

The Sami Shamoon College of Engineering (R.A) inaugurates a computerized laboratory worth tens of thousands of dollars, in cooperation with IBM.

At the end of May, the Sami Shamoon College of Engineering launched a computerized laboratory where students will specialize in IBM Rational systems. The laboratory was established in cooperation with IBM and includes the most advanced software and accessories in the field which were developed by IBM. With the help of this software and accessories, software engineering, industrial engineering and software development and design management students will be able to improve their abilities and skills significantly.

Prof. Yehuda Hadad, President of the Shimon College of Engineering emphasizes:

"Declaring the laboratory an IBM Lab makes the college one of only three academic institutions in Israel to have such a laboratory."

The cooperation between IBM and the Sami Shamoon College of Engineering started recently in the framework of an IBM academic institution cooperation and support program. This program is operated in Israel by the Global Technology Unit (GTU), and allows participating institutions to enjoy free software, significant discounts in purchasing hardware, courses and training programs.

Pini Burtman, IBM Israel's Academy Relations Manager, said, *"Integrating Rational products in programs is an international IBM project, meant to provide the academic community with the best infrastructures to allow them to train new generations of developers who leave university with concrete and substantial knowledge in using these cutting-edge tool."*

About the college:

The Sami Shamoon College of Engineering was founded in 1995 and today is one of the largest engineering colleges in Israel. The college operates two campuses, in Beersheva and Ashdod, where about 3,000 students learn. The College is recognition by The

Council for higher Education in Israel, and graduates receive B.Sc. degrees. The six engineering fields taught at the college are: Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Software Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Construction Engineering and Management. The college's vision focuses on training engineers, while placing emphasis on the connection made in the industrial world and the Israeli market, and it intends to increase the number of students to 5000 within 5 years. The college website is: <http://www.sce.ac.il>.



Viewed removing the lot, from left to right:

Prof. Yehuda Hadad, College President

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