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OPENING NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AJUMS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

As the academic year comes to a close, I extend my heartfelt wishes to all students, especially those preparing for their final exams. This term has been a milestone for the Office of International Affairs at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences, marked by significant collaboration, cultural pride, and academic growth. We had the honor of hosting a delegation from the University of Missan, resulting in a new cooperation agreement that strengthens bilateral ties. Additionally, we renewed our partnership with Al-Turath University in Baghdad, further enhancing regional academic relations. We celebrated the rich heritage of Persian literature through the Ferdowsi Commemoration Ceremony and Persian Language Day, reaffirming our dedication to cultural preservation. Recently, during the challenging 12 days of the imposed war in Iran, we were deeply touched by the emotional support and solidarity shown by our international students. These achievements, alongside the outstanding national and international accomplishments of our students and faculty, have propelled our university to a significant rise in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, an acknowledgment of our commitment to excellence and global engagement. Together, these moments highlight our continued growth and shared pursuit of academic and humanitarian values.

Dr. Somayeh Biparva
Director, Office of International Affairs
Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest issue of AJUMSIA Journal. In this edition—covering the period from December 22, 2024, to June 20, 2025—we proudly celebrate significant milestones, most notably the graduation of our first international master's students, a momentous achievement in the continuing evolution of our university.

This issue showcases a range of academic highlights, cultural engagements, and student accomplishments that reflect the dynamic and diverse international community at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences.

We hope you find the content both informative and inspiring, as we share the stories and successes that shape our institution.

Warm regards,

Dr. Maryam Tahmasebi Birgani
Editor-in-Chief

The Scientific and Medical Legacy of Gundeshapur in the Sasanian Era

From the time of its foundation during the reign of Shapur I, the city of Gundeshapur was one of the most important and distinguished cultural and scientific centers in Sasanian Iran. The Sasanian kings made great efforts to develop this city and establish its scientific institutions. According to accounts by Islamic-era historians, the Sasanian rulers showed a keen interest in promoting various branches of knowledge, especially medicine and philosophy, and provided the necessary conditions for their subjects to access this learning.

Some Islamic sources report that Shapur I, like his father Ardashir, ordered the collection of books from India, China, and Rome and had them translated into Middle Persian (Pahlavi). A corroborating account appears in the *Tarikh-i Gardizi*, which mentions that after the Roman emperor was forced to pay tribute to Shapur I, he gathered books that had been taken to Rome by Alexander and translated there, and sent them as gifts to the Persian king. It is evident that medical knowledge was among the sciences highly valued by Shapur. Al-Maqdisi also notes that following the defeat of the Romans and their resettlement in the cities of Gundeshapur, Tustar (Shushtar), and Ahvaz, Shapur played a major role in the flourishing of Gundeshapur and its medical community.

Shapur I resettled artisans and craftsmen from Antioch—many of whom were Christians—in Khuzestan. As a result, Gundeshapur soon transformed into a center of higher learning and a university. Modern scholars concur that during the Sasanian era, Gundeshapur hosted a true university, which included a medical school, a library, and an affiliated hospital. In this medical academy, Greek—and possibly Indian—medical texts were translated into Middle Persian and Syriac.

Another significant period in the scientific and medical history of Gundeshapur occurred during the reign of Khosrow I Anushirvan. Under his rule, the academic achievements of the university reached their zenith. Like his predecessors, Anushirvan attached great importance to medical knowledge, which by then had become a synthesis of Babylonian, Assyrian, Greek, Egyptian, Iranian, and even Chinese medicine. Some researchers believe that the formal establishment of the Gundeshapur university in its fullest sense occurred during his reign.

According to al-Qifti, in the twentieth year of Anushirvan's reign, Gundeshapur's physicians were summoned at the king's behest to a scholarly gathering where they engaged in discussions and debates on medical science, and the proceedings were recorded. This medical symposium, chaired by Gabriel of Dorostabad (also known as Dorostbaz), the chief physician, is described by al-Qifti as an example of the profound expertise of the Gundeshapur physicians. It would be wise to consider this gathering as the world's first recorded medical symposium, held within the institution and hospital of Gundeshapur.



Dr. Farshid Naderi

Associate Professor of Ancient Iranian History
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Memorandum of Cooperation with the University of Misan:

A New Era of Collaboration



A significant milestone in international academic cooperation was reached on February 23, 2025, when Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) and the University of Misan signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. This partnership marks the beginning of a new era in academic research, clinical collaboration, and the exchange of professors and students between the two institutions.

The signing of this memorandum followed a comprehensive process of engagement, including a visit by a team of adjunct professors from AJUMS to the University of Misan. During this visit, the President of the University of Misan, along with his esteemed board, participated in discussions and further strengthened the foundation for collaboration. The visit allowed AJUMS representatives to explore the great potential of Misan University in education, research, and medicine, providing a comprehensive understanding of the institution's capabilities and resources.

This agreement paves the way for groundbreaking research initiatives, the advancement of clinical innovation, and the establishment of global academic exchange programs. Through this partnership, both institutions are committed to fostering mutual growth, knowledge sharing, and cross-border collaboration, ensuring an enriching academic experience for faculty and students alike.

By signing this Memorandum of Cooperation, AJUMS and the University of Misan are laying the groundwork for a long-lasting and impactful partnership, one that will continue to thrive and evolve in the years ahead.

Strengthening Academic Ties:

Al-Turath University Delegation Visits AJUMS

On February 25–26, 2025, Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Omar Saad Ahmed and Dr. Afagh Mahdi Ali from Al-Turath University. This visit represented a valuable step in enhancing bilateral academic collaboration and deepening mutual understanding between the two institutions.

A key moment of the visit was a strategic meeting at the AJUMS Office of International Affairs, during which international supervisors reaffirmed their strong commitment to expanding the scope of the existing memorandum of understanding (MoU). In addition to the provisions already established, several new opportunities for cooperation in education, research, and student mobility were discussed and agreed upon, reflecting a shared vision for long-term partnership.

To provide a closer look at AJUMS's institutional capabilities, the delegation was invited to tour several key facilities. At Golestan Hospital, a major university-affiliated medical center, Dr. Hossein Zadeh, the Head of Golestan Hospital, accompanied the group. He provided our esteemed guests with a detailed overview of the hospital's infrastructure, services, and academic potential for joint clinical training and collaborative research.

The visit also included a comprehensive tour of the School of Midwifery and Nursing, where Dr. Abbaspour and her esteemed team presented a concise yet thorough review of the school's educational capacity, laboratory resources, and clinical training programs. These encounters offered tangible insights into potential areas for future collaboration, particularly in nursing education and maternal health.

This visit marked a meaningful step toward strengthening academic diplomacy, affirming AJUMS's commitment to internationalization and knowledge exchange. Both institutions concluded the visit with a renewed dedication to building a dynamic and impactful partnership.



