



## **Lutfia Rabbani Foundation activities 2017 - 2018**

During the past year the Foundation has expanded its activities in order to further its objective namely to promote Euro-Arab relations and understanding through education and cultural exchange.

We have been able to support over fifty students in furthering their educational ambitions. This support was realised not only through the **various scholarship programmes** that the Foundation offers to both Dutch and Arab students throughout the MENA region but also through dialogue activities and cooperation with other institutions enabling the Foundation to bring people from different backgrounds together in the most efficient and effective manner.

### *Activities implemented 2017 - 2018*

- Over 20 scholarships were granted to various scholars;
  - **The Mahmoud Rabbani Scholarship** – a fully financed Master or Phd. Scholarship at a Dutch university or other institute for higher learning;
  - **The Vreede Scholarship for International Law** – for Arab students in international law, offered at the International Court of Justice in The Hague;
  - **The Travel Scholarship** – offered to Dutch Students and professionals seeking experience in the Arab World.
- The **2017 ICC Moot Court Competition** took place in May. For five consecutive years the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation has been sponsoring a Palestinian team at the International Criminal Court Moot Trial Competition which presents an opportunity for universities to participate in moot court trials that simulate the proceedings of the International Criminal court. The students develop their skills as future international lawyers during an extensive 6 day educational and social programme that brings students of diverse backgrounds and cultures together to challenge their skills.

- The Foundation co-funded the **Corbeaux project** between 18 – 27 May at the International performing Arts Festival SPRING, a renowned festival based in Utrecht. The festival presents (inter)national performances by innovative theatre makers and choreographers. It showcases the latest developments and crossovers in contemporary and cutting edge performing arts.
- **Annual Meet and Greet Reception** The informal gathering held on August 31<sup>st</sup> brought together the Foundation’s staff, Board members, the year’s different scholars and friends of the Foundation who generously support the Foundation’s mission.
- On October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Foundation organised a **fundraising event at Pages Bookstore Café Amsterdam**. Our special guest Abdelkader Benali opened the afternoon by discussing his new book ‘Casa Benali’ and the link between culture and food. The objective of the gathering was to raise money for our MSR scholarships and at the same time bring involved parties together to create a stimulating and informative afternoon.
- The Foundation supported an exchange project with Koon Theatre based in Lebanon and **DOX**, an Utrecht based Theatre group in November. The project focused on artistic exchange and showcased collaborations of Middle Eastern and Dutch/European artists. Two cultures where artists with different cultural backgrounds collaborated artistically and became familiar with each other’s theatrical approaches. The aim of this international exchange programme is to impact the each other’s cultural worlds with new influences and approaches.
- The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation supported for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the conference organised by students of United World Colleges of Maastricht between in February 2018. With over 250 participants attending from all over the world, the three day conference was diverse, thought-provoking and inspiring and dealt with the theme **“A Matter of Choice”** which explored the significance of decision making and how choices impact the probability of peace.
- The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation has expanded its cooperation with and sponsorship of the **Nour Project** which is part of the global AIESEC student association and sends 20-30 Dutch students to the Arab World per annum for summer internships. The aim of this support is to create mutual cultural understanding between the Western and Arab World

through voluntary projects. This year, three of the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation MSR scholars participated in a training event.



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