

Special assignment for the 5th WSES 2012

A sustainability project of Haifa University – Israel: Green Campus

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"Green campus" is an initiative of the Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection who its goal is to assimilate the theme of the quality of the environment in the institutions of higher education.

In 2008 the University of Haifa was authorized as a "Green Campus". Within its authorization the University is striving to promote an environmental agenda in the University and the community, in the academic, administrative and practicable aspects. In addition a "Green Council" was established which includes representation from the administrative and academic personnel, as well as student's representatives.

In 2012 the University of Haifa was authorized by the Standards Institution of Israel for the ISO 14001 standard for a system of environmental management, and as a result a comity was established to determine goals and objectives to monitor the environmental management in the University.

The environmental activities who are taking place in the university units for years are focusing on the following areas:

- Recycle of electronic waste, paper, plastic and glass bottles, clothes.
- Ecologic treatment which includes transfer of used batteries, expired drugs, used florescent lights and biological and chemical substances, to the relevant treatment plants.
- In the field of resources and energy saving, in the last few years there is a big emphasis on energetic reorganization and encouragement for the use of computerized systems. Thus the consumption of paper, water and electricity in the University was reduced.
- In the community and education, within the authorization for "green campus", the University continues its activity in the quality of the environment area and institutionalizing it under a organized and defined framework.

In addition, in the last couple of years an alignment of volunteers' students was established for activities in the areas of environmental protection. The volunteers gains in return a scholarship or academic points. The objective of this activity is to raise environmental awareness amongst the students, from all the academic units and fields, and encourage them for action in initiative within the area of environmental protection.

Recycling of clothes Recycling of paper



Recycling of bottles, batteries, cans

