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PROGRAMME

42nd Annual Conference 42^e Colloque annuel

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DAY 1 Tuesday | Mardi 18.05.2021 from 1PM CET

13:00-13:20 **Opening | Séance d'ouverture**
Greetings by | Adresses de The MELCom International Board | le Bureau du MELCom International

13:20-14:50 Session 1: Cultural heritage and its preservation | Chair / Modératrice : MariaLuisa Langella

- 1. RDM and the cultural heritage in the digital age**
Volker Adam AND Daniel Brenn (University and State Library Saxony-Anhalt (Halle, Saale), Germany)
- 2. National scientific heritage and national digital memory**
Jamila Akhundzade (Central Library of Science, Baku, Azerbaijan)
- 3. Preserving cultural heritage: Egypt's experience in retrieving its manuscripts from abroad**
Hesham Azmi (Supreme Council of Culture, Egypt)

14:50-16:20 Session 2: History of Library Collections | Chair / Modératrice : Anne-Sylvie Cathelineau

- 4. Collecting for the Library at the Heart of the University: Carlo Landberg and the Yemeni Manuscripts of Yale**
Roberta Dougherty (Yale University Library, USA)
- 5. History of Azerbaijan Libraries - Central Scientific Library of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences**
Nuray Tanriverdiyeva (Central Scientific Library of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Baku)
- 6. Middle Eastern manuscripts at SOAS Library and their provenance: case study of the Tbilisi Manuscripts**
Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb (SOAS, London, UK)

******* Break | Pause (20 minutes) *******

16:40-18:10 Session 3: Cataloguing Manuscript Collections | Chair / Modératrice : Helga Rebhan

- 7. Cataloguing Arabic Manuscripts of the Matenadaran Collection: History, Present State and Challenges.**
Knarik Sahakyan (Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts. Matenadaran, Yerevan, Armenia)
- 8. "Orient-Digital" - organisational and technical challenges in dealing with thousands of oriental manuscripts**
Michael Becker (Leipzig, Germany) AND Michaela Hoffmann (Berlin, Germany)
- 9. The Persian Manuscript Collection of the National and University Library "St. Clement of Ohrid" - Skopje: Overview and Cataloguing Issues**
Marijana Kavčić (National and University Library "St. Clement of Ohrid", Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia)

DAY 2: Wednesday | Mercredi 19.05.2021 from 1pm CET

13:00-14:30 Session 4: Archive collections and cataloguing | Chair / Modératrice : Sara Yontan

- 1. Prof. Mohammed Arkoun Collection & Archives at the Aga Khan Library, London**
Shah Hussain (Joint Library of the Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS) and the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (ISMC). London, UK)
- 2. Finding Istanbul in the Archives of Suna Kıraç Library**
Mustafa Ergül AND Naz Özkan (Koç University Suna Kıraç Library, Istanbul, Turkey)
- 3. A 19th-century provincial mufti's outstanding manuscripts collection in Koç University Suna Kıraç Library Manuscripts Catalog**
Senem Acar (Koç University Suna Kıraç Library, Istanbul, Turkey) AND Sami Arslan (Fatih Sultantan Mehmed Vakıf University)

14:30-16:30 Session 5: E-Resources and digitisation projects | Chair / Modérateur : Andreas Drechsler

- 4. Thinking about Middle East Librarianship in the Digital Age**
Yasmin Faghihi (Cambridge University Library, UK) AND Lydia Wright (Bodleian Library, Oxford, UK)
- 5. Lessons Learned from Digitizing Arabic Newspapers from the Middle East**
Bryan Benilous (East View, USA)
- 6. Google for Ottoman Turkish!**
Harun Tuncer (İstanbul Aydın University, Turkey)
- 7. Introducing E-Resources in Turkish and Digital Tools for the Ottoman Print Materials**
Harun Karakuş (Hiperlink, Turkey)

***** Break | Pause (20 minutes) *****

16:50-18:20 Session 6: Digital resources in Middle Eastern Studies | Chair / Modérateur : Daniel Lowe

- 8. Development of an Arabic Open Access Multilanguage Thesaurus Based on the Linked-Data Approach**
Magda el-Sherbini (Thompson Library, Ohio State University Library, USA)
- 9. Developing Arabic Interfaces for Digital Archives and Digital Resources**
N.A. Mansour (Princeton University, USA) AND Jasmine Soliman (Akkasah, Center for Photography, NYU Abu Dhabi)
- 10. ARCHNET 3.0. Redeveloping a platform for greater accessibility and compatibility**
Michael Toler (The Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT, USA)

18:20-18:30 Closing remarks | Séance de clôture