



GULF PROGRAMMING CONTEST TAKES PLACE IN KUWAIT FOR THE FIRST TIME

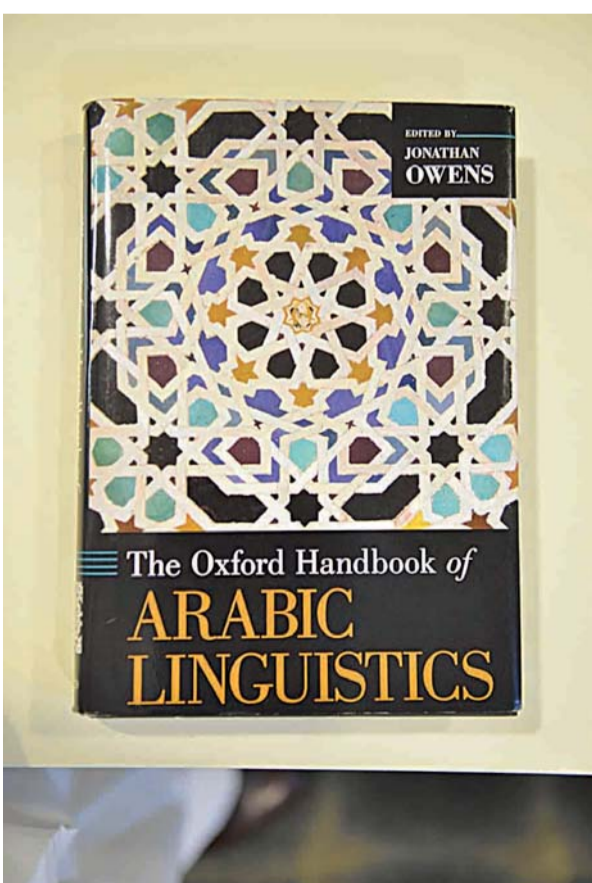
Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) hosted the Sixth Gulf Programming Contest which took place on March 23rd and 24th on its campus. The competition, which was sponsored by Boubyan Bank and Zain and organized by the Computer Science Department at GUST, took place in Kuwait for the first time.

GPC 2016 is an opportunity for university students from around the region majoring in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Management Information Systems, or any IT related subjects to display their abilities in programming and problem solving. The teams were given ten programming problems to solve using one PC only during a five hour period.

The team Travelling Salesmen from Khalifa

University of UAE was selected to represent their university at the ACM regional and world programming contests in 2017. This competition is considered the world's largest global competitive, educative, and scientific in computer programming that attracts a growing number of the best IT students from around the world.

Dr Tahir Ali, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and coach of the GUST team, said "I am so proud of our students for participating in such a high profile and competitive event. I also commend them for their hospitality and sportsmanship, and hope that they do better next year." GPC 2016 in Kuwait hosted 31 teams from 11 universities from across the Gulf Region. Next year's competition is expected to take place at the same time at March 2017.



GUST HOLDS LECTURE ON ARABIC LINGUISTICS

Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) held a lecture on Tuesday, April 26th titled "Linguistic Principles: Why Should We Study Arab Grammarians?". The lecture was given by Dr Jonathan Owens from the University of Bayreuth in Germany, and was organized

by Dr Talal Al-Jassar, a Lecturer in Arabic Language and Linguistic at the College of Arts of Kuwait University.

The lecture aimed to inform students on the interest of the western studies about Arabic grammar; the speaker explored the Arabic linguistic traditions by explaining

the methodology of famous Arab linguists, such as Ibn Al-Sarraj, Ibn Al-Anbari and Sibawaih, and compared it to similar ideas from contemporary western linguistic logic. Following his lecture, Dr Owens presented a copy of his book, "The Handbook of Arabic Linguistics", to Library Director

Shobhita Kohli.

Dr Jonathan Owens is a renowned Professor and a widely published author in the field of Arabic Linguistics. His past experience includes working with the Center for Advanced Study of Language as a Senior Research Scientist at the

University of Maryland in the United States. As well as teaching in numerous Arabic speaking countries and Sub-Saharan Africa, such as Libya, Jordan and Nigeria. Dr Owens is currently the President of Arab Studies at the University of Bayreuth in Germany.