



Winter 2015

# NEWS FROM THE WRITING CENTERS

## Dates To Remember

12-15 March 2015 TESOL ARABIA  
Dubai, UAE

*Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the November 2014 conference in Dubai!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### An Opportunity to Serve!

The Annual General Meeting for the Middle East -North Africa Writing Center Alliance (MENAWCA) will be held on **Thursday, March 12 at 1pm in the Sharzhad Room at the TESOL Arabia Conference in Dubai**. The meeting is open to all, and we particularly welcome individuals who may be interested in taking an active volunteer role on the executive board in the organization.

**PLEASE COME!**

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### The new MENAWCA Executive Board for 2013-2015 (in alphabetical order by first name)

- Amy Zenger: Webmaster (Lebanon)
- Barb Toth: Member-at-Large (Saudi)
- Elizabeth Whitehouse: Exec. Secretary (UAE)
- Jodi Lefort: Public Relations Officer (Oman)
- Kathy O'Sullivan: Past Conference Chair (UAE)
- Kelly Wilson: Vice-President & IWCA Rep
- Khalid Abalhassan: Member-at-Large (Saudi)
- Mark Hill: Past President (UAE)
- Molly McHarg: President (Qatar)
- Nadine Ashkuri: Past Conference Chair (UAE)
- Sherry Ward: Treasurer and Newsletter Ed. (Qatar)



## Open House at the Writing Center!

Posted November 12, 2014 in

EVENTS

The writing center has been offering free consultation sessions, workshops, and other writing services to LAU students, faculty, and staff for the past few years, and in order to further promote its activities, everyone was invited to its 'open house' sessions on LAU's Beirut and Byblos campuses, on October 27 and 29 respectively.



Attendees engaged in interactive activities, discussed the need for writing and effective communication, and also received writing 'motivators' in the form of handouts and souvenirs. In Beirut, faculty members joined in the celebration and Dr. Nahla Bacha, Acting Chairperson of the Departments of English and Humanities, described the atmosphere

as the creation of an "academic buzz".



Associate Chair of the Department of English, Dr. Kris Aercke, walked through a simulation of a regular tutoring session, stepping into a student's shoes.

For more information on the writing center and details on how to book an appointment and benefit from their online resources, click [here](http://sas.lau.edu.lb/english/news/all/open_house_writing_center.php).

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## NEWS From the ASC!

The Academic Success Center (ASC) at Texas A&M at Qatar, formerly The OASIS, is hosting a series of learning workshops this spring semester. The workshops are part of a department initiative to provide students with learning support opportunities that encourage habits for both academic success and personal growth. The workshops are designed to be interactive with the workshop facilitators initiating individual, follow-up appointments with attendees in hopes that the ideas and information shared might be tailored to the individual student's needs. These appointments are also ways to encourage students to come to the ASC to learn more about writing, math and science tutoring opportunities. So far, two workshops have been conducted - one on time management and one on research skills and citation formatting. Over the course of the coming weeks, we will also conduct workshops on presentation skills, resumes/CVs, interview skills, and preparation for finals.

Kelly Wilson

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of the newsletter. Remember there can be no newsletter without your submissions! If interested in featuring in future editions, please send pieces to [sherry.ward@qatar.tamu.edu](mailto:sherry.ward@qatar.tamu.edu). Thanks again for your interest in MENAWCA. Tune in again in April 2015 for the next edition.