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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Mahir (extreme right), Director CRCM briefing USIM's VC, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin at PECIPTA 2007. Prof. Dr. Muhamad Muda, DVC (Academic & Internationalisation) is third from right.

## USIM'S CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT – SPEARHEADING R&D&C

The Centre for Research and Conference Management was officially inaugurated in December, 2003, replacing the Research Secretariat, initially established in November, 2000. The Centre is administered by a Director and his Deputy. It is currently under the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Internationalisation). The Centre is responsible for coordinating all events/activities related to research and conferences, financial procedures, dissemination of information and the facilitation of research and conference activities. Its role includes the management and planning of research undertaken by USIM's academicians, especially securing research grants and liaising with funding agencies. The Centre manages research grants and disseminates information on research and conferences. It also provides, in collaboration with USIM's Consultancy Bureau, the medium for the contribution of expertise and consultation services to interested organizations and agencies. The Centre is the secretariat for the University's Research Committee and Conference Committee.

The Centre was allocated RM 1.25 million under the 8<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan as a launching grant for research activities. An additional RM 100,000 was subsequently allocated under the Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS), from the Ministry of Higher Education, under the 9<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan. Research can be short-term (less one year) or long-term (more than one year). Since its formation, a total of 133 research projects have been approved under internal funding, of which 26 were short-term and 107 long-term. Two research projects were recently approved under the FRGS.

USIM's researchers participate in both local and international research exhibitions. So far, they have won 12 medals (see box). The latest was a gold medal for research on the "Mutation breeding of roselle," and a silver medal for research on "Hydroxycitric acid

(HCA) extraction," at the **British Invention Show**, London. This project was a collaborative effort between USIM, UKM, MARDI and the Nuclear Agency of Malaysia.

In the management of conferences, the Centre provides opportunities for academicians to participate in local and international conferences by presenting their research findings. USIM has organized annual/biannual national and international conferences such as the International Seminar on Syariah & Common Law (ISCOL), the National Seminar on Islamic Banking and Finance (IBAF), the Convention of Islamic Economic Systems (IECONS), and the *Seminar Warisan Nabawi* (SWAN). The annual Tuanku Najihah Syariah & Law Lecture has achieved international acclaim as evidenced by the list of distinguished speakers (see **Learning Curve**, *New Sunday Times*, 23 September 2007).

The Centre also organizes suitable training programs to enhance research capabilities and to nurture the culture of research, especially among young academicians.

### Research Ensures Progress of Ummah

History has taught us that human civilizations advance through hard work in understanding the social and economic problems and providing suitable solutions for them. These continuous efforts are what we called research. With its mission to provide solutions to Islam and the society problems, USIM has embarked and will continue to strive for research. Some of its research efforts have produced useful results and have been recognized locally as well as internationally. Based on this, USIM will continue to strengthen its research effort by effectively utilizing its resources, developing stronger research teams, motivating young researchers, and securing bigger research funding. Only through research we hope to ensure the progress of ummah.

**PROF. DR. MUHAMAD MUDA**  
 Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Internationalisation) USIM

### Medals won at R&D exhibitions

Medal	Exhibition
1 Silver	34 <sup>th</sup> International Exhibition of Invention, New Techniques & Products, 2006, Geneva, Switzerland
2 Silver	International Invention, Innovation and Technology Exhibition 2007 (ITEX '07), Kuala Lumpur
7 Bronze	Exposition of Research and Innovation of International Institutes of Higher Learning 2007 (PECIPTA '07), 10 - 12 August 2007, Kuala Lumpur
1 Gold & 1 Silver	British Invention Show, 2007, (BIS '07), London, United Kingdom



Dr. Ahmed Mahir with gold medal won at British Invention Show 2007

### ADVERTISEMENT

## ACADEMIC JOBS AT USIM

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