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Meeting with members of the Hadassah College of Technology, Jerusalem, and the Fachhochschule für Druck, Stuttgart, Germany
Topic: Possible Cooperation between the Two Colleges and Palestinian Institutions

Participants: PASSIA Staff; J. Wassermann and Lutz Lichtenau, Fachhochschule für Druck Stuttgart; and Avraham Zur, Hadassah College of Technology.

SUMMARY

The Hadassah College of Technology, in cooperation with the Fachhochschule für Druck Stuttgart, approached PASSIA about a joint project for Israeli-Arab-German students of non-print information technology. The basic idea was to take a group of students to Germany (Fachhochschule für Druck Stuttgart) for training in non-print information technology; at the same time, the students would work together on a small project rather than arguing about larger political issues.

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi raised his concern that this project was too limited in scope and that 12 days of training would not be enough to meet the Palestinian community's printing needs.

Dr. Lutz Lichtenau agreed and added that the proposed project would be a good step for future long-term programs or university courses.

Dr. Abdul Hadi suggested that he would speak to people on the Palestinian side to see if this kind of a program could be successful.

Avraham Zur asked why Palestinians do not go to the Israelis for basic training in such technology as this would be easier and cheaper.

Dr. Abdul Hadi responded that there are still psychological barriers related to the experiences under occupation as well as unresolved political issues that make this difficult. (The project never materialized.)