Dr. Hussam S. Aziz Visits AJUMS Departments

During 2nd Symposium on DNA

On the sidelines of the 2nd Specialized DNA Symposium, Dr. Hussam S. Aziz, a clinical medical geneticist from Al-Southern Technical University of Basrah, Iraq, visited the Office of AJUMS International Affairs, the Department of Genetics and the Department of Clinical Laboratory at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS).



During his visit, Dr. Aziz toured the educational and research facilities and engaged in discussions with faculty members on recent advancements and innovations in the field. The visit underscored AJUMS's ongoing commitment to the advancement of molecular sciences and the promotion of academic excellence through international collaboration.

PCR Primer Design and Validation Workshop:

A Successful Educational Endeavor

On February 26-27, 2025, Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) hosted its first non-degree workshop on PCR Primer Design and Validation, marking a significant contribution to the university's commitment to advancing scientific education. The workshop was led by Professor Ali Hossein Saberi and Dr. Maryam Tahmasebi Birgani, distinguished faculty members from the Department of Medical Genetics.

This highly anticipated event brought together both international and Iranian students, as well as faculty members, offering an invaluable opportunity for hands-on learning and academic exchange. Participants were immersed in the latest techniques and best practices for designing and validating PCR primers, gaining practical experience in a critical area of molecular biology.

The workshop provided not only essential technical skills but also fostered deeper connections and collaboration among students and faculty, further strengthening the university's role as a hub for scientific advancement and educational excellence.



Teacher's Day Appreciation Message

On the occasion of Teacher's Day in Iran—commemorated annually on May 1st (12th of Ordibehesht) in memory of the revered scholar and educator, Dr. Morteza Motahari—I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation to all professors and academic staff at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences.

Your dedication to teaching, mentoring, and shaping future generations is truly invaluable. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank those esteemed professors who devote their time, attention, and care to supporting our international students. Your efforts play a vital role in their academic success, personal development, and integration into the university community.

On the occasion of Professors' Day in Iran, I also extend my sincere appreciation to all faculty members who contribute their knowledge, time, and effort to educating and guiding our international students. Your invaluable role in shaping minds, fostering intercultural understanding, and promoting academic excellence is deeply appreciated and respected.

I would like to offer special thanks to the esteemed Supervisors in the International Affairs structure of the university, whose leadership, collaboration, and commitment are central to the advancement of international education at AJUMS:

- Dr. Abbasi, Supervisor for Educational Affairs of International Students
- Dr. Faraji, Supervisor for Cultural, Consular, and Student Affairs
- Dr. Tazik, Supervisor of the Language College
- Dr. Ghafouri, Supervisor of USERN and University International Ranking
- Dr. Tahmasbi, Supervisor for International Development

Your tireless efforts help build a more vibrant, inclusive, and globally engaged academic community.

With heartfelt gratitude, I wish all our professors continued health, success, and fulfillment.

Dr. Somayeh Biparva

Director, Office of International Affairs

Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences



Honoring Our Healthcare Professionals

Celebrating Dentist's Day, Midwife's Day, Nursing and Laboratory Sciences Day

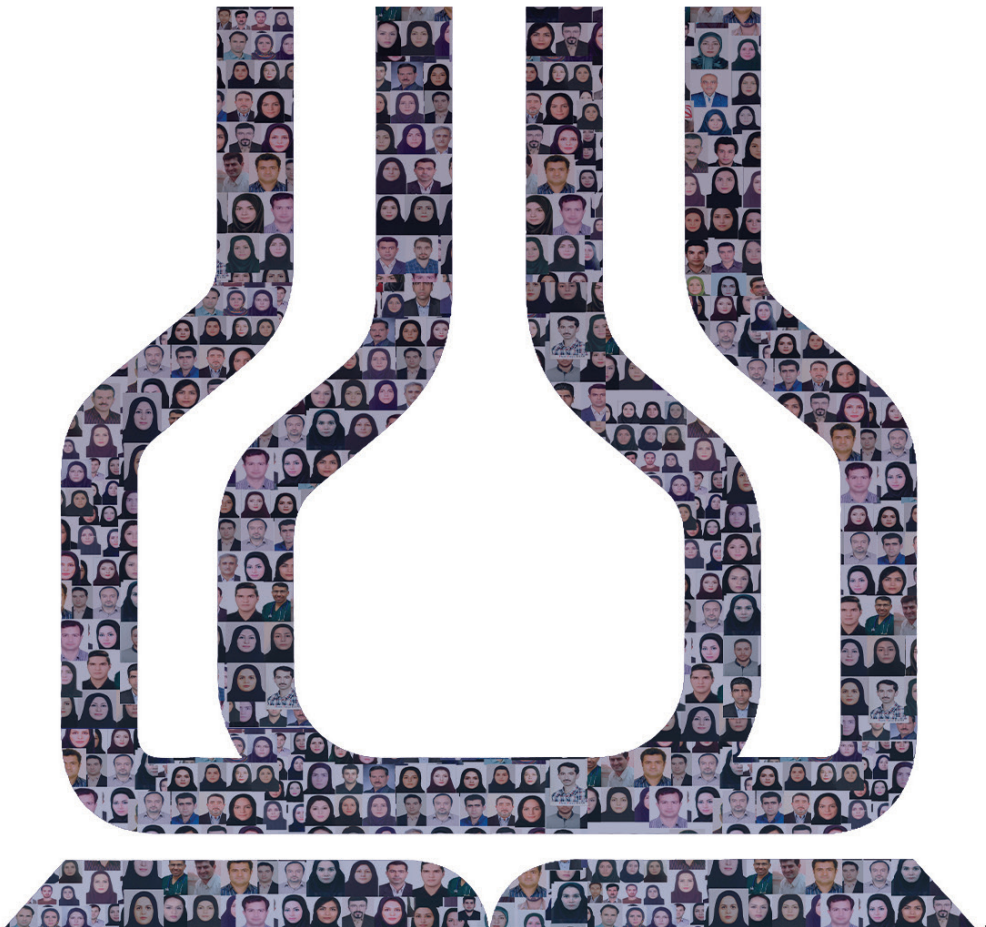
Dear Colleagues,

On the occasions of Dentist's Day, Midwife's Day, and Laboratory Sciences Day, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation to all professionals in these vital fields.

Your dedication, compassion, and expertise are fundamental to the advancement of health and well-being in our communities. Whether through the critical analyses performed in laboratories, the skilled and empathetic care of midwives, or the essential oral health services provided by dental professionals, your contributions are invaluable and far-reaching.

These special days offer an opportunity to recognize and celebrate your tireless efforts, which form the cornerstone of our healthcare system. Your impact extends beyond clinical care—enriching education, research, and international collaboration in health sciences.

