



## **AQU National Workshop** **April 23, 2007**

The Al Quds University National Workshop was held on Monday, April 23 from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. The workshop was hosted by The High Institute of Archaeology at al-Quds University's Abu Dis Campus. Twenty eight individual experts and institutions received invitations to attend the workshop three weeks prior to the event. Of these, sixteen representatives from various institutions attended the workshop, see the below participants list for more information.



The workshop included two main lectures, an open discussion and a site tour to Wadi al-Kelt. The first lecture was presented by PUSH Project Manger, Dr. Yusuf Natsheh. Dr. Natsheh's lecture focused on the PUSH project's background, goals, objectives, partners and the expected outcome. The second lecture, conducted jointly by the four members of the Palestinian PUSH team including, Dr. Natsheh, Dr. Marwan Abu Khalef, Mr. Mohammed al-Jaradat and Architect Osama Hamdan, focused primarily on the methodology of selecting sites and the sites themselves. Many questions, comments and suggestions were raised in the open discussion and answers from PUSH Palestinian team were presented.

Following the discussion, PUSH team members and guests participated in a site tour of Wadi al-Kelt and St. George's Monastery. The tour, guided by Dr. Natsheh, was informative and enjoyable. Furthermore, the site tour generated clear enthusiasm for the rich heritage in the region and the overall goals that the PUSH project works to promote.



### **Participants List:**

Yusuf Natsheh, Push Project Manager  
Marwan Fayez Abu Khalaf, Project Senior Assistant  
Osama Hamdan, Project Assistant  
Mohammad Jaradat, Project Assistant  
Khaled Fahd el-Qawasma, Hebron Rehabilitation Committee  
Hilmi 'Amran Marqa, Hebron Rehabilitation Committee  
Ibrahim 'Alian, Institute of Archaeology / al-Awqaf  
Ibrahim Iqtit, Institute of Archaeology / AQU  
Wala' Ahmad Nazal, Sabastiya Municipality Cultural Centre  
Zahra el-Masri, AQU-Beit Hanina  
Nazmi el-Ju'ba, Riwaq  
Manal el-Khattib, Water and Environmental Developing Centre  
Asem Asayed Ahmad, Institute of Archaeology / AQU  
Sara al-Shamas, Institute of Archaeology / AQU  
Munther Mahmud Muhsen, Institute of Archaeology / AQU  
Ghassan Muhibesh, Heritage Relief / Abu Dis





**Bezael Academy National Workshop**  
**April 15, 2007**

The Bezael Academy of Arts and Design's National Workshop was held on Sunday, April 15 at Bezael Academy's Department of Architecture in Jerusalem. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 experts from various academic and professional organizations focused on heritage.



Professor Michael Turner, PUSH Project Manager for Bezael presented a presentation on the PUSH project outlining the PUSH project's background, goals, objectives, partners, timeline and the expected outcomes. This was followed by an open discussion to review the national inventory of sites of shared heritage and the identification of themes that could integrate well with the inventories of sites released by the other two PUSH partner teams. Many questions, comments and suggestions were raised in the open discussion and answers from PUSH team were presented.



**Participants Partial List:**

Michael Turner, PUSH Project Manager  
Moshe Caine, PUSH Team  
Doron Bar, PUSH Team  
David Guggenheim, PUSH Team  
Anat Dror, Bezael Student  
Rena Wasser, Bezael Student  
Jon Seigleman, Israel Antiquities Authority  
Gidon Bromberg, Director, Friends of the Earth Middle East  
Avner Goren, Abraham Path Initiative  
Gideon Avni, Israel Antiquities Authority  
Rami Haruri, Israel Antiquities Authority  
Elizabeth Koch, PUSH Project Coordinator  
Yuval Peled, National Parks Authority



**Jordan Society for Sustainable Development National Workshop**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

The Jordan Society for Sustainable Development's National Workshop was held May 3, 2007 in Amman. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 experts from various academic and professional organizations focused on heritage including the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Education, Hashemite University, Al Albaiet University, Birdlife International / Middle East, Jordan Environment Society, Friends of Archeology Society, Jordan Inbound Tourism Society, Ministry of Planning, Amman Greater Municipality and Friends of the Earth Middle East.



Mr. Khaled Nasser, PUSH Project Manger for JSSD presented a presentation on the PUSH project outlining the PUSH project's background, goals, objectives, partners, timeline and the expected outcomes. This was followed by an open discussion to review the national inventory of sites of shared heritage. Many questions, comments and suggestions were raised in the open discussion and answers from PUSH team were presented. The participants commented on the value of the project and the added value it could give to national level heritage projects.

