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In this Issue

We celebrate the victories and achievements of our colleagues and students in demonstrating their competitiveness particularly in the field of Scientific Research and Arts both in the national and international stage.

Of note is the optimistic message of Dr. Hazem Migdady , acting dean of the College in pursuit of valuing excellence and embracing quality education through the essence of solidarity. We take opportunity to sharing our colourful celebrations during the 16th graduation ceremony, 52nd National Celebration, Commencement Ceremony for A.Y 2022-2023, Oman Women's Day, and the like.

This issue also acknowledges the hard work and dedication of academic staff, administrative personnels, and students' contribution in the College commitment to scientific research, and various seminars and workshops both in the national and international level.

Finally, we mark OCMT's strong association with industries in government and private sectors, and its support to the community.

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Jonald, Editor-in -Chief



Office of the Dean Message

“I am confident that with our combined efforts, we will redound to the big picture where OCMT can claim our work is well done!”

Warmest Greetings !

I am overwhelmed with joy to welcome everyone for the scholastic year 2022-2023. Every commencement of a new academic year, I find myself transported back to that sense of fresh beginnings and infinite possibilities.

While we celebrate our milestones and accomplishments, allow me to inform everyone in the College that we have recently submitted the Post-Visit Additional Supporting Materials (ASMs) to OAAAQA. This has been made possible through your direct or indirect contribution to supporting Institutional Accreditation.

With high hopes, we are shooting for the best results as we have successfully kept our chance on the table until the last moment, and this is considered an exceptionally good indicator.

OCMT master planning work continues to guide our future growth and development as we pursue our vision of a more integrated education institution. This process includes working with experts in master planning to gather data from our community, to inform our plan for our current footprint and in surrounding areas where we can expand and enrich our academic programs.

Our College continues to carry great momentum in the field of Scientific Research. This year, our faculty members have granted a research funding project by The Research Council (TRC).

Also, a group of researchers from OCMT has awarded as one of the five best Scientific Researches in the recently concluded international conference on Oman Conference on Environmental Sustainability

The College is holding its Second Annual International Conference on Banking, Finance and Money (ACBFM-2023) on 22nd and 23rd of May 2023 and a national conference on Digital Economy, Trends and Applications (NCDETA-2023) on 22nd June 2023. These conferences will be conducted on campus and the mode of participation is in-person.

I would also like to address our students and their parents and to assure them that OCMT will continue to be dedicated to making investments which strengthen and create a more engaged learning environment for them to compete efficiently and effectively not only in the local labor market but as well as in a global scale.

It is essential to keep the same spirit of work, raising the bar on the quality of governance, academic, support, research, and community outreach standards as planned in the current Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and the Operational Plan 2022-2023.

Dr. Hazem Migdady



TRC Grants Research Funding to OCMT Researchers

The Research Council (TRC) of the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation in the Sultanate of Oman granted research funding project to a team of researchers in the Computer and MIS Department of the College.

Under the leadership of the College Dean, together with the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Research Unit, the College held an awarding ceremony to honor Dr. Supriya Pulparambil and Dr. Basel Bani Ismail in recognition of successfully obtaining an approval from TRC to fund their research project entitled "E-waste Management Framework".

During this momentous event, the researchers were given the chance to talk about their research and elucidation the process of submitting application to TRC. In addition, Dr. Hazem Migdady, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, reiterated the importance of this achievement in enriching and strengthening the research culture in the College, and motivating researchers and encouraging them to strive towards achieving similar achievements.



OCMT Researcher Aces a Perfect Pitch at Oman Conference on Environmental Sustainability

Out of 80 presented research papers and hundreds who submitted during the culminating event at Oman Conference on Environmental Sustainability, our very own Dr. Rania Othman from the Department of Interior Design was honored for her research paper entitled "Application of Energy Simulation Modeling to Decarbonize Buildings". as one the five best research paper by His Highness Sayyid Dr. Fahd bin Al Jalandi Al Said, President of Sultan Qaboos University on 19th January 2022.

Dr Rania's research paper will be published in an international scientific journal whose papers are peer-reviewed (Journal of Environmental Science and Pollution Research (Q1 Journal published by Springer)) and classified in the global assessment (5.2 Impact Factor) to highlight the efforts and position of the Sultanate

This achievement marks the College commitment in calibrating qualitative research papers to achieve the best qualification not only in the region but also in the global publications.



Interior Design Student Wins Third Place in a National Undergraduate Research Competition

Iman Salim Mohamed Al Khanjari, a graduating Interior Design student emerged third place in a prestigious competition during the Second National Undergraduate Student Research Competition (DUSRC 2022-2023). The event was organized by Dhofar University on March 7- 8, 2023 , at Dhofar University campus to challenge student researchers to delve into the world of research.

The College is excited to see the innovative ideas that will emerge from this accomplishment and is always keen to encourage its students to participate in all types of competitions and that it focuses on developing scientific research as one of the focal foundations of any institutions.



Interior Design Student's Art Piece Displays in a Prestigious Paris Art Exhibition

Jood Al Hinai, a 20-year-old Interior Design student in the College with her extraordinary artwork painting entitled "A Child Sewing" was showcased together with the other artists around the world during the "Salon des Artistes Francais" exhibition in Paris. The prestigious event was hosted by the Grand Palais Ephemere from 15th - 19th February.

