

Dr. Nabil Mobayed Khodr Mexican Professor of Lebanese Descent Visits LERC

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Dr. Nabil Mobayed Khodr, Civil Engineer specialized in Hydrology and Professor at the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro in Mexico, visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) on October 30, 2014, with his wife Mrs. Norma Vega Avila.

Following an introduction to the Center by Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist at LERC, Dr. Mobayed Khodr and his wife pledged to add their own documents and pictures to the center's archives. Impressed by LERC's archives and persuaded of the importance of the center's mission, they both promised to influence their relatives of Lebanese descent to share their documents with the center as well.



from left: Ms. Haddad, Dr. Khodr and his wife, Ms. Dalia Akiki (LERC Akiki Grant Recipient) at LERC offices (Nov. 2013)

The professor and his wife were later given a tour of the LERC Museum where they admired the remarkable collection of works of art, personal belongings, documents and other objects offered to the center by various groups of Lebanese origin who visited LERC. They were so impressed by the museum that Dr. Mobayed Khodr decided to donate his Premio Biblos pin to the center, a pin that is exclusively awarded to exceptional achievers of Lebanese descent in various fields.

Dr. Mobayed Khodr is a legend when it comes to the impact of extreme events causing water as rainfall, floods, cyclones, hurricanes on urban areas. His most recent interest focuses on the prevention of collateral damage caused by rain; he said that his strategy for this work is “divided into the acquisition of information of urban structure with pinpoint accuracy and then have the weather information and the rain fall in one particular place and then feed the information into a model for real-time simulation that lets us know how it is going to rain and how it will impact areas ahead of time”.



Dr. Khodr during his tour of the LERC Nucleus Museum at NDU (Nov. 2014)

Dr. Mobayed Khodr was born in Mexico to a Lebanese father from Tripoli where he later got married and had two children. His trip to Lebanon is the first and came as a consequence of his winning the Byblos Award which is given to distinguished persons by the ASOCIACIÓN PREMIO BIBLOS in Mexico. The Award is bestowed on persons of Lebanese descent who have greatly contributed to science, art or humanity.