

IYC in Gondar, Ethiopia (March 11 - 15, 2011)

A 5-day event celebrating IYC was held in Gondar city, with the initiative of the Department of Chemistry, and the support of the Gondar University Administration.

The following outline was extracted from a report submitted (in Amharic language) through the Head of the Department of Chemistry at Gondar University, Mr. Destaw Shumuye.

Committees established:

- Fund Raising
- Promotion and Entertainment
- Laboratory Committee
- Purchasing Committee
- Budget & Programme

Activities:

- ❖ Distributed over 1000 leaflets to members of Gondar University and surrounding Schools
- ❖ Prepared short biography (with pictures) of renowned scientists and their contributions to chemistry
- ❖ Distributed 150 IYC T-shirts free of charge to selected participants
- ❖ Raised the following funds from Schools after explaining aims of the IYC event:
 - Birr 700 from Fasiledes Preparatory School
 - Birr 500 from Limat Ber Comprehensive Secondary School
- ❖ Raised Birr 2533 from the show of films
- ❖ On the opening day, Speeches were given by the President of Gondar University, by the Dean of the Faculty of Science and by the Chairman of the Department.
- ❖ From chemicals received from IUPAC and from the Chemicals Store of the Department of Chemistry, Gondar University, several demonstration experiments were made. Months earlier, selected students were trained on the preparation of the demonstration experiments.
- ❖ A tree planting ceremony was held with the participation of top University officials
- ❖ A Sports (running) competition was held from the University compound to the Teachers College. Those who came first to third were awarded Birr 600 each.
- ❖ Lectures were given on the proper use of laboratories and on safety to several participants (over 500) from the university, schools (15 in number), industries and the student community.
- ❖ Three Presentations were made lasting for half-a-day.
- ❖ Football competition was held between staff and students
- ❖ Study visits were made by 500 students to the Dashen Brewery and to the Angereb water treatment plant.
- ❖ Question and answer session was held among students and awards were given
- ❖ Awards and acknowledgments were made to those that contributed to the success of the IYC event
- ❖ The event was closed by a closing speech and dinner invitation.