

Conference programme, 26 – 28 May 2003

Session 1 : "The fate of Iraqi libraries and archives: what has happened and what can be done"

Presentation: Geoffrey Roper (Cambridge University Library Islamic Bibliography Unit, U.K.)

Edouard Metenier (Institut Francais du Proche-Orient-Damas/ Université de Provence/ (IREMAM) : The fate of Iraqi libraries what has happened and what can be done.

Session 2: Library situation in Lebanon

Samira Rafidi Meghdessian (American University of Beirut – University Libraries , Lebanon) : The University Libraries at the American University of Beirut – gearing up for the millennium.

Antoine Saliba (Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Lebanon): La Bibliothèque Orientale: histoire et orientations actuelles

Maud Stephan-Hachem (Bibliothèque Nationale du Liban, Beirut, Lebanon): Le projet de La Bibliothèque Nationale du Liban: Bilan et perspectives

Session 3: Library situation in Lebanon and new technologies

Bilal Abdul Kader (Institute for Palestine Studies, Beirut, Lebanon): Online archiving of Arabic-written scholarly papers

Houeida Charara-Kammourie (Notre Dame University, Louaize, Lebanon): Academic library consortia: The Lebanese model

Leslie Hage Alter (Notre Dame University, Louaize, Lebanon): Changing to meet the needs of the 21st century academic library user: profile of the Notre Dame University – Louaize libraries.

Sessions 4 & 5: Libraries and new technologies

Hasna Askhita (Assad National Library, Damascus, Syria): Syrian libraries and new technologies.

De Gaulle Daou (Berytos Engineering, Bouchrieh El-Metn, Lebanon): L'Unicode au service du catalogage, de consultation et d'échange de données en réseau local et en réseau international (internet) sous format XML et MarcXML.

Reinhard Hiß (Orient-Institut Beirut, Lebanon): The role of Unicode in the actual and future development of information-exchange and –storage. Its impact on existing information systems, especially in small and medium-sized libraries.

Sibylle Wegener & Lutz Wiederhold (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle, Germany): Latest developments of MENALIB.

Sessions 6 - 10: Manuscript studies and rare material collection

Jamileh Costi (Centre de documentation et des études orthodoxes antiochiennes, Balamand, Lebanon): Le catalogage et l'accès aux archives de l'Évêché des Grecs Orthodoxes de Beyrouth.

Asma Fathallah (American University of Beirut – Jafet Library, Lebanon): Handle with care: Manuscripts at the American University of Beirut libraries.

Zeina Genadry (Bruxelles, Belgium): A Herati lacquer bookbinding.

Katherine J. Gill (Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, St. John's University, Colledgeville, MN, USA): Ethiopian manuscripts: Reviving a project interrupted by violence.

Stoyanka Kenderova (Oriental Department, National Library, Sofia, Bulgaria): Bilad al-Sham de l'époque ottomane dans les archives de la Bibliothèque Nationale de Bulgarie.

Cihan Okuyucu (Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey): The significance of Kelami's «Vekayi-i Ali Pasa» from the perspective of classical Turkish poetry.

Dmitri Osipov (Center for Oriental Studies, All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow, Russia): Arabic, Persian and Turkish Mss in Moscow collections: towards the e-catalogue.

.Andrew Peacock (University of Cambridge, U.K.): Uncatalogued Islamic historical and geographical manuscripts in Cambridge University library

Tilman Seidensticker (University of Jena, Germany): The development of small-size copies of the Qur'an.

Souad Slim (University of Balamand, Lebanon): Le rôle de l'Université de Balamand dans la préservation du patrimoine culturel et religieux des chrétiens arabes du patriarcat d'Antioche.

Olga Vasilyeva (National Library of Russia, Manuscript Department, St.-Petersburg, Russia): Christian Arab manuscripts in the National Library of Russia. Historical value and history of acquisition.

Muhammad Isa Waley (British Library, London, U.K.): Hidden treasures of Birmingham: some rare Turkish and Persian manuscripts in the University's collection.

Olga Yastrebova (National Library of Russia, Russia): A curious 16th century manuscript containing drafts of two unknown works by an unidentified author.

Kamaruzzaman Yusoff (National University of Malaysia, Bangi Selangor, Malaysia): "Zubdat ikhtisar tarikh Misr al-mahrusa" and the Paris fragment on the history of Ottoman Egypt in the 17th century.

Youssef Ziedan (Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt): Heritage revival-projects in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

Session 11: Libraries

Anne Cathelineau (Bibliothèque Orient-Monde arabe - Université de Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle, France): Présentation d'une bibliothèque d'UFR spécialisée en langue et littérature arabe et projets de développement.

Jasmin Faghihi (John Rylands University Library, Manchester, U.K.): The RSLP retro-conversion project for Arabic-Persian in the John Rylands University Library of Manchester – conclusion.

Samia Salameh (UNICEF - Information Resource Center, Jordan): Digital photo libraries: case study of UNICEF Middle East and North Africa Regional Office.

Farzaneh Zareie (Université Paris III - Sorbonne, France): La bibliothèque de l'Institut d'Etudes Iraniennes (IEI) et son projet d'intégration à la BULAC.