With sincere gratitude and respect,
Dr. Somayeh Biparva
Director of International Affairs
Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS)



Significant Milestone in Cochlear Implant Surgeries Achieved in Khuzestan



Celebration of the 1500th Successful Cochlear Implant

Dr. Meysam Moezi, Deputy of Treatment at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS), has announced a remarkable milestone in the field of auditory rehabilitation: the successful completion of 1,500 cochlear implant surgeries in Khuzestan Province since 2012. This achievement reflects a decade of dedicated efforts and highlights the university's leadership in advancing specialized healthcare services in the region.

The program's clinical impact is substantial. Of the total surgeries performed, 800 were on children under the age of three, 400 on older children, and 350 on adults. These interventions have significantly transformed lives—450 children are now enrolled in school, and 50 adults have rejoined the workforce, thanks to restored hearing.

Each cochlear implant surgery, costing approximately one billion tomans, has been provided free of charge, funded through a combination of university resources and government support. With 180 surgeries conducted in the past year alone, AJUMS now leads the nation in the volume and quality of cochlear implant procedures.

At the heart of this success stands Professor Nader Saki, Chief Surgeon and a nationally recognized authority in otolaryngology. His unwavering dedication, clinical excellence, and leadership have been instrumental in building and sustaining this life-changing program. Prof. Saki's tireless work has not only elevated the standard of care in Khuzestan but has also positioned AJUMS as a center of excellence for cochlear implant surgery in Iran. His mentorship has further helped train the next generation of specialists, ensuring the continuity and expansion of these critical services.

Looking ahead, the center plans to broaden its outreach by accepting more patients from neighboring provinces and launching advanced training programs. As Dr. Moezi emphasized, the overarching goal remains steadfast: to ensure that no child is ever deprived of the gift of hearing.



Urology Residents of AJUMS

Win Third Place at 28th Iranian Urology Association Congress

At the 28th Annual Congress of the Iranian Urology Association, held from May 12 to 15, 2025, at the International Conference Center of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (Abureyhan Hall) in Tehran, the urology residents of Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences secured third place among representatives from 16 medical universities across the country.

This prominent scientific gathering brought together leading experts, researchers, and clinicians in the field of urology to share the latest advancements, research findings, and innovative treatment approaches.



The accomplishment highlights the high academic standards, dedication, and excellence of the university's Department of Urology and its residents, affirming their strong presence in the national academic and medical community.

National Recognition for the Anesthesiology Department at the 2025 Shahid Motahari Festival and Medical Education Congress Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences

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The Department of Anesthesiology at the School of Allied Medical Sciences, Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences, earned national distinction at the 18th Shahid Motahari Festival and the 26th National Congress on Medical Education, held under the theme "Medical Education in the Era of Technology and Artificial Intelligence." The department was the only unit from the university and the sole representative-Award-Winning Projects:

1. Second Place Nationwide – Student Assessment

The project "Providing Online Visual Feedback Using Power BI," led by Dr. Ali Khalafi and Ms. Noushin Sarvi, received second place for its innovative use of real-time visual feedback to enhance clinical competency in anesthesiology students through formative assessment.

2. National Commendation – Curriculum Development

The project "A Bridge over Troubled Waters," also developed by Sarvi and Khalafi, was recognized for its scenario-based "Survival" program that helps interns and recent graduates transition effectively into clinical roles through simulation and skills training.

These achievements underscore the department's commitment to educational innovation, technology integration, and preparing students for real-world clinical challenges. The awards were formally presented during the national congress held in May 2025 at the Razi International Conference Center in Tehran.



Professor Manoochehr Makvandi Represents AJUMS at the International Cancer Congress in Dubai

Professor Makvandi presented his research titled “Molecular and Serological Prevalence of HCMV in Iranian Patients with Breast Cancer,” which attracted considerable attention from both the scientific audience and the event organizers. In recognition of his outstanding contribution, he was honored with an invitation to participate in the award ceremony for top research presentations.

Professor Makvandi is a member of the editorial board of the congress-affiliated journal and serves as a peer reviewer for several leading international journals in virology.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Professor Makvandi and wish him continued health, success, and further achievements in his academic and professional journey.

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Prominent Professor from Jundishapur Nursing and Midwifery School Represents AJUMS at the 15th EMAS Congress in Spain

Professor Parvin Abedi, esteemed faculty member of the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences, participated in the 15th Congress of the European Menopause and Andropause Society (EMAS), held from May 14 to 16, 2025, in Valencia, Spain.

Her presence at this prestigious international forum underscores the active engagement of Iranian academics in global scientific dialogue surrounding midlife women’s health. The EMAS Congress, held biennially, brings together 700 to 800 leading experts from around the world for three intensive days of

presentations and discussions, from 8 AM to 7 PM daily. Key topics included hormone therapy during menopause, osteoporosis prevention, cardiovascular health, psychological challenges associated with menopause, and approaches to weight management.



Professor Abedi’s participation served as a significant representation of both her institution and country, contributing valuable perspectives to international efforts in menopausal care. Additionally, the attendance of several gynecology specialists from the University of Tehran for the first time at EMAS signaled a promising step toward the formation of a national menopause society in Iran and the enhancement of healthcare strategies for midlife women.

International Academic Contribution of

AJUMS Faculty in Brazil

Prof. Ali Rezaei-Matehkolaei, faculty member of the Department of Medical Mycology, School of Medicine at AJUMS, actively contributed to two major international scientific events in Brazil in May 2025.



He was invited as an instructor to the international workshop “Microbiological Collections of Paraná Network / Taxonline” in Curitiba, where he presented on the epidemiology of dermatophytosis in Iran and provided expert training to an international audience.

He also participated in the 22nd ISHAM Congress in Foz do Iguaçu, the leading global event in medical mycology, where he delivered a presentation titled “Nationwide Mapping of Dermatophytosis by Trichophyton indotineae in Iran.”

His presence and contributions reflect the scientific excellence of AJUMS faculty and strengthen the university’s international academic engagement.

Graduation Announcement:

Murtadha Sahib Jasim

Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences congratulates Mr. Murtadha Sahib Jasim, international student from Iraq, on his successful graduation from the School of Health.

Mr. Jasim completed the requirements for his Master’s Degree in Health Education and Health Promotion in March 2025 and officially received his degree in June 2025. His thesis was completed under the supervision of Dr. Naser Hatamzadeh.

We acknowledge his dedication and effort throughout the program and wish him continued success in his academic and professional path.



Five Impactful Research Projects Recognized at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences

Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) has recently recognized five outstanding research projects for their innovation, practical relevance, and significant scientific contributions.

