Dear colleagues and friends:

It is our pleasure to present our latest news covering the last few months of activities in our college and further afield.

New Staff: Mr. Baha Iswed (class of '12) joined our Faculty after recently completing his Master’s degree in Adult Nursing Care at Kings College - University of London.

New Students: This academic year 48 new students were accepted in the College of Nursing. The total numbers of students registered in the College are 139. Since the establishment of the College in 1998 there have been 223 graduates.

Health Awareness Day at Hebron University:

On 25 December 2014 a health awareness day was prepared by and carried out by our students. Many community and public health organizations also participated. The day included health awareness and education, distribution of health promotion leaflets and conducting laboratory and health tests such as blood sugar and diabetic foot, blood groups, blood pressure, vision screening, and measuring the Body Mass Index.

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**Participation in Baku International Scientific Conference May 2014**

The Dean of Nursing College chaired the Palestine delegates to the scientific conference in Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The conference was attended by participants from 97 countries around the world. Dr. Hussein Jabareen presented a paper focused on the contribution of the health situation on economic growth especially in the least developed countries around the world.

**November 2014 Field visit to community health institutions, Bethlehem area**

Students and staff visited the Elderly Club in Beit Sahour, Al-Meher Center for Battered Women, and Ephpheta Institute for Audio-Phonetic Rehabilitation.

**November 2014- Lecture on the protection and empowerment of battered women**

We hosted Basimah Jabarin, the legal adviser at Meherw Center for battered women, who gave a lecture to 3rd and 4th year students about the legal rights, ways to empower battered women, and services provided by Meherw Center for female beneficiaries. Miss Jabarin also explained the role of workers in health institutions in the protection of women and how to report and refer victims of violence to the civil society institutions, the Palestinian police, and Meherw Center which is run by the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs.

**September 2014-CPR training**

Our second and third year students were trained in the latest process of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation for adults according to the new standards of the American Heart Association.

**Critical Care course in Jordan**

Two of our teaching staff Mr. Ali Batran & Mr. Bahaa Eswed, participated in a training course about Critical Care Nursing Faculty Development held at The Regional Life Support Training Center, Amman-Jordan from 30th of August and the 11th of September 2014. The course is part of a larger project of Palestinian Health Capacity Building that is funded by Intrahealth Organization, and in collaboration with The Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

**Methods**

Mrs. Abeer Dadoul’s article will be published in the next volume of the e journal Information systems: Behavioral & Social Methods. The title is ‘the relationship between internet use and psychological health of university students in south of West Bank’ Congratulations to her!