

Uruguayan Ambassador Visits LERC

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The new Ambassador of Uruguay to Lebanon Her Excellency Dr. Marta Inés Pizzanelli recently visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU). Also present were Dr. Ghazi Asmar, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Studies at NDU, Mr. Roberto Khatlab, LERC Liaison Officer to Latin America, Brazilian painter Ms. Beth Abi, and Dr. Guita Hourani, Director of the LERC.

Dr. Pizzanelli's visit included discussions, ranging from enhanced cooperation between the two countries and the impact of Lebanese migrants in Uruguay to discussions on specific projects previously completed, as well as plans for future projects. Dr. Pizzanelli was also given a tour of the LERC offices and the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum.



From Left: Ms. Liliane Haddad, Mr. Roberto Khatlab, Dr. Guita Hourani, H.E. Dr. Martha Inés Pizzanelli, Ms. Beth Abi and Dr. Ghazi Asmar (October 2013)

Dr. Pizzanelli praised the efforts of the LERC staff, and she was impressed with the wealth of material and data currently available, which encouraged her to want to contribute material such as commemorative stamps and pictures.

The LERC seeks to further solidify its relationship with the Uruguayan Embassy by building more social and cultural bridges between the two countries.