Middle East Taps a Well of Research in STEM Fields

The Middle East is rapidly advancing its research efforts in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields, according to a recent Thomson Reuters Global Research report. The report notes that the Middle East's share of global research papers has doubled in the last 10 years. Iran, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan produce more than 90 percent of the region's researcher papers (Israel was not part of the study). Growth also has been documented in the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Qatar, and Yemen. "These relative changes from a low base are a signal of the huge potential for scientific activity in the region," the report says. The region's research papers are dominated by those in the engineering field, followed by agricultural science and clinical medicine. Computer science, microbiology, and mathematics also are expanding rapidly throughout the Middle East, the report notes.

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