Al Hinai's stunning acyclic painting was chosen by the jury because of its unsurmountable flow of emotions and relatable tale. Several spectators around even believed the painting to be a photographed due to its intricate and meticulous details, composition, lighting , shadows, colours and emotions .

Al Hinai received a tag "mentioned "on her painting which indicates preferred artwork by the panel of judges. The young artist believes that "Your goals have no expiration date".

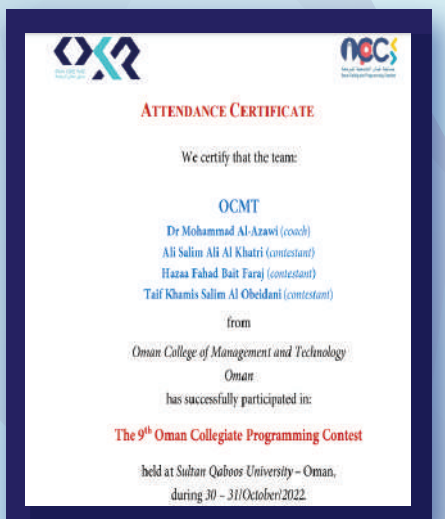


Computer Science Dept. Thrives at the 9th Oman Collegiate Programming Contest

Computer Science and MIS Department participated in the 9th edition of Oman Collegiate Programming Contest 2022. The event was organized by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology with the support of the Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel) as a technical partner. The contest was hosted by Sultan Qaboos University, the academic partner, from 30th -31st October.

The contest targeted students of computer science and information technology from higher education institutions in the field of programming in the category of designing algorithms and applying them to any of the high-end programming languages such as Java, C Plus, and C.

80 teams participated in the contest; each team included 3 students and a coach who is working in the same institution. Each institution participated in two official teams and a one unofficial team.



16th Graduation Ceremony

Oman College of Management and Technology headed by Prof. Dr. Waleed Hmedat , the College Dean, conferred 271 graduates of various specialization during its 16th Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, 21st December 2022 at the Campus Quadrangle under the patronage of Her Excellency Dr. Fatima Bint Muhammad Al-Ajmiyya, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health for Administrative, Financial Affairs and Planning, and in the presence of the members of the College Board of Directors.

The College Dean also conferred the first Master's Degree graduate in Accounting which is considered as a tremendous achievement of OCMT. Prof. Dr. Waleed Hmedat resonated in his speech the countless achievements of the College in academics, research, services, and community engagement.

Moreso, out of 271 graduates 50 of them completed diploma and 25 for Bachelor in Business Administration ,27 graduated diploma and 46 for Bachelor's in Accounting, 4 Diploma and 14 fulfilled the requirements in Bachelor of Administrative and Finance Services, and 3 for Bachelor's in Marketing. From the Computer Science Department, 2 diploma and 18 who completed Bachelor's in Computer Science,16 diploma and 18 graduated for Bachelor in Management Information System. In the Department of Interior Design 26 diploma and 19 who successfully fulfilled the requirements for Bachelor of Interior Design.



Falcon Insurance Company Awards Employment Contract to OCMT Outstanding Graduates

Arab Insurance Company Falcon, thru Mr. Aqeel Al Lawati, representative of the company, awarded an employment contract to selected outstanding graduates during the 16th graduation ceremony of the College on Wednesday ,22 December 2022.

This remarkable event is a true testament of quality service that OCMT certainly achieves and upholds its mission on developing students to become globally equipped and innovative to compete to the labor market.

Among the student awardees are Buthaina Awadh AL Abri and Shaima Talib AL Balushi from Banking & Financial Sciences, Ahoud Sulaiman AL Sawwafi from Business Administration and, Al Waleed AL Flaiti from Computer Sciences.

This great decision opens an opportunities to fresh talent pool with education in thr latest technology and industry practices .



Commencement Ceremony for Academic Year 2022-2023



Oman College of Management and Technology conducted its induction and orientation program for newly admitted students for academic year 2022-2023.

Prof. Dr. Waled Hmedat, Dean of the College, in his speech, welcomed and motivated the new students to responsibly utilize and take advantage of all services provided by the College in their academic exploration and adventures. The Head of Academics and Administrative Departments also introduced and elaborated numerous services in their respective areas of expertise that will serve as students allies and guidelines in unleashing their holistic potential as individuals.

There were also cultural performances presented by the talented students at the College and some invited performers from the community to lighten up the event. The event was sponsored by Bank Sohar, Barka Branch under the kind leadership of Mr. Rashid Al Balushi.

This new academic year , is a fresh start to build a positive classroom culture . Together as responsible educators and learners ,and one family , we will make our College a safe , secure and healthy place for all of us .

OAAAQA Visit



The College has undergone a three -day accreditation process from Monday ,17 October to Wednesday ,19 October 2022. The accreditation panel from Omani Academic Accreditation Authority re-evaluated the eight framework standards on: management & governance, educational programs, educational research, research activities, partnership with the local society, academic support, student services, and staff services. The standards include more than 60 measures to evaluate the College's performance in the above-mentioned areas.

