday, November 6

10:00 – 11:15

- **Cycle 17: Forum and Discussion**

Location: Salon Vert, Palace Building, 2nd Floor

Moderators:

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Ms. Katherine Matheson, Program Officer, U.S. - Egypt S&T Joint Fund, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS)

- **Cycle 18: Open Engagement and Interaction**

Location: Verdi Salon, Palace Building, 2nd Floor

Unmoderated

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45

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12:45 – 14:30 Lunch

Omar's Café, Palace Building, Ground Floor

14:30 – 18:00 Individual Project Team Meetings with NAS and STDF

Location: Verdi Salon, Palace Building, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, November 7

10:00 – 17:00 Individual Project Team Meetings with NAS and STDF

Location: Al Baharia Meeting Room, Zamalek Tower, 1st Floor