The honored researchers include Dr. Maryam Tahmasebi Birgani and Dr. Vahid Bayati from the School of Medicine, Dr. Amanollah Zarei Ahmady from the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Elham Jahanifard from the School of Health, and Dr. Hamid Galledari from the Department of Biological Sci

ences at Shahid Chamran University of Ahvaz. These recognitions underscore the growing impact of scientific research in the region and reflect the university's continued commitment to advancing knowledge and addressing real-world challenges through research.



International Students

at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences

Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) takes pride in hosting a vibrant and diverse community of international students and scholars from around the world. Currently, a growing community of international students from four different countries is enrolled in various academic programs, contributing to a rich environment of global perspectives and cross-cultural exchange on campus.

The University offers a comprehensive range of academic programs across disciplines such as Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry, spanning undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and fellowship levels. In addition to its degree programs, AJUMS provides a variety of competitive fellowship opportunities designed to attract postdoctoral researchers, clinical fellows, and visiting scholars engaged in advanced areas of study.



Supported by distinguished faculty members, state-of-the-art research facilities, and a dedicated International Student Office, AJUMS is committed to fostering an inclusive and academically stimulating environment. Our goal is to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, are empowered to excel academically, grow professionally, and engage meaningfully with the broader university community.

Approval of 30% Tuition Discount for Outstanding International Medical Students at AJUMS

In a progressive step toward supporting academic excellence and fostering international engagement, the Office of International Affairs at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) has secured the approval of a new merit-based tuition discount for international medical students. Following a thorough review process and benchmarking consultations with top-tier (Type 1) universities across Iran, the University's Board of Trustees—the highest decision-making body at AJUMS—has formally authorized a 30% reduction in tuition fees for high-achieving international students.

This policy applies to students who have maintained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 17 or higher (on a 20-point scale), and who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance within their respective programs. The initiative aims to recognize and reward the achievements of international students while further enhancing the university's global academic reputation.

The current recipients of this distinction are outstanding students from Syria, Iraq, India, and Pakistan, all of whom are enrolled in the Basic Sciences Phase of the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) program and rank among the top of their cohorts:



Dara Rasool
Syria



**Mohammadreza Hasan
Falouhi Al-Bakhati**
Iraq



Junaid Ullah
India



Muntaha Farooq
India



Tanzeel Farooq
India

This initiative underscores AJUMS's ongoing commitment to educational equity, internationalization, and the cultivation of academic excellence. The university continues to welcome talented students from around the world and remains dedicated to providing a supportive environment where merit is recognized and rewarded.

First Educational Meeting With the New Esteemed Team at the AJUMS School of Medicine

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the School of Medicine at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS) held its first educational meeting with the newly appointed educational leadership team. The session was honored by the presence of:

- Dr. Hanafi, Esteemed Dean of the School of Medicine
- Dr. Moghadam Sadegh, Esteemed Vice Dean for Educational Affairs in General Medicine
- Dr. Radan, Esteemed Vice Dean for Postgraduate Affairs

The meeting was marked by a spirit of collaboration, constructive dialogue, and a shared commitment to enhancing the quality of medical education. Our colleagues' positive attitude and openness to engagement set a promising tone for future initiatives.

With this strong foundation, we remain hopeful for continued progress and a brighter academic future for our international students at the School of Medicine.



WORLD HEALTH DAY

A Call for Health, Humanity, and Harmony

World Health Day urges us to remember that health is deeply linked to our environment and behaviors. While infectious diseases have been controlled, non-communicable diseases like heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's are rising—driven by pollution, urbanization, and unsustainable lifestyles.

The Earth remains unchanged; our actions have disrupted its balance. Tackling this requires more than technology—it demands collective responsibility and ecological wisdom.

Key steps include raising awareness, empowering health workers, conserving resources, reducing emissions, transitioning to renewables, and adopting sustainable technologies. Artificial intelligence can aid healthcare, but ethical and spiritual values must guide our choices.

Effective health policies must prioritize climate resilience and sustainability, focusing on disease prevention and ecosystem protection rather than merely expanding healthcare facilities.

World Health Day reminds us that health and sustainability are inseparable, and the time to act is now.



By Prof. Gholamreza Goudarzi

Professor of Environmental Health Engineering
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Environmental Technology Research Center

WORLD THALASSEMIA DAY 2025:

UNITING FOR PREVENTION AND CARE

World Thalassaemia Day, observed on May 8, emphasizes global solidarity in addressing one of the most common inherited blood disorders. This year's theme, "Together for Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients," highlights the need for both medical and social action. Thalassaemia, especially beta-thalassaemia, causes chronic anemia and often requires life-long transfusions. Inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern, it can be prevented through early screening and genetic counseling. Iran's national pre-marital screening program has become a regional model in prevention. While traditional treatments remain essential, comprehensive care must also include emotional and social support. Promising innovations such as gene therapy and CRISPR-based editing offer hope for long-term solutions, though access remains limited. This day is a call to action: to invest in research, expand access to advanced care, and ensure no patient is left behind. Unity, awareness, and patient-centered policies are key to transforming thalassaemia care—today and in the years ahead.



By Prof. Alihossein Saberi
Professor of Medical Genetics
Department of Medical Genetics

GENETIC DIAGNOSIS IN RARE DISORDERS

Rare diseases, though individually uncommon, affect over 400 million people globally, nearly half of them children. Defined as conditions impacting fewer than 65 individuals per 100,000, more than 8,000 such disorders are known—many of them genetic, chronic, and life-threatening. Up to 80 percent of rare diseases have a genetic origin, involving single-gene or chromosomal mutations. While many are inherited, others result from spontaneous (de novo) mutations. Diagnosis is often delayed due to vague or overlapping symptoms, leading to a prolonged "diagnostic odyssey." Genetic consultation is crucial in guiding families through testing, risk assessment, and interpretation. Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) has become a key tool, analyzing all protein-coding regions of the genome where most pathogenic mutations occur. It is especially useful when symptoms are unclear. Advances in genomic technologies, combined with expert consultation, are transforming the diagnosis and management of rare diseases—bringing faster answers, clearer treatment options, and hope to affected families.



By Dr. Pegah Ghandil
Associate Professor of Medical Genetics
Department of Medical Genetics

USERN International Affairs Office Organizes First Webinar on Breast Cancer Awareness and Treatment

On June 2, 2025, the International Affairs Office of the Universal Scientific Education and Research Network (USERN) hosted its first official webinar, titled “Breast Cancer: Risks, Diagnosis, and Treatment.” This inaugural event brought together international students and medical enthusiasts in a collaborative effort to share scientific knowledge and raise awareness about one of the most prevalent cancers affecting women worldwide.

The webinar featured a series of insightful presentations delivered by international students, addressing key aspects of breast cancer. Topics included major risk factors, the critical role of early detection through screening programs, and an overview of both standard and emerging treatment approaches. In addition to the medical dimensions, the psychological and social impacts of the disease on patients and their families were also explored, offering a comprehensive and empathetic perspective. This academic initiative marked a significant milestone for USERN’s International Affairs Office. By creating an inclusive and educational platform, the event not only promoted public health awareness but also strengthened cross-cultural scientific exchange and student collaboration.





