



# **Office of Student Affairs**

**Athletics Department**

**Varsity Teams Trip to Athens- Greece**

**April 7 – 12, 2016**

## **Introduction:**

45 varsity team members from the University of Balamand participated in the American College of Greece (ACG) 2016 International Sports Festival from 7 to 12 April 2016. It is an inter-universities tournament intended to promote sports and to stimulate its practice in a university environment. 9 international universities participated in different sports games. The competition was high, especially that amongst the different participating delegations there were Greek teams with top international players. Still, Ibrahim Abou Chahine from the Tennis Men team took the first place and the UOB Volleyball Men team took the third place. This is despite the inconveniences caused by the change of the departure date (from Thursday morning to Friday morning) because of the 24 hours strike in Greece, such as missing games that couldn't be rescheduled and lack of sleep. The UOB teams were distinguished for their team spirit, performance and subordination.

The Director of Athletics (Tony Dib) and his assistant (Samar Nabti) together with the athletic instructors (Anca Maria Crisan, Florance Tawk, Marwan Haydar, Fadi Chalfoun, Charbel feghali, Gilbert Nasr, Wassim Zakhem and Nabil Nasr) played a key role in helping students cope with the high level of game challenges and made sure to spread a family environment and positive spirit throughout the trip.

## **Logistics :**

Venue:

- DERE E Gymnasium at the American College of Athens
- Pierce Gymnasium at the American College of Athens

Accommodation:

- President Hotel Athens, Greece

## **UOB Participants: (List of names available in Appendix A)**

Volleyball Men (9 players), Volleyball Women (11 players), Basketball Men (8 players), Basketball Women (8 players), Tennis (5 players), Swimming (4 players) and officials and coaches (10), a total of 55 participants.

## **PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES**

### From Lebanon:

- University of Balamand
- Lebanese American University of Beirut
- Haigazian University

### From Greece:

- The American College of Greece
- Athens University of Economics and Business
- American College of Thessaloniki
- National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Agricultural University of Athens
- National Technical University of Athens

## **RESULTS:**

Below is a summary of the results. Detailed results for Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis are provided in Appendix B:

- ***Basketball Men Tournament:*** There were 8 participating teams. UOB Basketball Men Team ranked Fourth in the Tournament.
- ***Basketball Women Tournament:*** There were 6 participating teams. UOB Basketball Women Team ranked Fifth in the Tournament.
- ***Volleyball Men Tournament:*** There were 4 participating Teams. UOB Volleyball Men Team ranked Third in the Tournament
- ***Volleyball Women Tournament:*** There were 5 participating Teams. UOB Volleyball Women Team ranked Fifth in the tournament.
- ***Tennis Men Tournament:*** There were 17 participants. Three students from UOB participated in the tournament (Ibrahim Abou Chahine, Simon Khater and Gaby Daoud). Ibrahim Abou Chahine ranked First in the tournament.
- ***Tennis Women Tournament:*** There were 14 participants. Two students from UOB participated in the tournament (Mimi Najjar and Janane Farah). Mimi lost in quarter finals.
- ***Swimming Men & Women Competition:*** the University of Balamand couldn't participate in the swimming competition due to the flight delay (team was disqualified).

**Comments:**

UOB delegation benefited from the opportunity of being in Greece and took a touristic tour on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> to the City of Athens. One injury was reported as student Randa Saad from the Volleyball Women team injured her knee.

As mentioned before, the UOB teams were late to the scheduled games because of the flight delay, which led to missing the swimming competition and losing one Volleyball Men game.