The evaluation procedures involved some interviews with designated people from the College Board of Directors, management, staff, students, parents, and local and international stakeholders. The Institutional Accreditation of the College by OAAA evaluates the quality of College's inputs, processes and outputs that leads to gain greater trust of the community and it assures to the Community that the College is the right choice to be for any student who looks for transformative, holistic, and empowering studies.

Furthermore, the accreditation also supports the College in re-positioning itself as a competitive and superior higher education provider in Oman and the Region. This accreditation will support in advancing the College's vision of excellence in teaching and learning, and other scholarly activities.

Most Outstanding Employees 2022



Mr. Mohamed Babiker
AFS Dept.



Mrs. Noshaba Miriam
ID Dept.



Ms. Ghada Al-Nasibiya
Quality Assurance Dept.



Ms. Zhara Al Salhiya
Student Affairs Dept.

With the aim to identify outstanding accomplishments of employees on a continuous basis, the College organized its annual awarding ceremony at the campus Theater Hall on 6th October 2022.

Dr. Waleed Hmedat in his speech said that the occasion is a positive way of thanking the employees and encouraging more creativity, innovativeness, efficiency, integrity and productivity in the workplace. Dr. Hazem Migdady, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research was also present handling the awards to the award recipients.

Mr. Mohamed Babiker from the Department of Administrative and Financial Sciences, and Mrs. Noshaba Miriam from the Department of Interior Design were chosen as outstanding academic staff and fellow Zahra Al-Salhiya from the Student Affairs Department, and Ghada Al-Nasibiya from the Quality Assurance Department, were amongst the awardees.

This achievement award ceremony not only raises the morale of the employees, but it also lets the workers know the kinds of things that the College value.

2nd Master Thesis Defense



Master student Hamed Mohammed Ali Al Abri, a student of accounting, defended his thesis entitled “The Association Between Accounting Information System Success Factors and Bank Performance in Oman during the COVID-19”. The evaluation panel was chaired and supervised by Dr. Mohammed Jamal Azzam, Associate Professor of Accounting, from Yarmouk University, Jordan, Dr. Nagib Ali Omar Naji, Assistant Professor, External Examiner from Majan University College, Oman, and Dr. Tarek Omar Chebbi, Assistant Professor, Internal Examiner from Oman College of Management & Technology.

After Hamed’s presentation that ended for an hour, the examination committee asked their questions and provided some pieces of advice for clarification and work refinement. The event was marked as the second thesis defense in the College which was attended by the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, the Assistant Dean for Administrative and Financial Affairs, heads of academic departments, and a group of students, professors, and staff at the College Meeting Room 1 on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Modern Labs Installation



On Thursday, 6 October 2022, Dr. Waleed Hmedat, College Dean in the presence of Dr. Hazem Migdady, Assistant Dean for Academic and Scientific Research and among others proceeded with the inauguration of two modern computer labs in the College.

Each lab is equipped with the latest equipment for educational and training purposes. Dr. Waleed highlighted in his speech that the College is trying all means to develop its services by keeping the essential pillars of education, research, and development at the forefront.

The College believes that these labs are instrumental in helping students learn, work with software programs, complete assignments and interact with their instructors. Most importantly, this effort enables learners from different departments to acquire digital skills critical in the modern workplace without having to purchase their own hardware and software.

Affiliate University Semester Visit



This year’s affiliate visit spanned for three days from Sunday- March 27th to Tuesday- March 29th, 2022.

The delegation reviewed the results and outputs of the previous visit, which was in November 2021. Prof. Dr. Waleed Hmedat, College Dean together with the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, and the Head of Quality Assurance Department provided an extensive and detailed explanation of the College’s level of progress and achievement to the affiliate.

The visit also included meetings with all HoDs , staff and students of all departments, and conducted teaching observations for selected lectures.

On the sidelines of the visit , the delegation was toured to the various facilities in the College to follow up on the implementations of the terms of agreement between the two sides which contributes to the service of the educational process.

On Campus 52nd National Day Celebration

The College celebrated the 52nd National Day by demonstrating multiple talents and skills of its learners beyond the classroom and by providing an opportunity to showcase their leadership skills and community involvement.

The ceremony commenced with the singing of the royal anthem, followed by the recitation of the Holy Quran by Ahmed bin Mustafa Al Busaidi from Al Wafaa Social Center in the Wilayat of Al Amerat. The event also included varieties of activities such as exhibition of plastic arts, photography, and a bazaar.

The hall was filled with heartwarming musical theatre performances by Al-Wafa Social Center entitled: "In Love with Oman," highlighting the folklore of various governorates. The College pride Music Club members performance captivated the hearth of the spectators in their operatic play entitle "Time" translating the deep connection of Omanis to the sea nature.

Dr. Walleed, College Dean presented the College shield in honor of Majesty, Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq and expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed for the success of this historical occasion. The celebration was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 with His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Muhammad Al-Buraiki, Governor of Barka as the guest of honor.



Omani Women's Day 2022



On Monday, October 17 the College celebrated Omani Women's Day in recognition to the female employees from the academic and administrative departments for their countless achievements and enormous contribution to their respective departments.

The ceremony included a visual presentation which combines the authenticity and tradition of Omani women's work from ancient times to the present and concluded with a solemn luncheon gathering.

