



A personal Message from Professor Michael Badawy Regarding Mrs. Abla Khalil's Endowment

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Dear IAMOT members, Tarek's colleagues, students, and friends,

I am writing to invite you to join our building efforts of the “**Abla Kahlil's Endowment Fund**” to recognize Mrs. Kalil's contributions to IAMOT, and to keep her memory alive. Some of you might have already heard of the very sad news concerning the late Mrs. Abla Kahlil's (1950-2008) sudden passing on May 27, 08. I have just found out about it during the CAMOT first conference, held in Beijing, China in late October. I was having a conversation over breakfast with Richard Li Hua, CAMOT President, about my expectation to see Tarek as the IAMOT founder at the conference; he informed me of his wife's passing.

As a nucleus member of IAMOT founders, I am seeking your help with our efforts in building the ‘Abla's Kahlil Endowment Fund’. Many of you have met/known Abla for years. She was such a fine gracious person. From the early years, when our five members founding group worked on establishing an international association that would help in the formation and development of management of technology as a viable respected discipline, she was one of our most ardent supporters.

Over the years, IAMOT continued to grow, thrive, and mature from a very small entity to a well structured and respected leading global organization with membership from all corners of the world. Abla was a true partner to Tarek and instrumental to his career success. In my communication with Tarek, his only expressed reservation regarding establishing this endowment was; “My only reservation is not to burden our colleague”. I am sure all of you would share my view- that this endowment is the least we can do for him in light of his grave loss.

Yasser Hosni, the current president of IAMOT, is totally supportive of the initiative and is the endowment first contributor in the amount of \$1,000. I am matching Yasser's contribution by giving a \$1,000. The IAMOT Board has endorsed the allocation of \$ 5,000 contribution from the association funds.

The endowment is aimed at encouraging and supporting research and scholarly activities in the Management of Technology Field. This fund will offer an annual award for an excellent student research paper starting with IAMOT 2009 conference. Hopefully our efforts will generate enough funds enabling us to create a self-sustaining source for awarding merit-based students' scholarships in addition to the annual conference students' award. A committee of five members has been formed to administer the direction and distribution of the endowment funds.

We live in an increasingly complex and highly demanding global world, I am requesting that you take a moment to consider contributing to this important initiative. You will find a” Pledge Form”; I am requesting that you fill it out with your contribution and mail it to: <mbadawy@vt.edu>;<IAMOT@miami.edu>. Your contributions are very critical to the success of our efforts in moving forward. If you wish to communicate your ideas with us regarding any/all thoughts related to this endowment, or any other issue, please mail them to <mbadawy@vt.edu>. Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
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The Abla Kahlil Endowment Fund

Dear contributor, I would like to urge you to give generously, as we develop the IMOT Endowment Fund in Memory of Mrs. Abla Kalil to support Technology Management research activities and scholarship. We invite you to join us in this endeavor by indicating your wishes below:

I pledge an amount of \$ ----- as a one-time donation to **the Abla Kahlil Endowment Fund**

I pledge an amount of \$ ----- as a recurring donation to **the Abla Kahlil Endowment Fund.**

Other, please specify your wishes (goals), the amount (\$----) you will give, and the time period of your donation (annual or one time): _____

All contributions are tax deductible; the IAMOT Office will process all pledges and issue dated receipts.

All Contributors to the fund will be recognized publicly during the IAMOT 2009 conference meeting. The top 15% highest contributors will be presented with **“The IAMOT Builders’ Award”** for making significant financial support to further the development of the Technology Management Field. Send Filled out forms to: mbadawy@vt.edu& IAMOT@miami.edu

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