

Push for balanced and objective research

The GRC and the Arab Association of Political Science (AAPS) held a joint symposium entitled “The Role of the Centers for Research, Political and Strategic Studies in the Arab World: Challenges and Prospects” in Sharjah on November 23-24.

Attended by experts, researchers and directors of research centers in the Arab world, the participants discussed the role that should be played by these centers, the obstacles and challenges that hinder their progress, and their relationship with societies and governments. Recommendations on the best ways to promote the role of the research centers and to activate cooperation among them were also discussed.

In his keynote address, GRC Chairman Abdulaziz Sager said that the “Arab world is indeed in need of serious, balanced and objective research that would pave the way towards progress, and to find feasible solutions to the current domestic problems and external pressures.”

He added that the main objective of organizing the symposium was to discuss the real dimensions of the Arab research centers, and to identify the obstacles they face in the areas of human resources, financing and publishing, in addition to finding the best possible ways of overcoming

of all the research centers in the Arab world in order to facilitate collaboration among them.

Professor Ali El-Din Hillal, Chairman of AAPS expressed his sincere hope that this symposium would represent the beginning of enhancing the role of the Arab research centers mainly in the field of scientific research and social studies.

Participants at the symposium discussed many of the vital issues related to the research centers with main emphasis on the challenges and opportunities and the role of these centers in supporting the decision-making process and community services. They also agreed on activating their cooperation

and highlighted the need to give more opportunities to young Arab researchers. Ways of dealing with the obstacles hindering publication and distribution to make knowledge available to the largest possible number of readers in the Arab world were also addressed.



Ali El-Din Hillal and Abdulaziz Sager

these impediments and consolidating cooperation and coordination among these research centers in order to enhance scientific research in the Arab world.

The GRC chairman also announced that the center was in the process of preparing a bibliography

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