Quality Management Workshop for Ministry of Housing Employees

Marketing and Public Relations Unit of the College organized a training workshop for Ministry of Housing employees on Quality Management to build a strong tie between government and private institutions in line with the future vision of Oman 2040.

Dr. Musa bin Muhammad Al Balushi, keynote speaker, discussed several pillars on Quality Management. In his talk, he reiterated the significance of the theory of continuous improvement, the theory of Toyota Corporation (TPS), and the concept of Sigma. He also had an extensive and comprehensive discussion on the European Foundation for Quality Management, ISO program, and the requirements in achieving them.

At the end of the workshop, Prof. Dr. Waled Hamedat, Dean of the College, in his speech congratulated the Marketing and Public Relations Unit for organizing such a successful event. He also thanked the participants from the Ministry of Housing for active participation during the workshop.



Participants, however, thanked the organizers and the College in general for providing them with the latest trends, approaches, and principles on Quality Management.

Summer Programme for Young Learners in 2021

A 24- day Summer Programme was offered from 5th June to 29th June to all interested young learners by the College in collaboration with Ansana Center. The summer camp program is designed to offer young learners the chance to explore their curiosity, make new friends, and make the most of their holiday break. Students also explored a range of multi-activities which included first aid training and awareness apart from group tours and field trips. Interactive activities were designed to encourage teamwork, time management, problem-solving, and self-confidence among all the participants.

The programme was concluded with the awarding ceremony which included a speech from the chair of the Ansana center. In his speech, he expressed words of thanks and praise to everyone who contributed to the success of this program. He also directed all students to continue working hard towards achieving their goals. A video presentation highlighting all conducted activities during the entire summer program which are: artificial intelligence activities, psychological skills lectures, Arabic calligraphy workshops, short story writing skills, in addition to opera and theater.

Outstanding students Maryam Awlad Thani and Abdullah Al Naeibi gave their speech reiterating the importance of attending the programme to develop their multiple skills. They also thanked all the teachers and trainers for their significant efforts in producing worthwhile classroom activities and field trips. Lastly, both expressed their warmest gratitude to OCMT and Ansana Center for their efforts in making the summer programme truly a success.



Rethinking the use of UKPSF from the HEI Point of View



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The purpose of this article is to place the phenomenon of United Kingdom professional standard framework (UKPSF) in proper perspective as an expedient response to the call for the use of UKPSF in HEI's in different climes

UKPSF is an all embracing and encompassing set of professional standards and guidelines framework used by pedagogists, who play a dominant role in teaching and supporting learning in HEI cutting across diverse parts of the world

UKPSF has remained firmly anchored and resolute on its underpinning role in shaping academic development and the professional recognition of higher educationist at national and international level

Its influence over teaching and supporting learning in higher education through the global market economy is likely to grow in importance by virtue of the confidence placed on its authority and ability for maintaining trust in the teaching and learning strategy framework.

Predominantly, it has become mandatory for academic staff, in the vast majority of institutions to undertake programs, which have a bearing with the UKPSF descriptor such as the Post Graduate Certificate in the International Higher Education Academic Practice (PG CERT) on entry to a teaching or learning support role. Most of these programs are accredited by the Higher Education Academy against the UK Professional Standards for Teaching.

Quite paradoxically, institutions were declining and being blighted at a time, due to wider political context and particular to the implications of the white paper on student's enrolment, potential changing nature of students and fees

Conclusively, delegates in the academia, were of the utmost opinion that, it bestowed on them to be able to position themselves to react to changes in institutional identity and the resultant effect on the relationship between Research and Teaching in their institution

Mapping Teaching -Learning to the UK Professional Standard Framework for Continuously Improving Teaching and Learning Quality.



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English Language Lecturer

Oman College of Management and Technology (OCMT) has a long-term access partnership with Advance HE that includes the Higher Education Academy (HEA). Although, the institutional fellowship of the HEA was obtained in the academic year 2022-2021, the adoption of the publicly published UKPSF standards for teaching and learning evaluation analysis was prior to its institutional membership acquisition.

Teaching and learning and supporting teaching and learning is the primary mission of the College, which is explicitly stated on its mission statement. Its partnership is remarkable evidence of the College continuing commitment to amplify professional development of teaching staff on providing invigorating learning experience for its students.

OCMT adoption of UKSPF as one of its external references and guiding frameworks is prevalent across its academic practices. For instance, the three pillars of UKSPF indicators were used to review the previous and aligned its revised version of Peer Observation Form that support and underpin student learning.

UK Professional Standard Framework is also reflected in Teaching Evaluation Survey of the College, which conducted to the student's semester -wise, and considered to be unique assessment tool in the region.

In view of the College 's Continuous Professional Development Programme (CPDP), the Quality Assurance Department ensures and verifies registrations of Academic Staff members in both HE Advance and HE Connect. Both academic and administrative staff members are required to attend five (5) webinars / workshop on monthly basis with the freedom to choose topics and time of their need and preference based on the collected feedback from the Training Need Analysis (TNA) survey at the beginning of the academic year.

Underpinning these essential academic practices have maximizes the benefits of scholarly activities to a reflective pedagogic understanding and subsequent development of teaching and learning.