USERN International Affairs Office Organizes a Series of Journal Clubs on Maternal Health Research

1. PowerPoint Poster Design Workshop

On January 5, 2025, the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, in collaboration with the USERN Office of International Affairs at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences, held a workshop focused on designing effective scientific posters using PowerPoint. The session was conducted by Mr. Farid Mehinezhadeh.

2. Journal Club: Vitamin Intake and the Common Cold

On January 6, 2025, a Journal Club was held by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, in collaboration with the USERN Office of International Affairs. The session focused on the role of vitamin intake in the prevention and treatment of the common cold and was presented by Ms. Fatemeh Jamshidi.

5. Regional Workshop: Poster Design

A regional poster design workshop was held on February 5, 2025, organized by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine in collaboration with the USERN Office of International Affairs and Macro Region 4. The session was led by Mr. Farid Mehinezhadeh.

7. Journal Club: Melatonin and Neurological Disorders

On February 24, 2025, a Journal Club session was held on the effects of melatonin in neurological disorders. The event was organized by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine in collaboration with the USERN Office of International Affairs and was conducted by Ms. Sepideh Cherkhabian.

3. Journal Club: Maternal Nutrition and Offspring Brain Development

On January 11, 2025, the USERN Office of International Affairs organized a Journal Club titled "Maternal Nutrition During Pregnancy and Offspring Brain Development: Insight from Neuroimaging." The session was led by Ms. Simin Haghdoust, a Ph.D. student in midwifery.

4. Regional Workshop: Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills

On February 4, 2025, the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, in collaboration with the USERN Office of International Affairs and Macro Region 4, held a regional workshop on "How to Write and Present Articles in Scientific Congresses." The workshop was conducted by Dr. Elham Shakerian.

6. Webinar: Epidemiology and Treatment of Diabetes

On May 5, 2025, the USERN Office of International Affairs hosted its first international webinar titled "Epidemiology of Diabetes: Outcomes and Therapeutic Approaches." The event was organized by international medical students.

8. Primer Design & Validation Course

The Office of Development and International Cooperation, in collaboration with USERN, hosted the university's first non-degree short-term educational course in "Designing and Validating Primers" on February 25–26, 2025. The course was taught by Professor Ali Hossein Sabereh and Dr. Maryam Tahmasebi Birgani.

9. Workshop: How to Submit an Article to Journals

On March 2, 2025, a workshop titled "How to Submit an Article to Journals" was held by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine in cooperation with the USERN Office of International Affairs. The session was conducted by Dr. Somayeh Hajipour.

10. Journal Club: Benefits and Harms of Alcohol Consumption

A Journal Club session focusing on the benefits and risks associated with alcohol consumption was held on March 3, 2025. The event was organized by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and the USERN Office of International Affairs and was presented by Mr. Amirreza Rezaei.

Programs Organized by the USERN Office of International Affairs in Spring 1404 (2025)

11. Second International Symposium – April 23, 2025

The USERN Office of International Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Genetics, Faculty of Medicine, organized the 2nd International Symposium on April 23, 2025, at the School of Public Health. The event was honored by the presence of Dr. Hatem Bostani, President of Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences. This hybrid symposium (in-person and online) hosted researchers from Iran, the United States, Sweden, Iraq, and other countries. Several participants presented their latest research findings across various disciplines.

12. Journal Club – May 4, 2025

A journal club session was held on May 4, 2025, by the USERN Office of International Affairs, focusing on the topic "Outcome Reporting in Studies Investigating Treatment for Cesarean Scar Ectopic Pregnancy", presented by Ms. Leila Bozorgian.

13. Journal Club – May 11, 2025

On Sunday, May 11, 2025, the USERN Office of International Affairs organized a journal club titled "Prevalence of Surgical Site Infection (SSI) and Its Association With Vitamin D Deficiency". The session was held in the second-floor conference hall of the Vice-Chancellor for Research Office and was presented by Ms. Parvin Esfandiari Nejad, a Ph.D. candidate in midwifery.

14. Journal Club – May 12, 2025

A journal club session was held on May 12, 2025, featuring presentations by several international students. The session focused on "The Impact of Climate Change on Public Health", encouraging multidisciplinary discussion on global health challenges.

15. On Sunday, May 11, 2025, a session was held on the topic "Prevalence of Surgical Site Infection (SSI) and Its Association with Vitamin D Deficiency," presented by Ms. Parvin Esfandiari, Ph.D. candidate in midwifery.

16. On May 31, 2025, another journal club featured the topic "The Impact of the Shared Decision-Making Model on the Choice of Delivery Method in Women with a History of Previous Cesarean Section," presented by Dr. Mojgan Javadnouri, Ph.D. student in midwifery.

17. The third session took place on June 8, 2025, with Ms. Azam Honarmandpour, Ph.D. student in midwifery, presenting on "First-Trimester Specific Diagnostic Accuracy of Ultrasound for Detection of Placenta Accreta Spectrum: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis."

Addressing Language Learning Challenges

for International Students at AJUMS

On March 9, 2025, a productive discussion took place at the AJUMS College of Language focusing on the challenges faced by international students in learning languages, particularly Persian, and addressing their specific academic needs. The meeting brought together key academic stakeholders to identify and strategize effective solutions to these challenges.

A major outcome of the discussion was the development of strategies aimed at improving educational programs for international students. The focus was on enhancing coordination between the College of Language and various academic departments, ensuring a more seamless integration of language education into the broader curriculum. This collaborative approach aims to create a more supportive and effective learning environment that caters to the needs of students from diverse backgrounds.

The importance of Persian language education was highlighted, especially within academic settings and clinical environments such as hospitals. Effective communication in Persian is essential for student success and integration, particularly in the medical field, where interaction with patients and colleagues is vital.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Dr. Tazik, Head of the AJUMS College of Language, and the entire dedicated staff for their ongoing efforts to improve language education and support the academic journey of international students. Your commitment to enhancing the student experience is deeply appreciated.



Persian Language Proficiency Test

To assess the Persian language skills of international students, the Persian Proficiency Test was held on Tuesday, Esfand 7, 1403 (February 25, 2025) at the Language College of AJUMS International Affairs. A total of 21 international students participated in this test. The exam was designed around the four main language skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing. The total score was set at 100, with a passing mark of 60. Students who successfully achieved the passing score received a certificate of completion for the Persian language course from the Language College.

Persian Language Training Workshops

for Proficiency Test Preparation

As the Persian Proficiency Test approached, a series of language training workshops were held to familiarize students with the test format and content, and to enhance their language skills. These workshops were conducted by instructors from the Language College over various time intervals.

