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## **WKU Welcomes Jordanian Radio Team**

Bowling Green, Ky. –The International Journalism and Media Management Training (IJMMT) program at Western Kentucky University will host a team of six radio professionals for a three-week training session in July. The IJMMT is a partnership between Internews Network and WKU.

The radio production unit is a cooperative effort between the IJMMT and the Princess Basma Youth Resource Center in Amman, Jordan. The unit will produce “Autostrad” a new issues-oriented radio program. The IJMMT provides the equipment and training necessary to produce the program. In preparation for the session, the Autostrad team created a blog in order to share experiences (<http://www.autostradradio.blogspot.com/>).

The unit’s six staff members arrive on July 12 for the intensive radio training conducted by the staff of Western’s Public Radio and the faculty of WKU’s School of Journalism and Broadcasting. On July 30, the team travels to Washington DC before returning to Jordan on August 2.

The July training follows a session in May 2006 during which Jerry Barnaby, Program Manager of the IJMMT, and Dr. Pam Johnson, Director of WKU’s School of Journalism and Broadcasting, traveled to Jordan to participate in a workshop and training session with the Autostrad staff. In August, the unit will begin producing the new program and market it to the growing number of independent radio stations in Jordan.

The IJMMT is a program managed by WKU’s department of Educational Telecommunications. This current program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) recognized the collaborative possibilities of Western and Internews and was instrumental in bringing the partners together and in the continuing support for this program.

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