Truly, OCMT's partnership with the Advance HE has demonstrated a high-quality impact to the Institution's commitment to quality education by providing its learners with exemplary learning experiences, and cultivating the culture of reflective teaching and learning among its enthusiastic staff members to create a strong foundation for sharing their disciplinary knowledge and skills based on effective pedagogic.

Rethinking the use of UKPSF from the HEI Point of View



Anna Mikhailova
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Oman College of Management and Technology (OCMT) is a higher education institution in Oman whose mission is providing the society with knowledgeable, skillful and critically thinking graduates who are ready to face the challenges of the modern world. On its journey to quality assurance and meeting the standards set by the Oman Authority for Academic Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Education, last academic year the college has become a member of Advance HE and opted for a long-term commitment (membership) of 3 years.

Prior to acquiring membership, the college adopted publicly published UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF) for analysis purposes. As a result, some changes have been implemented and have become a sound foundation of the Teaching Evaluation Policy. Let's take a closer look at some of them.

Firstly, the college Peer Observation Form was modified. The updated version is fully mapped with the three pillars of the UKPSF. This change allowed both the observer and the instructor who is being observed to look at the lesson in different dimensions. Based on the peer observation report received by me last semester, I was able to take a closer look at the Area of Activity with regards to assessment and providing feedback to learners.

Another change that took place was related to the Teaching Evaluation Survey which is filled out by the students at the end of each semester for each course they've taken. This practice existed in the college prior to the adoption of UKPSF. However, mapping the survey with the Framework allowed the college to conduct deeper analysis into such important areas as professional development for the staff and improvement of the teaching quality at the institution. When we look at the consolidated data of the Teaching Evaluation Surveys, we can see significant positive changes that took place over the past few years.

One more step towards embedding UKPSF in the college's practice was the introduction of ways to engage in continuing professional development via Advance HE platforms. Last academic year, based on Training Needs Analysis the Quality Assurance Department created a Flexible Professional Development Plan listing various reading materials, webinars, and events. The college staff were then encouraged to access the above-mentioned resources and reflect on how the received knowledge could be used in their teaching.

Looking back, the acquired data suggests that the UKPSF was successfully adopted within the teaching quality evaluation. Looking forward, OCMT plans to sponsor its faculty members to apply for HEA Fellowship.

Research Activities: Academic Year 2022-2023 Scientific Research and Innovation Unit

Journal Research Publications

Faculty Name	Dept.	Research title	Journal name & Indexing
Ms Aisha Isaa Al Badrani	ID dept, OCMT	"The impact of interior spaces color on autistic and psychiatric patients' well-being"	Journal of Engineering and Architecture, American Research Institute for Policy Development publisher, indexed in google scholar.
Dr Reham Sanad			
Dr Malihe Taghipour	ID dept, OCMT	"The impact of the interior design of dental clinic on the amount of patient stress"	Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research & Review, Law Brigade publishers, indexed in Google scholar
Dr Zahra Darabi	Hafiz Institute, Shiraz IRAN		
Mosab I. Tabash	College of Business, AI Ain University, AI Ain, UAE	"Does investment in energy matter for economic growth? Evidence from BRICS countries"	International Journal of Organizational Analysis, Emerald Publishing Limited, indexed SCOPUS with Quartile Q2.
Mahmoud Al-Rdaydeh	AFS dept, OCMT		
Mamdouh Al-Faryan	Dept of AFS, University of Portsmouth, UK		
Ghaleb A. El Refae	College of Business, AI Ain University, AI Ain, UAE		
Umar Farooq	School of Economics and Finance, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China		
Dr Tarek Omar Chebbi	AFS, OCMT	"The link between the credit rating agency downgrades in times of crisis and the dynamics of government credit default swap yield spreads"	Published in journal "International Journal of Sustainable Economy," publisher Indersciences, indexed in Scopus with Quartile Q3, Academic OneFile (Gale), Asian Digital Library, CAB Abstracts - Agriculture and International Development Indexes, CAB Abstracts Environmental Sciences Indexes.
Prof Dr Waleed Hmedat			

Faculty Name	Dept.	Research title	Journal name & Indexing
Dr Tarek Omar Chebbi	AFS, OCMT	"The effect of the Pandemic Emergency Asset Purchase on the sovereign Bond Market Connectedness"	Published in journal "International Journal of Monetary Economics and Finance", publisher Indersciences, indexed in Scopus with Quartile Q3, Academic OneFile (Gale), Asian Digital Library, CAB Abstracts - Agriculture and International Development Indexes, CAB Abstracts Environmental Sciences Indexes.
Prof Dr Waleed Hmedat			
Dr Mohammed Shafiuddin	AFS, OCMT	"Impact of Work Environment on Job Satisfaction and Employee Retention: An Empirical Study from Private Sector Banks in Hyderabad of Telangana States in India"	Published in "Journal of Positive School Psychology," Scientific Research publisher, indexed in Scopus with quartile Q2.
Ms Ghada Al Nassibi			
Dr Lamiaa Adel Ragab Shaheen	ID, OCMT	"Architecture and Health: How Environments Affect Our Emotional Wellness"	Published in "International Journal of Engineering Technology Research & Management," Indexed in Google Scholar, Scribd, Index Copernicus with DOI.
Dr Malihe Taghipour	ID, OCMT	"The role of outdoor space of residential complexes in the growth and development of children's creativity"	Published in "International Journal of Engineering Technology Research & Management", Indexed in Google Scholar, Scribd, Index Copernicus with DOI.
Dr Malihe Roozitalab	Hafiz Institute, Shiraz IRAN		

