

eLearnit 2020 Virtual Conference

Navigating Through COVID-19 to Ensure Quality Learning

9-11 June 2020

Dear Sir / Madame,

We would like to express our thanks in your vital contribution to eLearnit 2020. It has brought robust value to the learning experience. We have received questions from our attendees that were not put forward during the live session. We hope you do not mind answering them so these may be uploaded onto the conference website as additional resource. You may choose not to answer any questions that were already tackled during the live session. Please insert your responses after each question below.

Name of Speaker: Mr. Ali Hassan / Dr. Christos Gatzoulis / Ms. Manar AlSeddiqi

Date and Time of Presentation: 11th June 2020

Title of Presentation: They are New Norm in Higher Education: Bahrain Polytechnic Experience

Questions:

1. How can IT practitioners culture be changed worldwide to accept and contribute effectively in shaping the to the new norm in higher education?

There are several ways IT practitioners can contribute in shaping the new norm in higher education:

- Working groups need to be established that include academics and IT practitioners working together to analyze the emerging scenarios for online learning.
 - Continuously monitor the advances in the flew taking place globally in the coming months.
 - IT Practitioners can be trained in academic matters to have an overview of how the Tutor runs the classes.
2. COVID-19 was unexpected era for education sector. How you will suggest to meet the criteria for e-Learning without training for both students and teachers?

We strongly believe that training is a must to start. At the same time, everyone initially improvised to accommodate the emergency of the pandemic in the long term, and it is essential to review the practices and utilize training to improve the delivery of the classes. This is a continuous process that will evolve the academic practices. Furthermore, course surveys will provide useful feedback from the student's viewpoint to improve.