

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS COUNCIL, INC.



Arab States

VISITING DELEGATES

**Mr. Haleem Onsi Haleem
ABD AL MALAK**
Lawyer and Trainer, Legal
Awareness Programs, **Egypt**

**Mr. Hassan Abdul Halim AL
ABDULLAT**
Prosecutor General, Amman
Court of First Instance, Palace
of Justice, **Jordan**

**Mr. Bahaa Farouk AL
AHMED**
Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice,
Public Prosecution Office,
West Bank

Mr. Khaled Saleh AL-ANESI
Executive Director, National
Committee for Rights and
Freedom, **Yemen**

**Mr. Amr Abdel Aziz
Mohamed HASSANIN**
Judge and Judicial Inspector,
Ministry of Justice, **Egypt**

Mr. Wael LAFI
Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice,
Damascus, Syria

**Mr. Mohammad Farid
MATTAR**
Lawyer and Managing Partner,
Mattar Mouawad El Khazen
Law Firm, **Lebanon**

Ms. Mebarka SAKHRI
Magistrate, Supreme Court,
Ben Aknoun, Algiers, **Algeria**

Mr. Abdelkarim SELLAMI
President, Cantonal Court of
Sbikha, **Tunisia**

**Mr. Kifah Abdul Rahim
SHOLI**
Public Prosecutor, Palestinian
Ministry of Justice, **West Bank**

**Mr. Moataz El Shehawy
Ibrahim Abdullah**
Arabic-Language Interpreters

Arab Legal Professionals

March 4 – March 9, 2004

A delegation of Arabic speaking legal professionals will be in Central Ohio from March 4-9, 2004. The program, being coordinated locally by the International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the Mississippi Consortium for International Development, is designed to provide participants with an increased understanding of the programs, initiatives and people shaping the doctrinal and practical discussion of law in America.

BACKGROUND

Most people agree that for a variety of historical, political and economic reasons, the legal systems in a significant number of Arab states don't yet comport with emerging global rule of law ideals. In some states, there is insufficient adherence to United Nations human rights agreements. This program is designed to suggest models for reforms in legal training, doctrine and infrastructure. We hope the participants will leave the U.S. with new ideas that may in time help to create conditions conducive to social and political stability, economic opportunity, sustained peace, and regional development.

Columbus, with its wealth of resources for programs dealing with the concepts of *Rule of Law* and *Judicial Reform*, was selected to feature opportunities for primary-source in-the-field exploration of the major issues driving U.S. legal policy and judicial reform in addition to traditionally structured meetings and briefings.

Welcome Reception

International Visitors Council Inc.,
OSU-Office of International Affairs and
OSU-International Institute for Democracy
will host a reception for the visitors on
Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 6:00 pm.
Dr. Alam Payind, Director of the Middle East
Studies Institute at OSU
will deliver a keynote address.
Please call (614) 225-9057 for more
information.

IVC's mission is to build partnerships between Central Ohioans and citizens of other countries that strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development, and promote cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

Tentative Itinerary

Supreme Court of the State of
Ohio

Franklin County Pre-Release
Center

Attorney General's Office

Ohio Public Defender
Commission and the Public
Defender's Office of Franklin
County

The Ohio House of
Representatives

State of Ohio Court of
Common Pleas

State of Ohio Court of Appeals

Franklin County Court of
Claims

IVC

57 Jefferson Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Phone: 614.225.9057

Fax: 614.225.0656

<mailto:info@columbusivc.org>

<http://www.columbusivc.org>

This delegation is in Columbus as part of IVC's International Visitor Program conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. If you would like to learn more about this visiting delegation, please call (614) 225-9057 or <mailto:info@columbusivc.org>.

International
Visitors
Council, Inc.
COLUMBUS, OHIO