**Prepared By**

**Toni Dib, Athletics Director**

**April 13, 2016**

**APPENDIX A: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Name		ID #	Team
<b>Tennis</b>			
Ibrahim	Bou Chahine	A1511571	Tennis M
Gaby	Daoud	A1110548	Tennis M
Simon	Khater	A1410823	Tennis M
Mimi	Najjar	A1410477	Tennis W
Janane	Farah	A1111260	Tennis W
<b>Volleyball Men</b>			
Alain	Zgheib	A1410511	Volleyball M
Elias	El Nemer	A1111258	Volleyball M
Jawdat	Kabbara	A1110791	Volleyball M
Jad	Tamer	A1510358	Volleyball M
Tony	Kyrillos	A1411299	Volleyball M
Jalal	Dreik	A1210905	Volleyball M
Elie	El Hayek	A1510003	Volleyball M
Joseph	Sarkis	A1520055	Volleyball M
Ziad	El Hassan	A1310899	Volleyball M
<b>Volleyball Women</b>			
Lyne	Moussi	A1310198	Volleyball W
Christine	El Atie	A1310746	Volleyball W
Randa	Saad	A1110549	Volleyball W
Barbara Marie	JreiJ	A1510029	Volleyball W
Sandy	Mezraani	A1511317	Volleyball W
Grace	El Haddad	A1410829	Volleyball W
Ayla	Ibrahim	A1510361	Volleyball W
Nadine	Issa Al Samarani	A1310443	Volleyball W
Sally	Abdallah	A1410424	Volleyball W
Mona G	Fares	A1410921	Volleyball W
Tala	El Khouri	A1310470	Volleyball W
<b>Basketball Men</b>			
Antoun	Wehbe	A1220137	Basketball M
Jean Marc	Jarrouj	A1411528	Basketball M
Antoine	Ghanem	A1410694	Basketball M
Joe	Azizeh	A1210892	Basketball M
Joe	Abi Khattar	A1310811	Basketball M
George	Geagea	A1511611	Basketball M
Jad	Farhat	A1510729	Basketball M
Tarek	Merhebi	A1120011	Basketball M

<b>Basketball Women</b>			
Yara	Abou Baker	A1211158	Basketball W
Ferial	Al Jammal	A1211088	Basketball W
Nisrine	Hammoud	A1311264	Basketball W
Oumaya	Osman	A0910465	Basketball W
Diala	El Masri	A1410368	Basketball W
Jennifer	Hilali	A1511395	Basketball W
Jana	El Ali	A1410597	Basketball W
Najwa	Raad	A1211028	Basketball W
<b>Swimming</b>			
Ramy	El Hasbany	A1511346	Swimming M
Charbel	Challita	A1311005	Swimming M
Lynn	Hallab	A1510247	Swimming W
Rita	Ballout	A1211089	Swimming W
<b>Officials</b>			
Nabil	Nasr	Swimming Coach	
Fady	Chalfoun	Tennis M & W Coach	
Charbel	El Feghaly	Basketball M Coach	
Florence Josiane Margueritte	Freyss - Tawk	Basketball W Coach	
Rony	Fares	Physiotherapist	
Marwan	Haidar	Volleyball Men	
Samar	AL Nabti	Assistant Director	
Toni	Dib	Director for Athletics	
Wassim	Zakhem	Photographer	
Anca Maria	Crisan	Volleyball Women	

## **APPENDIX B: DETAILED RESULTS**

### **Tennis Men:**

17 participants from 5 different Universities played in a Cup system. Three students from UOB participated in the tournament: Ibrahim Abou Chahine, Simon Khater and Gaby Daoud.

Participating Universities:

1. The American College of Greece
2. National Technical University of Athens
3. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
4. Agricultural University of Athens
5. University of Balamand, Lebanon

### **Ibrahim Abou Chahine:**

- UOB won 2 - 0 (4 - 2; 4 - 0) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
- UOB won 2 - 0 (4 - 2; 4 - 1) vs. The American College of Greece
- UOB won 2 - 1 (4 - 0; 0 - 4; 6 - 0) Agricultural University of Athens

Ibrahim Abou Chahine qualified to the Semi-Final.

