

requirements of adjustments to be undertaken in curriculum, program designs, teaching methodology, etc.

While these concerns were being threshed out, Hashim Noor chipped in to call for standardization of objectives and perhaps of philosophies of Arab university English developments. He drew attention to a lack of uniformity in curriculum objectives among the respective Arab university developments of English.

The proceeding debate on issues which could be classified as language planning issues, namely the role and status of EFL; standardization of objectives and curriculum has been quite adequately complemented by Abdallah Shunnaq's talk on the place and role of translation in Arab university English departments. Shunnaq attacked the role of translation as a technique in EFL, the place of translator-training programs. He drew attention to the prerequisite skills of translator trainees, namely L2 reading comprehension, which is more deliberate and demanding than that done by an ordinary reader. The linkage between reading comprehension and translating is indeed a very vital issue. The issue has been a real highlight.

Finally, Omar Atari's talk on the role of L2 writing and literacy in general added up another dimension to be reckoned within any debate on EFL as a multi-faced issue. While acknowledging the insights gained from empirical research findings on L2 writing, he called for steering research in another direction namely, L2 writing and its impact on the overall learner's foreign language acquisition.

2. SECOND REPORT: APETAU 2004 Board of Management Annual Meeting

APETAU Board of Management held its 2004 Annual meeting in APETAU Office/Amman on Sunday, 8th August 2004. The meeting was attended by eight (out of 13) members:

1. Lewis Mukattash , APETAU President
2. Marwan Obeidat, APETAU First Vice President
3. Samir Rammal, APETUA Vice President (Palestine)
4. May Maalouf, APETUA Vice President (Lebanon)
5. Hashim Noor, APETUA Vice President (Saudi Arabia)
6. Ibrahim Sallo, APETUA Vice President (Iraq)
7. Yaser Tamimi, APETAU Secretary & Publicity Officer
8. Mohammad Hamdan, APETAU Treasurer

Minutes in Brief

1. The Board endorsed the Annual Administrative Report as prepared by APETAU Secretary, Yaser Tamimi, a copy of which was subsequently sent to the Ministry of Culture in Amman.

2. The Board endorsed the Annual Financial Report as prepared by Mohammad Hamdan, APETAU Treasurer, a copy of which was subsequently sent to the Ministry of Culture in Amman.

3. Members of the Board were briefed on the membership status for the year 2004 in different Arab countries by Association Secretary, Yaser Tamimi, and Association Treasurer, Mohammad Hamdan. .

Members of the Board expressed their concern over the unacceptable situation in Egypt and Tunisia, and hence they urged APETAU Vice Presidents in these countries (Professor Zainab El-Naggar / Egypt and Dr Ibrahim Chamman / Tunisia) to exert all possible efforts to publicize APETAU in their national universities and to attract the attention of as many colleagues as possible to join APETAU.