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Minutes of the Sixth Management Meeting: Steering, Scientific, and Quality Meetings



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Prof. Majdi Mahasneh	Professor
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University of Jordan (UJ)	
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Maher Al-Dabbas	Professor
Eng. Tahani Malki	Project Assistant
Al Balqa' Applied University (BAU)	
Prof. Tariq Azab	Contact Person
Prof. Ihab Gbish	Professor
Dr. Basem Dababseh	Assistant Professor
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Mutah University (MU)	
Prof. Omar Maaytah	Professor, Contact Person
Eng. Samer Qaralla	
Jerash University (JU)	
Prof. Ibrahim Al-Tahat	Professor, Contact Person
Dr. Ahmed Al-Hawamdeh	Vice President
Prof. Mohammed Al-Tarawneh	Professor
MONOJO	
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The sixth management meeting of the FOODQA Project was organized by JUST along with the internal auditing visits for the pilot industries, during April 16-21, 2019.

April 16, 2019

The meeting for the FoodQa project started at 14.00 pm, with a welcome speech of the host, Prof. Fahmi Abu Al-Rub, representative of JUST and Coordinator of the Project.

Prof. Fahmi Abu Al-Rub discussed with the partners from MONOJO, MU, UniTE the action plan for Kerak Visit.

April 17-18, 2019

Visit to the Kerak Companies

The team from UniTE, represented by Antonello, MONOJO, represented by Dr. Loay Qattouseh and Eng. Mohammed Shehab, MU, represented by Prof. Omar Maaytah and Eng. Samer, and JFDA, represented by Dr. Moath and, visited Ader food company for auditing. The visit started by a welcome from the company, and then the CEO presented the profile of the company and their engagement with the FoodQA AIC. Then, he showed great acknowledgment to the help that the project provided for the company to secure the HACCP certificate. The team then started very thorough auditing process for all the facilities and documents from the company. At the end of the visit, the team gave recommendations for the company and actions that need be done.

On the second day, the team visited the other Dairy Company, Al-Thunayah Dairy Co. The visit followed the same agenda as on the first day.

April 18, 2019

Visit to TEEBA Company

The team from AUA, represented by Nestor, BAU, represented by Dr. Ihab, Dr. Basem, and Eng. Mohammed, visited TEEBA food company, which is located 120 km east of Amman. The visit started by a welcome from the company, and then the CEO presented the profile of the company and their engagement with the FoodQA AIC. Then, the team had a tour in the facilities of the company, before starting very thorough editing process for all the facilities and documents from the company. At the end of the visit, the team gave recommendation for the company and actions that need be done.

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Visit to Haretna Company



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The team from CRE.THI.DEV., represented by Vasilis Kretos, JFDA, represented by Qadorah, UJ, represented by Dr. Maher, and Eng. Tahani, visited Haretna food company, which is located 120 km south of Amman. The visit started by a welcome from the company, and then the CEO presented the profile of the company and their engagement with the FoodQA AIC. Then, the team had a tour in the facilities of the company, before starting very thorough editing process for all the facilities and documents from the company. At the end of the visit, the team gave recommendations for the company and actions that need be done.

April 19, 2019

The meeting started by a welcome speech by the FoodQA Project Coordinator, Prof. F. Abu Al-Rub.

Then, Prof. Abu Al-Rub, presented the progress of the project deliverables, and the problems faced during the communications with the pilot companies to arrange for the visits for the internal auditing. Also, Abu Al-Rub presented the report received from EACEA on the results of the field monitoring visit, which took place at MU during September 2018. The report shows appreciation and acknowledgment to the progress of the project and the achieved results.

Then, progress of each WP was presented

WP1: Development of training materials

The status of WP1, which is related to Development of training materials like posters, videos, eBooks and the validation of training materials by displaying the website of the project and a sample of completed eBooks, Posters and videos, was presented by Prof. Abu Al-Rub on behalf of Dr. Paulo, the WP leader, who could not attend the meeting. According to the presentation, WP1 can be considered concluded as all of the tasks and deliverables have been achieved. Abu Al-Rub also updated the partnership on his communications with Springer Publishing Co., for the publication of the e-books. It was agreed that:

- the doc versions of the e-books need to be revised to update references before considering publication of these books.
- the e-books need to be "protected" and ISBN number fixed.

