

## **Network meeting with School of Applied Medical Sciences at Hochschule Furtwangen in Schwenningen**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2017 the network of Biomedical and Chemical & Pharmaceutical Engineering met in Villingen-Schwenningen, which is located in the beautiful German Black Forest. The Exchange coordinators Dr. Samer Gharabli and Dr. Eyad Hamad invited their German partners together with network coordinator Stefanie Kirsch and the hosting professor Prof. Dr.-Ing. Sliman Shaikheleid to Hochschule Furtwangen.

The network meeting gave all participants the opportunity to discuss various topics.

For instance improving the German language competence of GJU students by different means, e.g. German professors provide the teachers at GJU with the relevant technical literature and give recommendations about specialist literature in German (journals, monographs) in order to maintain a library or database.

Professors want to encourage more GJU students to do their Master studies in Germany as the number of applicants is still very low. They also want to encourage German students to come to GJU for their BA studies abroad. When going back to Germany these students can present GJU at their home universities and tell other students about their experiences of living and studying in Jordan, about friendships, culture and political stability which will reduce the reservations amongst German students towards the Middle East.

During the network meeting it became clear that GJU's School of Applied Medical Sciences (SAMS) would benefit from German (second-hand) technical equipment for their laboratories and skill training for their academic staff and teaching assistants.

The participants agreed on inviting more partners in order to extend the network and find common research projects for future collaboration.

The next network meeting will take place in Berlin on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 with Beuth Hochschule.