The workshops focused on practicing and analyzing sample questions, strengthening the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), and offering key tips for success. They played an effective role in boosting both the academic readiness and confidence of the students.



Commemoration Ceremony of **Hakim Abolqasem Ferdowsi** and Persian Language Appreciation Day

In honor of the great Iranian epic poet, Hakim Abolqasem Ferdowsi, and in celebration of Persian Language Day, a ceremony was held on Sunday, 28/02/1404 (May 18, 2025) at the amphitheater of the School of Public Health. The event was attended by faculty members, special guests from Shahid Chamran University, Iranian and international students, and university staff. It aimed to preserve the rich cultural heritage of Iran and highlight the significance of the Persian language as one of the core components of Iranian identity.

The ceremony began with a recitation from the Holy Quran and the national anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The program host then warmly welcomed the attendees and emphasized the importance of honoring national luminaries and the Persian language. The ceremony received a warm reception from the audience and included a variety of cultural activities such as speeches, poetry and storytelling, artistic performances, music, audio-act performance, a poetry reading competition, and the awarding of prizes to the top participants in the Persian proficiency exam and competitions.

At the conclusion of the event, appreciation was expressed to the organizers, participants, and guests. Emphasis was placed on the continuation of such events to strengthen the university's cultural foundations and enhance the younger generation's awareness of Persian literary greats.



Distinguished Faculty Members in Basic and Clinical Education at the 18th Motahari Educational Festival

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Visit of Dr. Boostani to the International Male Dormitory:

A Commitment to Student Welfare

On February 17, 2025, we had the honor of welcoming Dr. Boostani, the esteemed President of Jundishapur University, for an insightful and supportive visit to the International Male Dormitory.

During his visit, Dr. Boostani's commitment to enhancing student welfare was clearly evident. His engagement with the dormitory facilities highlighted his dedication to creating a supportive and comfortable living environment for our international students.

We deeply appreciate Dr. Boostani's presence and his continuous efforts to improve the student experience. We look forward to seeing the positive developments in dormitory facilities and other student services, ensuring a comfortable and enriching environment for all residents.



Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences Academics and International Students

in the Quds Day March: United with the Iranian Nation in Support of Palestine

According to a report by Webda Khuzestan, Quds Day is a global symbol of unity for the Islamic Ummah, supporting the oppressed people of Palestine and resisting oppression and occupation. This year, healthcare professionals at Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences once again demonstrated their commitment to justice by actively participating in the Quds Day march, voicing their support for the Palestinian cause.

The academic community of Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences, including international students, faculty members, students, staff, and administrators, took part in the march with conscious dedication and firm resolve. The participation of international students, who represent a diverse range of countries, alongside their Iranian peers, was a powerful demonstration of solidarity. This united front sent a strong message of justice, unity, and commitment to the oppressed people of Palestine.

The involvement of international students emphasizes the global nature of the university's academic community. Their participation in this significant event underscores that the fight for justice and the support for Palestine transcend national borders and unite people from all corners of the world. The collective action of both local and international participants highlights the shared values of justice, resistance, and solidarity that are central to the mission of Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences.



Establishment of a Sports Club in Shahid Rajaei Dormitory

The International Affairs Management of Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences in Ahvaz established a sports club in Shahid Rajaei Dormitory during the winter of 1403. This club, equipped with appropriate facilities and a healthy, energetic space, is designed for the use of international students. The aim of this initiative is to promote health, increase happiness, and support the physical well-being of the students alongside their academic progress.



Establishment of a Library in Shahid Rajaei Dormitory

The International Affairs Management of the university, by acquiring books selected through a student survey, has established a library in Shahid Rajaei Dormitory. This library serves as a space for reading, conducting research, and exchanging ideas among students and has been warmly received by them.



Pastry and Cooking Workshops in Shahid Rajaei Dormitory

At the initiative of the International Affairs Management of Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences in Ahvaz, pastry and cooking workshops were held in Shahid Rajaei Dormitory. This program was implemented to make constructive use of the international students' leisure time, improve their cooking skills, and familiarize them with local cuisines. This activity also contributed to strengthening cultural exchanges and creating joyful moments for the students.

Participation of an International Student

from Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences
in the National Quran and Etrat Festival

Mr. Asif Gulzar, an international student from India, participated in the National Quran and Etrat Festival. His participation is a clear reflection of the active involvement of non-Iranian students in the university's cultural and religious programs, demonstrating their interest in Quranic concepts and spiritual activities within the academic environment.

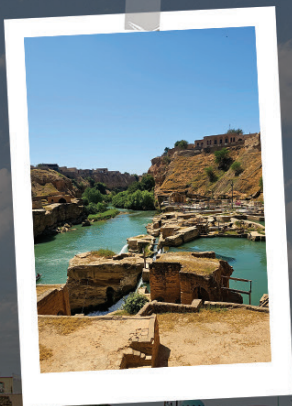


Fostering a Spirit of Solidarity in Dormitories

on Religious Occasions and Celebrations

Coinciding with religious holidays and occasions, efforts are made—with the active participation of students and collaboration of relevant departments—to create a warm, spiritual, and vibrant atmosphere in the dormitories. These programs are held with the aim of strengthening solidarity, encouraging collective participation, and honoring religious values. Such an environment not only promotes a culture of faith and spirituality but also helps foster closer connections among students and reinforces a sense of community and belonging within the dormitory setting.





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یادداشت روزانه: اردوی دانشگاه به یک مکان تاریخی

امروز یکی از روزهای به یادماندنی بود؛ زیرا دانشگاه ما یک اردوی تفریحی به یک مکان معروف — [شوشتر] — برگزار کرد. این بازدید بخشی از برنامه‌ی غنی‌سازی فرهنگی ما بود و هدف آن افزایش آگاهی دانشجویان از میراث تاریخی، در کنار فرصتی برای استراحت و هم‌نشینی دوستانه بود.

ما صبح زود از خوابگاه حرکت کردیم و در مسیر، فضای پرشور و پرانرژی‌ای حاکم بود؛ سرودخوانی، خنده و گفتگوهای دوستانه، فضای سفر را دلنشین‌تر می‌کرد. با رسیدن به مقصد، شکوه و عظمت بنای تاریخی ما را شگفت‌زده کرد. راهنمایان تور اطلاعات جالب و آموزنده‌ای درباره‌ی پیشینه‌ی تاریخی، معماری بی‌نظیر و میراث ماندگار آن مکان ارائه دادند.

علاوه بر جنبه‌ی آموزشی، لحظاتی سرشار از شادی و نشاط داشتیم. ناهار را در فضای باز و صمیمی صرف کردیم، عکس گرفتیم و از فضای فرهنگی و تاریخی مکان لذت بردیم. محیط آرام و آکنده از تاریخ، تلفیقی دلنشین از یادگیری و لذت بود.

