Dear Colleagues:

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Sultan Qaboos University Oman, and the Institute for Mathematics and Education of the University of Arizona U.S.A are pleased to announce the “Learning Technology and Mathematics Middle East Conference” to be held at Sultan Qaboos University, in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, March 31-2 April, 2007.

The conference is designed to bring educators and learning technology experts to share their views on the best ways to prepare university students for a world driven by technological innovations. This conference is amongst the first of its kind to be held in the Middle East. It will cover subjects ranging from reforming the mathematics and statistics undergraduate curriculum to introducing learning technologies into the classroom and their effects on both undergraduate and graduate education.

The International Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the unfolding of this exciting event. At least 10 keynote speakers have been invited to speak and share their experience with mathematics curriculum reform, technology implementation, and solutions their institutes created to face the e-learning challenge. The conference will also offer four training workshops on WeBWork, DoStat, Mathematics for Business Decisions and Mathematica. There will be contributed paper and poster sessions where educators and researchers can share their findings and experiences. We strongly encourage graduate students of Mathematics and Statistics and young mathematicians, as well as high school teachers from the Middle East to attend and present their findings in this meeting. Support for some of the participants may be available pending the availability of funds. All details about the conference are available at www.math.arizona.edu/~atp-mena/conference.

This conference will also serve as a starting point for concrete programs for collaboration among all education institutions and partners in the region. We sincerely hope that you can contribute to the success of this event.

Yours Truly,

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