Conference Research Participation & Presenting

Faculty Name	Dept.	Research title	Journal name & Indexing
Dr Tarek Chebbi	AFS, OCMT	"The effect of the Covid-19 related monetary policies on the Brent Oil market. Does the exchange rate channel matter?"	6th International Conference on Advanced in Business and Law-,2022 26th November 2022-organized by University of Dubai, Dubai, UAE.
Prof Dr Waleed Hmedat			
Dr Asaad Mubarak	AFS, OCMT	"The impact of Decisions Issued by Governments and Human Resource Managers During COVID-19 Pandemic Retaining Employees and Reducing Unemployment Rates (Analytical Study Arab States)"	The 1st International Conference on The Future of Public Administration: Global Experiences, Yarmouk University-Jordan 26th October 2022.
Prof Dr Waleed Hmedat			
Mr Louay Al Nuaimy	CSMIS, OCMT	"Neural Network Models for Time Series Analysis and Estimation"	Eighth International Congress on Information and Communication Technology, ICICT 2023 will be organized in Hybrid Mode [21–20 February 2023 – Physical Mode 23-22 February 2023 – Digital Mode].

Arabian Falcon Insurance Co. forges Cooperation Agreement



OCMT signed an MoU with the Arabia Falcon Insurance Company on Wednesday, 22nd December 2022.

The MOU contributes to expanding the horizons of cooperation and enhancing opportunities for employees of the two institutions. Through the signed agreement, the college will be committed to providing and organizing vocational and professional courses for the professional enhancement of the other party's employees. The college will also provide financial facilities for the insurance company's clients who wish to study at the college.

In detail, Arabia Falcon Insurance Company, will strengthen the college's marketing efforts and will provide training opportunities for graduate students to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills to meet the needs and expectations of the industry.

SME Development Authority Collaboration



The College signed MOU strategic partnership and fruitful cooperation with Small Medium Enterprise Development Authority.

As part of the agreement, both entities will jointly cooperate on setting a framework and a common vision to develop innovative incubators that support the development and establishment of small and medium enterprises locally.

The agreement was signed by Prof. Dr. Waleed Hmedat, Dean and SME Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Raisi. The signing ceremony took place at the College campus and witnessed the presence of several officials from both parties on 5th of June 2022.

Barka Health City signs MOU



Upholding the College's vision, mission, and objectives, in serving the community, activating the role of charitable and voluntary organizations, and the desire of the College and Barka Health City Team to establish a strong bond, a memorandum of understanding was signed December 07,2022 .

On this occasion, Prof. Waled Hmedat, college dean together with the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, Dr. Hazem Migdady, , were delighted with the signing of the MoU, thanking Barka Health City for supporting the College. He also stressed the continued cooperation between both parties in implementing development projects to achieve the sustainable development goals in the Sultanate.

Mr. Abdallah Al Briakin, Wali Barka Chairman of Health Committee reciprocated with a tantamount sense of gratitude and commended OCMT for its role in instilling a culture of volunteerism and supporting and embracing community service.

Senyar Emergency Center signs MOU



To achieve the College's goals related to community engagement, that will strengthen charitable and voluntary organizations, OCMT enters into an MOU with Senyar Emergency Center on July 7,2022 .

The cooperation seeks to set a solid framework by providing workshops and training courses and to develop an integrated system that promotes innovation and boosts licensing, training, inspection, and monitoring systems for healthcare providers related to health care and services among students and employees of the College.

The MOU was forged by Dr. Hazem Migdady, College's Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research and Senyar Emergency Center International Trainer, Affan Awlad Thani.

With this, both parties were delighted and optimistic that the partnership and collaboration will lead and promote quality healthcare outcomes, will create opportunities for knowledge and experience exchange for both institutions, and will participate in and cooperate on research and studies relevant to the improvement of healthcare services.

The Research Council, Oman Awardees



Dr. Supriya Pulparambil

Interview Excerpt:

How does it feel that your research was granted by The Research Council?

The research grant from MoHERI is really an encouragement for us, and we feel that it is an inspiration to all researchers in OCMT. It was a happy moment and out of 465 research projects submitted for block funding program in 120,2022 projects are selected, and our project was one among them.

Would you give us a brief background to your research?

The goal of this research project is to develop a framework to track the process of e-waste collection and management. The main technical components of the proposed e-waste management framework are a smart bin to collect e-waste, an IoT-deep learning-based model for e-waste classification, a cloud server to store and process the data, and an end-user application.

Why did you think of this research project? How do you see this work impacting the community at large?

Electronic waste (e-waste) management is a serious concern for every nation as its volume is drastically increasing. Asian countries contribute to the highest quantity of global e-waste in 2019 at 24.9 million metric tons. Currently, Oman does not have streamlined process for e-waste collection, classification, and management. From an economic perspective, e-waste management provides a significant opportunity for a circular economy as it contains different metals, and they are the source of secondary raw materials. The proposed e-waste management framework will help Oman to achieve the sustainable development goals for a greener and low carbon environment.

What are the limitations of your study?