عصر هنگام به خوابگاه بازگشتیم؛ خسته اما سرشار از رضایت. این روز نه تنها فرصتی برای فرار از روتین‌های درسی بود، بلکه تجربه‌ای آموزنده و صمیمی بود که هم شناخت‌مان از تاریخ را افزایش داد و هم دوستی‌هایمان را عمیق‌تر کرد.

تأمل:

امروز به من یادآوری کرد که یادگیری فقط محدود به کلاس درس نیست؛ گاهی باید از فضای دانشگاه بیرون رفت و از جهان پیرامون آموخت. قدردان فرصتی هستم که دانشگاه برای چنین تجربه‌ای ارزشمند در اختیارمان قرار داد.

هانا کامل فتا

Diary Entry - Trip to Shashtar

Date: 17 April Thursday

Today was one of those days I'll probably remember for a long time. Our university trip to Shashtar felt like stepping into a piece of history. The moment we arrived, the vibe was completely different - peaceful, ancient, and full of stories.

The highlight of the trip was definitely the Shashtar Historical Hydraulic System. It's honestly mind-blowing how such a complex water system was built centuries ago and still exists today. Standing there, with the sound of rushing water in the background and the sun warming the stones, I felt this deep appreciation for the people who created it.

We walked through narrow streets, explored old structures, and even got a little lost at one point - but that was part of the fun. I took a lot of photos, but I know the pictures won't capture the feeling of being there. It was also great to be with friends outside the classroom - everyone was relaxed, laughing, and just enjoying the moment.

There was something really calming about being surrounded by history like that. It made me think about how time passes and how so many people have walked those same paths before us. I'm coming back from Shashtar with tired feet, a full camera roll, and a head full of memories. Totally worth it.

Murtaza Farooq

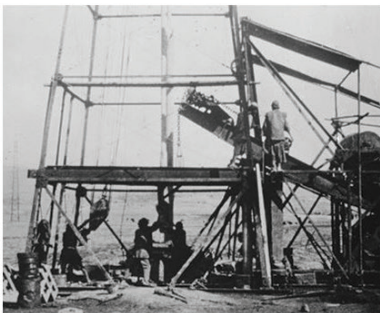




Iranology Spotlight:

Masjed Soleyman

Located in the northeastern highlands of Khuzestan Province, Masjed Soleyman stands as a unique convergence point of Iran's ancient heritage and modern industrial history. The city is most renowned as the birthplace of the oil industry in the Middle East, where the first successful oil well was drilled in 1908 by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company (later known as BP). This event marked a turning point not only for Masjed Soleyman but also for the political and economic future of Iran, positioning the country on the global energy map. Yet, Masjed Soleyman's legacy predates this industrial milestone by millennia. The region is rich in archaeological remains, offering invaluable insights into ancient civilizations:





Bard-e Neshandeh: Believed to be a Zoroastrian fire temple, this site is a key testament to early Persian religious practices, possibly dating back to the Achaemenid or even Elamite period.

Sarbazan Castle: A fortress reflecting military and architectural development during the Parthian and Sassanid eras.

Elamite and Achaemenid remnants: Various inscriptions, rock reliefs, and pottery fragments discovered in the area further attest to the region's long-standing historical significance.

Masjed Soleyman is also situated in a region inhabited by the Bakhtiari people, whose traditions and lifestyle contribute to the city's cultural richness, though this article focuses primarily on its archaeological and industrial heritage.

Set against a backdrop of dramatic mountain terrain and rugged beauty, Masjed Soleyman serves as a powerful symbol of Iran's dual legacy—ancient civilization and modern energy innovation—making it a compelling destination for researchers, historians, and culturally curious travelers.

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Afshar Kilim of Khuzestan:

A Woven Legacy of Tradition and Nomadic Artistry

Rooted in the heart of Khuzestan, the Afshar Kilim is more than a textile—it's a vibrant expression of nomadic artistry and cultural heritage. Handwoven by skilled Afshar women, these kilims feature striking geometric patterns and earthy tones that draw inspiration from the natural beauty of the Zagros landscapes. Each thread is imbued with stories of migration, resilience, and identity, offering a silent yet profound connection to centuries of tradition.

Woven with the spirit of the nomadic soul, the Afshar Kilim is a living canvas that echoes the rhythms of tribal life. The bold designs and natural dyes reflect the artisans' deep connection to the land, encapsulating not just the raw beauty of the environment but also the strength and pride of the Afshar people. Each piece is a timeless woven poem, a tribute to heritage, and a testament to the artistry that transcends generations.



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Student Diary





Attar of Nishapur:

The Mystic Voice of Persian Poetry

Farid ud-Din Attar (c. 1145–c. 1221) stands as one of the towering figures of Persian literature and Islamic mysticism. A poet, mystic, and philosopher, Attar's legacy has shaped the spiritual and literary landscape of the Persian-speaking world and beyond. Born in Nishapur, in northeastern Iran, Attar lived during a transformative period in Sufism, and his writings continue to offer profound reflections on the soul's journey toward truth.

Attar's most celebrated work, "The Conference of the Birds" (Mantiq al-Tayr), presents a powerful allegory: a group of birds, each representing a human soul, embarks on a quest to find their king—the mythical Simurgh. Along the way, they confront trials and confront their own limitations, ultimately discovering that the divine truth lies within themselves. Through this journey, Attar explores key Sufi themes such as self-annihilation (fana'), divine love, and inner purification.

In addition to this spiritual epic, Attar authored numerous works including *Asrarnameh* (The Book of Secrets) and *Tadhkirat al-Awliya* (The Memorial of Saints), a biographical collection of revered Sufi figures.

His poetry and prose blend mystical insight with philosophical depth, guiding readers through the complexities of self-realization and divine union (Lewisohn, 1999; Schimmel, 1975).

Attar's influence cannot be overstated. Later mystical poets, most notably Jalal al-Din Rumi, drew heavily from his themes and narrative style. Rumi even referred to Attar as a spiritual predecessor, famously saying: "Attar walked through the seven cities of love, while we are still just at the corner of one street." (Nasr, 1987).

In recognition of his enduring impact, April 14 is observed as Attar's National Day in Iran, commemorating his contributions to Persian literature, mysticism, and the cultural heritage of the Islamic world.

Though centuries have passed since his death—likely during the Mongol invasions around 1221—Attar's voice continues to inspire those who seek meaning, transcendence, and beauty in the written word.

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Qeysar Aminpour:

Voice of Post-Revolutionary Persian Poetry

Qeysar Aminpour (1959–2007) stands as one of the most significant figures in contemporary Persian literature. A poet, essayist, and academic, he emerged as a defining voice in the Post-Revolutionary Poetry Movement in Iran, particularly in the wake of the Islamic Revolution of 1979. Born in Dezful, in the province of Khuzestan, Aminpour's literary trajectory was deeply shaped by the social, political, and cultural transformations of late 20th-century Iran.

