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Dear members,

On behalf of the British Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA) Council, I would like to welcome you all to BATA. Over the last few months, a dedicated team of colleagues from different universities and schools have been working tirelessly to get the Association up and running, and I am very delighted to announce that BATA is now functioning at full speed. A wide range of activities has already been planned for this academic year, some of which will be introduced in this newsletter. As you are aware, BATA is designed to support and promote teaching, learning, scholarship and research in the fields of Arabic language, culture, linguistics, and literature. It aims to enhance and facilitate links between different stakeholders in the UK and beyond.

Whilst BATA's principal aim is to promote and enhance the teaching of Arabic and culture in higher education and schools, its primary commitment is to act as the umbrella organisation for teachers in the UK and beyond. This will allow greater collaboration for sharing, promoting and disseminating best practices and resources across the wide network of teachers in the UK and abroad. BATA will remain a broad church that continues to accommodate all stakeholders interested in the teaching of Arabic language, culture, linguistics and literature. In this spirit, we call upon all teachers, researchers and students of Arabic to consider joining BATA for the benefit of all.

I realised that the re-launch of BATA would not have happened were it not for the dedication and hard work of the BATA Council members and officers, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Council for the efforts and energy they have invested in developing the Association.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our members who have joined BATA, and I wish to take this opportunity to encourage other colleagues to join the Association. BATA is a collective endeavour and joining it will make it a success for the benefit of all. Please subscribe online at <https://britisharabicteaching.org/membership/>

If you have any questions or comments, please drop us a line at [bata@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:bata@leeds.ac.uk)

We look forward to seeing you at our conference in June!

Yours sincerely,  
Professor Mustapha Lahlali  
BATA, President

## **BATA Inaugural International Conference: University of Leeds, 25 June 2020.**

We are very delighted to announce that BATA Inaugural International Conference on the Teaching of Arabic Language, Culture, Linguistics and Literature will be held at the University of Leeds, 25 June 2020.

The Conference is designed to offer a platform for teachers of Arabic language, culture, literature and linguistics from the United Kingdom and beyond, to exchange ideas, share good practice and disseminate their scholarship and research to a wider audience. It also aims at facilitating greater collaboration and links between teachers of Arabic at all levels in the UK and abroad.

In this spirit, we look forward to proposals considering all aspects of Arabic language teaching, culture, literature and linguistics at all levels. Further information on call for papers and registration for the conference can be found at: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-conference-2020/>

For any queries about the conference, please contact the Conference Chair: Prof. Mustapha Lahlali on [bata@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:bata@leeds.ac.uk)



### **BATA Logo Design Competition:**

Following the successful re-launch of the British Association of Teachers of Arabic: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/>, the BATA Council is very delighted to announce the launch of 'BATA Logo' design contest and should like to call upon Arabic School teachers and their students to design a logo for BATA. All entries will be assessed by a Panel from the BATA Council and a student; three entries will be shortlisted and the winner will be announced in the BATA School Teachers Training Day to be held at the University of Leeds.

As a token of our appreciation, the winner of the competition will be awarded a prize of £50 and a full subscription to BATA for one year. The School of the winning teacher and student will also be promoted on the BATA website for a year.

We hope all School teachers and their students will rise to the challenge and take part in this competition, and look forward to your entries. Please e-mail your entries to [bata@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:bata@leeds.ac.uk) , no later than February 29, 2020.