The current research mainly focuses on classifying limited e-waste items.



Dr. Basel Banilsmail

What's the status of your research study at the moment?

Currently, we are conducting a literature review on the applicability of various 4th industrial revolution technologies for E-waste management.

What motivated you to submit your research project to The Research Council?

The research grant is an opportunity for academia to contribute towards society in solving real problems. In academia, research is an integral part of our work and the MoHERI is providing different platforms to support the research community, and block funding program is one such initiative.

How was the submission process to TRC like?

The submission process was completely online, a faculty can submit the application through RIMS systems and other stakeholders involved in the submission process are Research Focal Point and the Institutional Internal Evaluation Committee.

What would be your message / piece of advice to researchers like you who also aspire that their research project will be granted by TRC?

It is always better to align the research problem with national research priorities of Oman and especially with Oman vision 2040.

What is next after this research project?

We will continue our academic research to secure research grants and give more focus on national research priorities.

One of the Best Five Research Awardees at Oman Conference on Environmental Sustainability



Dr. Rania Osman

Interview Excerpt:

Would you please enlighten us, what is Oman Conference on Environmental Sustainability all about?

It is the first edition of 'Oman Conference on Environmental Sustainability, which is attended by 'HH Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports, and Youth, presided over the inaugural ceremony of the starting day on January 16. The four-day conference focuses on air pollution and climate change. The conference also includes the launch of the "Green Dough Award" for contributors and supporters of environmental work from institutions and individuals to encourage their outstanding and distinguished contributions in various environmental fields. It was organized in collaboration with Sultan Qaboos University and Oman society of Environment. The conference seeks to promote research, development, and innovation by choosing the best 5 research papers.

What motivated you to submit/ present your research paper project?

I decided to submit my paper to this conference hoping to have a platform which help me to make my ambition come true in changing my research recommendation into actions because the building sector alone accounts for %38 of global energy related carbon dioxide emissions according to UNEP report of 2020, thus countries need to set plans to achieve a measurable impact in mitigating climate change and of course this will not happen without effective researches in addition to political decisions, and these kind of conferences act as a platform that researchers can pass their ideas and recommendation.

How does it feel to be chosen as one of best research papers during the National Conference?

This is by the grace of Allah. It was a surprise because the organizer didn't announce that. I just received a call saying it is important to attend the conference's closing ceremony. I went there sat extremely far at the back, so organizer approached me and told me to come at the front because my paper was selected by the scientific committee of the conference as one of the best 5 researches. I was incredibly happy, and I felt grateful and pleased.

Would you give us a brief background to your research?

I studied Energy consumption in buildings which is one of the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions. I found that decarbonizing the energy demand of buildings involves two approaches: first, reductions in energy demand, and second, a reduction in the carbon content of energy by shifting to clean renewable energy sources. I started my research by reviewing the effort done by different countries toward achieving SDGs, I found that some countries that account for a large share of global CO₂ emissions have started energy efficiency initiatives. Nevertheless, same effort is not performed by Arab countries. Of the 163 member countries of UN, listed in the 2022 Sustainable Development Report, only four countries score more than 69 points (Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan, and Oman). The objective is to present numerical forecasts of energy demand after renovation. Extensive field measurements have been conducted and used as input data for the building energy simulation program. The proposed renovation project has resulted in a %38 reduction in energy consumption, in addition to %41 of the total energy consumption met by solar energy.

Why did you think of this research project? How do you see this work impacting the community at large?

I started this research in 2020 when UN Environment Emissions Gap Report (2020) stated that to limit global warming by 2 °C by 2050, carbon dioxide emissions in buildings would need to be reduced by %77, bringing the world closer to the Paris Agreement goals. As an architect and a designer specialized in Architecture in the field of energy efficient buildings and building energy performance simulation models, I decided to start to do research to help governments to take real measures toward achieving SDG goals.

International Paramedic Short Course



In response to the demands on health training needs and services the College in collaboration with Senyar Emergency Center created an opportunity to those who are interested in developing and acquiring skills in paramedicine on August 22, 2022 at the College campus.

Trainer Affan Awlad Thani, addressed the specific clinical and professional issues relevant to paramedics worldwide. He also shared the latest current thinking and best practice in emergency care, helping readers to inform and develop their knowledge and skills, in turn improving outcomes to any emergency situations.

It is worth mentioning that the College signed a memorandum of understanding with Senyar Emergency Center to cover areas of cooperation on providing training courses, research and projects that interest the two parties and the community.

Scientific Research & Innovation Symposium



To raise awareness on Scientific Research and Innovation, MoHERI, conducted a symposium at the College on Wednesday, 6th July 2022.

Mr. Adel Al-Fazari, a representative from the ministry, presented the efforts and current achievements of the ministry in the framework of enhancing scientific production in the Sultanate. He also highlighted the numerous services and resources, trainings which are currently offered, and future projects to support researchers and provide them with more skills in this field.

Moreso, Dr. Hazem Migdady, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research in his speech tackled the College's achievements and its efforts in reaching out its research goals for the current academic year, attributing to a number of procedures and policies that the college followed to encourage researchers in the College to produce "hybrid" research projects. At the end of his speech, he encouraged everyone to publish quality research projects to reputable publications and reiterated the College strong commitment to Scientific Research.