### **Semi Final:**

- UOB won 2 - 0 (4 - 1; 4 - 1) vs. National Technical University of Athens

Ibrahim Abou Chahine qualified to the Final.

### **Final:**

- UOB won 2 - 1 (4-1; 1 - 4; 10 - 7) vs. National Technical University of Athens

Ibrahim Abou Chahine ranked First in The Tournament.

### **Gaby Daoud:**

- UOB won 2 - 0 (4 - 0; 4 - 0) vs. Agricultural University of Athens
- UOB lost 0 - 2 (0 - 4; 0 - 4) vs. National Technical University of Athens

Gaby Daoud did not qualify to the Quarter-Final.

### **Simon Khater:**

- UOB lost 0 - 2 (1 - 4; 2 - 4) vs. The American College of Greece
- UOB lost 0 - 2 (1 - 4; 2 - 4) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Simon Khater did not qualify to the Quarter-Final.

### **Tennis Women:**

14 participants from 5 different Universities played in a Cup system. Two students from UOB participated in the tournament: Mimi Najjar and Janane Farah.

Participating Universities:

1. The American College of Greece
2. National Technical University of Athens
3. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
4. Agricultural University of Athens
5. University of Balamand, Lebanon

Results of the student Mimi Najjar:

- UOB won 2 - 0 (4 - 1; 4 - 1) vs. Agricultural University of Athens
- UOB lost 0 - 2 (1 - 4; 2 - 4) vs. National Technical University of Athens
- UOB lost 0 - 2 (2 - 4; 1 - 4) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Mimi Najjar did not qualify to the Semi-Final.

Results of the student Janane farah:

- UOB lost 0 - 2 (0 - 4; 3 - 4) vs. The American College of Greece
- UOB lost 0 - 2 (0 - 4; 30- 4) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Janane Farah did not qualify to the Quarter-Final.

### **Volleyball Men:**

4 different Universities played in a Cup system.

Participating Universities:

1. The American College of Greece
2. National Technical University of Athens
3. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
4. University of Balamand, Lebanon

Results:

- UOB lost (1 - 2) vs. The American College of Greece
- UOB lost (0 - 2) vs. National Technical University of Athens
- UOB won (2 - 0) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Volleyball Men Team ranked third in the Tournament.



### **Volleyball Women:**

5 different Universities played in a Round Robin system.

Participating Universities:

1. The American College of Greece
2. National Technical University of Athens
3. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
4. Agricultural University of Athens
5. University of Balamand, Lebanon

Results:

- UOB lost (0 -2) vs. The American College of Greece
- UOB lost (0 -2) vs. Agricultural University of Athens
- UOB lost (0 - 2) vs. National Technical University of Athens
- UOB lost (0 -2) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Volleyball Women Team ranked Fifth in the Tournament.

### **Basketball Men:**

8 participating Teams played in 2 different Pools. UOB was in the second Pool as follows:

Participating Universities in Pool II:

1. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
2. Agricultural University of Athens
3. National Technical University of Athens
4. University of Balamand, Lebanon

Results:

- UOB won (70 - 51) vs. Agricultural University of Athens
- UOB lost (57 - 67) vs. National Technical University of Athens
- UOB won (68 - 65) vs. National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Basketball Men Team ranked Second in the Pool and qualified to play for the third position

Third Position Game:

- UOB lost (80 - 83) vs. The American College of Economics and Business

The Basketball Men Team ranked Fourth in the Tournament.

**Basketball Women Tournament:**

6 participating Teams played in 2 different pools. UOB was in the second Pool as follows:

Participating Universities in Pool II:

1. Athens University of Economics and Business
2. National Technical University of Athens
3. University of Balamand, Lebanon

**Results:**

- UOB lost (27 - 43) vs. Athens University of Economics and Business
- UOB lost (32 - 37) vs. National Technical University of Athens
- UOB lost (38 - 41) vs. The American College of Greece

The Basketball Women Team ranked Fifth in the Tournament