WP2: Development of training courses

Prof. Paola from UniTE, the WP2 leader, updated the partners on the progress of the training activities. More than 150 technicians, agricultural engineers, students and faculty members from Jordan have been trained in Europe, as part of capacity building process for quality assurance and food safety centers that will be established in Jordanian universities as part of the project activities. The training programs in Portugal, Italy, Croatia, and Greece have been concluded.



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Eng. Wafa Musallem, the Department Head of the Open Educational Resources at the Centre for E-Learning and Open Educational Resources at JUST, presented the FoodQa E-Platform and showed the features of the system, and answered the partners' technical questions.

Prof. Majdi Manasseh, JUST, presented the courses which were implemented during the last 6 months. Prof. Majdi taught more than 100 students using the FoodQa E-platform at Jordan University of Science and Technology and Jerash University. He showed the courses and the number of students who passed the courses and (now become certified by FoodQa in the quality management systems), some examples of the online exams and the projects submitted by the trained students.

Prof. Maher Al-Dabbas, UJ, presented the implementation of the e-courses at UJ.

Prof. Ihab, BAU, presented the implementation of the e-courses at BAU.

Prof. Omar Mayytah an Eng. Samer, presented the implementation of the e-courses at MU.

Prof. Paola presented then her comments and feedback on the first implementation phase. It was agreed that:

1. Paola will go thoroughly of the FoodQA platform for more feedback.
2. EU partners should participate in delivering the e-courses.
3. To offer the e-courses as pure e-courses and with no lectures at the class.

WP3: Training of academia and industry

Eng. Mohammed Shihab, from MONOJO, briefed the partners on the progress of WP3, which is led by MonoJO, and he presented the seminars that have been presented to the FoodQA AIC members.

Pilot of implementation of food safety and quality management systems

Prof. Anas Al Nablusi, JUST, presented the status of the internal auditing of each pilot company. Eng. Shihab, from MONOJO, presented the problems that the consortium is facing with the pilot companies; where the companies were reluctant to receive the auditing teams due to the presence of the JFDA. The problem was resolved by giving the companies the choice to have the JFDA within the team or not.

WP5: Dissemination

Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh from UJ, WP5 leader, presented the final version of the sustainability plan for the FoodQA project and for the safety centers at each JO HEI. Prof. Al-Salaymeh was asked to send a template for the sustainability report so that all JO HEIs complete it for the sustainability of the centers.

WP6: Quality



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Vasili, Cre.Thi.Dev., WP6 leader, presented the quality and evaluation reports of the different activities and events of the project.

WP7: Management

The last session was dedicated to the management issues. Prof. Abu Al-Rub discussed some financial issues related to the project budget.

The committee agreed that the 7th management meeting to be held at UniTE-Teramo, Italy on 29-31 August, 2019.

The committee agreed that the final conference be in Jordan during 3-5 October 2019.

April 20, 2019

Visit to Fresh Fruit Company

The team from AUA, represented by Nestor, BAU, represented by Dr. Ihab, Dr. Basem, and Eng. Mohammed, visited Fresh Fruit Company, which is located 110 km south of Amman. The visit started by a welcome from the company, and then the CEO presented the profile of the company and their engagement with the FoodQA AIC. Then, the team had a tour in the facilities of the company, before starting very thorough editing process for all the facilities and documents from the company. At the end of the visit, the team gave recommendation for the company and actions that need be done.

Visit to BRAVO Company

The team from CRE.THI.DEV., represented by Vasilis Kretos, UJ, represented by Dr. Maher, and Eng. Tahani, visited BRAVO food company, which is located 70 km south-east of Amman. The visit started by a welcome from the company, and then the CEO presented the profile of the company and their engagement with the FoodQA AIC. Then, the team had a tour in the facilities of the company, before starting very thorough editing process for all the facilities and documents from the company. At the end of the visit, the team gave recommendation for the company and actions that need be done.

April 21, 2019

The last day was dedicated to discuss the findings and reports of the internal auditing teams for the 6 companies which were visited, and the FoodQA newsletter issues.

It was agreed that the fifth and sixth newsletter issues be prepared as follows:

1. Fifth issue: HTWK, May 15, 2019
2. Sixth issue: Split, October 15, 2019



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