SMEs Forum



The Innovation Forum was organized by the Marketing and Public Relations Unit together with the Community Engagement Committee of the College and the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Department in South Al Batinah Governorate on 23 October 2022.

The event's highlight focused on collaboration within the SME ecosystem, with the aim of achieving tangible outcomes through sharing knowledge, skills, and resources and by preparing the students as future entrepreneurs.

The emergence of this entrepreneurial event adds more momentum to the development of the SME sector, connecting ideas with capital, driving innovation across key sectors, and transforming entrepreneurial ecosystem to the benefit of the entire region.

Over 160 employees, college students, graduates enjoyed this unique opportunity to network, share ideas, and pursue shared goals and gained valuable insights from distinguished speakers.

2nd Salamaktum Symposium and Exhibition



On Wednesday, 14th December 2022, Department of Student Affairs at the College, represented by the Office of Psychological and Social Counseling, organized an event entitled: "Dopamine for Mental Health Awareness".

The event included an exhibition on mental health, in addition to a discussion session entitled: "Dealing with Depression" presented by Dr. Saeed Al-Kaabi from Al-Masra Hospital. Ms. Mona Al Shaksia also gave a meditation and relaxation session which aims for mental disorders prevention and promotion of mental health.

Various governmental and private agencies participated in this event, including Al-Masara Hospital for Psychiatric Diseases, the General Administration for Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Control at the Royal Oman Police, the Humanities Group at Mazoon College, the Student Happiness Makers Team at the college, and the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs represented by the Women's Guidance Center in Barka.

Student Graduation Project Symposium



The Student Graduation Project Symposium was organized to elevate and empower 21st century students in both innovation and scientific research on Tuesday, 11th October 2022 at the College theater room.

Mr. Noaman Al Kalbani, a mentoring representative from the Ministry of Higher Education Scientific Research, and Innovation together with our very own Dr. Basil Bani Ismail, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Management Information Systems, and Focal Point addressed and challenged the students from various specialization and faculty members to choose a quality focus area for their current or upcoming research.

This is truly a wonderful opportunity to elevate, share and celebrate our students' work in the field of scientific research and innovation.

Communication Skills Workshop



Organized by Marketing and Public Relations Unit of the College, with its partner "Tadribi" Foundation, students and employees from various public and private institutions attended a communication skills course on persuasive communication on 23rd October 2022 at the College campus.

Participants learned about the three channels of communication: body language, tone of voice, and choice of words. Through active discussion and participation in various activities, attendees effectively demonstrated how to present themselves as credible and approachable in a given situation.

At the end of the course, participants received their certificate of participation and expressed their gratitude to the organizers of this prolific event for their initiative and effective role in serving and establishing a good camaraderie to the community.

Charity Day 2022

With the theme “You don’t need a reason to help people”, Students Affairs Department, Student Advisory Council and Volunteer Club organized a day of Charity Campaign drive at the Campus ground of the College on 28 December 2022.

The campaign aims to motivate students to do voluntary works to support charity organizations and institutions in the Sultanate by raising funds through numerous activities like Bazar Photo studio Board games, Music performance, Cake decorating corner, Henna, face painting, magic show and what not.

The event organizers also invited small entrepreneurs from the community to showcase their products in the College.



Football Tournament

The College Student Advisory Council represented by Sports Club organized a football tournament for the first semester of this academic from 11 December to 14th December 2022 at Al Thabit football ground. There league was participated by the students and c alumni Al Thabit. Eight various competed for the tournament namely Samba, AL Taawen, AL Malki, AL Jabal, AL Etihad, AL Brazil, and Alumni.

The event was concluded with an awarding ceremony for the winners, Alumni team was the overall champion, and Al Etihad team placed second.

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7th Alumni Forum and Outstanding Alumni Recognition Ceremony 2022



This year's distinguished alumni award recipients were honored on Monday evening, 22nd August 2022 at the College campus.

The momentous event was organized through collaborative efforts from the Alumni Office, Student and Alumni Affairs Committee, and the College's Alumni Club to pay tribute to outstanding alumna who succeeded in their field of work and post studies.

Prof. Dr. Waled Hamedat, the Dean of the College, in his speech, expressed his warmest welcome to all the attendees and highlighted the importance of the alumna's role in developing the educational process in the College, supporting their fellow Alumni looking for work, or their fellow students who are still studying.

Moreover, Dr. Hazem Migdady, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, has enumerated the College's unique strategic goals to its alumna. The ceremony was kicked off with unsurmountable sense of gratitude from the alumna particularly to the awardees.

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Mission

Oman College of Management & Technology strives to provide the local community with an environment, which is conducive for effective teaching-learning process and research delivered by well-qualified professionals supported by the latest technological facilities. The college is committed to provide the society with graduates who exhibit sound knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to meet the challenges of a dynamic modern society.

Vision

Oman College of Management & Technology aspires to become a leading institution of higher education nationally and regionally, where quality and excellence are maintained in line with international standards, to produce top caliber graduates with knowledge, skills and attitude.

Values

We at OCMT believe in success through the core value groups at the college that comprise of excellence, creativity, mutual respect, collegiality, honesty, tolerance, intellectual openness and freedom of opinion, and receptiveness to the diversity of cultures, ideas and people.