

Powerful network meeting with Energy and Environmental Engineers

On Monday 18th of June Dr. Munjed Al Sharif, Dean of the School of Natural Resources Engineering and Management (SNREM) opened the 2019 network meeting at GJU. Twelve German professors from different partner universities, such as HS Aschaffenburg, OTH Amberg-Weiden, HS Koblenz, HTWK Leipzig, HS Magdeburg, HS München, Westfälische Hochschule or HS Zittau/Goerlitz, complemented by twelve members of SNREM's departments "Energy Engineering" and "Water & Environmental Engineering" met on 18th and 19th of June to discuss further developments in their curricula and student exchange.

In parallel workshops both expert groups focused on their very own topics. The group of professors for Energy Engineering worked out a revision of their study plan with a stringent implementation of the Applied-science approach including more parts of lectures taught in German especially by Flying Faculty professors.

The expert group on Water and Environmental Engineering plans to extend their network with German partner universities in order to offer their students a broader range of German professors hosting and supervising them. Also a third Department for Civil Engineering will be established at SNREM as an answer of the high demand and increasing student numbers.

New ideas have been vitally discussed, e.g. the offer of online courses videotaped by German partners for GJU students or a Teaching-Tandem platform where students from both universities can exchange their knowledge and practice their German and English language skills in alternation. The German participants moreover enjoyed being informed about up-dates from GJU's Office for Industrial links, International Office and German Language Center.

The participants of the network meeting then had the chance to visit the research site Al-Karamah Al Ghour accompanied by Dr. Mohammed Al-Addous and Dr. Madhher Bdour explaining the pilot plants in biogas, photovoltaic and desalination systems at Jordan valley.

Dean Dr. Munjed thanked everybody for a fruitful and productive meeting and underlined the importance of the network itself for successful collaboration and further developments in this German-Jordanian TNB project. He also emphasized that GJU students are amongst the best graduates in whole Jordan with a high employability rate due to their hard work and their experiences gained during the German year.