Aminpour's work is characterized by a fusion of classical Persian poetic traditions with modern sensibilities, offering a unique literary voice that bridges historical continuity and innovation. His poetry draws heavily on themes such as the Iran–Iraq War (known in Iran as the Sacred Defense), identity, martyrdom, spirituality, love, loss, and social justice. Through these motifs, Aminpour articulates the complexities of Iranian collective memory and personal introspection in a time of profound upheaval.

Renowned for his emotional depth, symbolic language, and philosophical tone, Aminpour's poetry maintains a lyrical clarity that has resonated with a broad spectrum of readers. His writings reflect both a personal spiritual journey and a broader national consciousness, making him not only a poet of his time but also a lasting literary figure in Persian letters.

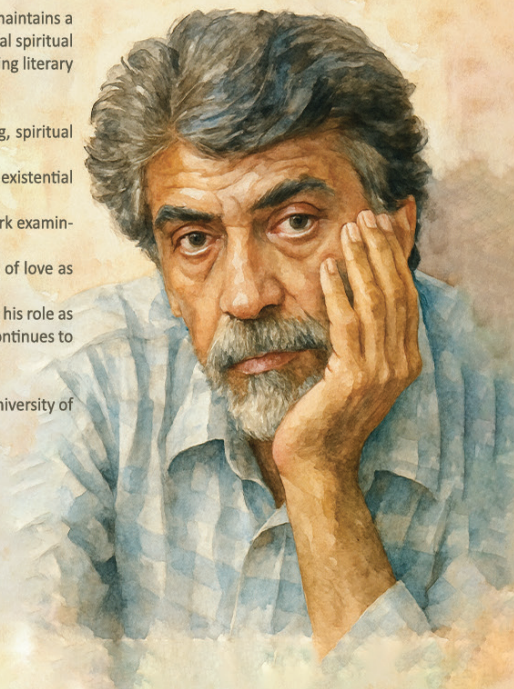
Among his most influential works are:

- *In the Absence of the Sun* (Dar Gheybat-e Khorshid) – A poignant meditation on mourning, spiritual void, and the enduring impact of war.
- *Suddenly* (Yek Rooz Migozarad) – A reflective collection exploring memory, temporality, and existential experience.
- *Poetry in the Age of Doubt* (She'r-e Mo'aser dar Asr-e Tardid) – A critical and theoretical work examining the role of poetry in a modern, ideologically fragmented world.
- *The Grammar of Love* (Dastoor-e Zabaan-e Eshgh) – A lyrical and philosophical exploration of love as both language and emotion.

Qeysar Aminpour's contribution to Persian literature lies not only in his poetic innovations but also in his role as a public intellectual, who engaged with the cultural discourse of post-revolutionary Iran. His legacy continues to shape the contours of contemporary Persian poetics and critical thought.

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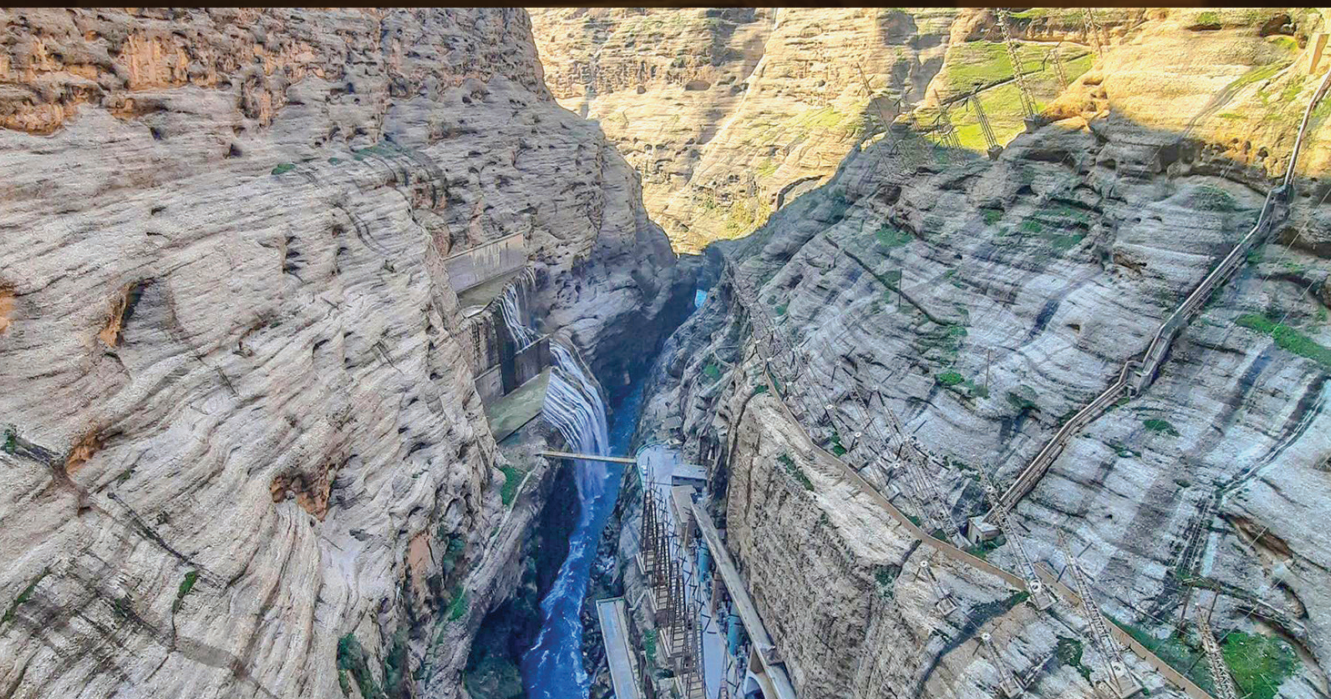
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Dez Dam is a major hydroelectric and multipurpose dam located in Khuzestan Province, southwestern Iran, near the city of Dezful. Constructed on the Dez River, the dam was completed in 1963 with the help of Italian engineers. Standing at 203 meters tall, it was one of the tallest dams in the world at the time of its completion and remains one of the tallest in Iran.

The dam plays a crucial role in generating hydroelectric power, controlling floods, and providing irrigation water to vast agricultural lands in the region. It has a power generation capacity of approximately 520 megawatts and helps support both the national power grid and local farming activities.

In addition to its economic importance, the reservoir created by Dez Dam, known as Dez Lake, has also become a popular site for tourism and recreation, contributing to the local economy and environment.

Dez Dam is considered a significant example of Iran's early efforts in modern infrastructure development and remains a vital resource for water and energy management in the country.



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