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Programme









Tuesday 25th April - Suna & İnan Kıraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED) Conference Hall

| 09:00-10:30 | Registration and Refreshments |
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| 10:30-11:00 | Opening and Welcome |
| | Tuba Akbaytürk, Head of Suna Kıraç Library Oğuz Tekin, Director of the Suna & İnan Kıraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED) Andreas Drechsler, President, MELCom International |
| 11:00-13:15 | Session 1: Ottoman Studies and Collections |
| | Moderator: Sara Yontan and Volker Adam |
| | - An introduction to the collections of the Bibliothèque d'études ottomans |
| | Meriç Tanık, Chargée de ressources documentaires, Collège de France |
| | - The Ottoman and Turkish language collections at the Aga Khan Library |
| | Waseem Farooq, Reference and Instructional Librarian, Aga Khan University, UK |
| | - Notes on the Importance and Contribution of Fazil Ahmed Pasha Collection in terms of the History of 17 th century poets Nevizade and his family (Online) |
| | Sadık Yazar, Professor, Istanbul Medeniyet University |
| | - The Road Less Travelled: the provenance tale of the Persian and Arabic manuscripts from Tiflis at SOAS Library |
| | Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb , Independent Researcher, Formerly SOAS Library |
| | - Integrated Solutions for Ottoman Turkish Materials: Wikilala, Kelime.com, eOsmanlıca Harun Tuncer, Wikilala Sponsor Presentation |
| 13:15-14:30 | Lunch break |
| 14:30-16:15 | Session 2: Historic Research in Libraries |
| | Moderator: Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak |
| | - On the History of Madrasa Khalfa and Its Library |

| | Akram Habibulla, Librarian for Middle Eastern, Central Eurasian and Islamic Studies, Indiana University, USA |
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| | - Arabic Linguistics in the Matenadaran Collection (Online) |
| | Knarik Sahakyan, Arabic manucripts Researcher and Cataloguer, Research Institute of Ancient Manuscripts - Matenadaran – Yerevan, Armenia |
| | - The Islamic Shareholding Press' (1905-1948) Output in the Bosnian Language Texts in Arabic script and its Impact on the Bosnian Muslims' Cultural Renaissance |
| | Fatima Kadic, Head Librarian, University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Islamic Studies |
| | - LexiQamus: A Linguistic Analysis Tool for Ottoman Turkish - Ahmet Abdullah Saçmalı, LexiQamus Sponsor Presentation |
| 16:15-16:30 | Refreshment (Break) |
| 16:30-18:00 | AKMED Library Tour, Kaleiçi Museum (A traditional Antalya house and Church of St George) |
| 18:00-19:30 | Welcoming Cocktail |

Wednesday 26th April - Suna & İnan Kıraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED) Conference Hall

| 09:00-9:30 | Refreshments (Break) |
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| 9:30-12:30 | Session 3: On Manuscripts |
| | Moderator: Yasmin Faghihi and Helga Rebhan |
| | - More manuscripts from different sources and new technical approaches: the second phase of the Qalamos project (2023-26) (Hybrid) |
| | Michaela Hoffmann-Ruf, Project Coordinator Qalamos Project, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin - Preußischer Kulturbesitz, together with Dr Michael Becker , URZ Leipzig |
| | - Wetzstein's Arab storytellers and Sachau's Syrian copyists: news from manuscript digitisation at the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin |
| | Christoph Rauch, Head of Oriental Department, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin |

| | - Presentation of the Center for Manuscript Studies, FSMVÜ |
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| | Ertuğrul Ökten, Assistant Professor, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University |
| | Refreshment (Break) |
| | - Traces of the Turkic Culture in Canada: Eleazar Birnbaum's Collection of Ottoman Turkish and Çaĝatay Manuscripts at Fisher Rare Books Library |
| | Lale Javanshir, Middle East and Ottoman and Turkish Metadata Specialist, University of Toronto |
| | - Historical sources and historiography of the history of bookbinding in Central Asia (Online) |
| | Matluba Rakhmankulova, Researcher, Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan |
| | - New and Featured Resources and Services for Middle East Studies - Ariane Rückebeil, Eastview Sponsor Presentation |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch break |
| 14:00-16:15 | Session 4: Challenges of Modern Librarianship |
| | Moderator: Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb and Lydia Wright |
| | - Internationalize the Ohio State University Library Catalog: Multi-script Subject Headings |
| | Magda El-Sherbiny, Head, Middle East & Islamic Library The Ohio State University, USA |
| | - Le musée virtuel du patrimoine écrit : enjeux de valorisation des œuvres et manuscrits tunisiens à l'ère numérique |
| | Tarek Ouerfelli, Assistant Professor, A'Sharqiyah University, Oman |
| | - How to access? – Implementing different mechanisms of access in MENA-related repositories |
| | Volker Adam, Field Librarian, Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek Sachsen- Anhalt, FID Nahost |
| | - Nomen est omen: Authority control, manuscript description and Digital Humanities |

| | Yasmin Faghihi, Head of Near and Middle Eastern Department, Cambridge University - Gale Primary Sources: Discover Hidden Stories - Kemal Çelik, GALE Sponsor Presentation (Online) |
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| 16:15-16:30 | Refreshments (Break) |
| 16:30-18:00 | Free Time |
| 18:00-19:30 | Walking Tour in Antalya (Starts at AKMED ends in ARMA Restaurant) |
| 19:30-22:00 | MELCom Traditional Dinner |

Thursday 27th April - Suna & İnan Kıraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED) Conference Hall

| 09:30-10:00 | Refreshments (Break) |
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| 10:00-12:30 | Session 5: International Collections |
| | Moderator: Andreas Drechsler and Susanne Saker |
| | - IRCICA Library and Archive Department: Its Collections and Projects |
| | Didar Bayır, Head, Library and Archive Department Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) |
| | - The National Library of Lebanon: History, Function and Perspectives |
| | Hans-Peter Pökel, Head Librarian, German Orient Institute Beirut |
| | - Nigizberk and Powell: Documenting The Middle East, Two Collections a Koç University Suna Kıraç Library |
| | Mustafa Ergül, Archive Specialist, Koç University Suna Kıraç Library |
| | Refreshments (Break) |
| | - Kurdish Collecting at Penn |
| | Heather Hughes, Middle Eastern Studies Librarian, Penn Libraries, USA |
| | - The Gift of diversity: Recent Middle Eastern collection donations to the University of Toronto Libraries |
| | Blair Kuntz, Middle East Studies Librarian, University of Toronto |

| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch break |
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| 14:00-15:30 | Session 6: PAC Center of Conservation and Preservation in Arab Countries |
| | Moderator: Wassilena Sekulova |
| | I F L A P A C CONSERVATION CENTER FOR ARAB COUNTRIES |
| | - In the Wake of the Disaster Project of Iraqi Scientific Assets Preservation (Case Study) |
| | Amar Aljawad, Director of Digital Information Center, Library of Al-Abbas Holy Shrine. Iraq |
| | - La gestion des manuscrits à la bibliothèque nationale d'Algérie |
| | Fettouma Benyahia, Chef de service des manuscrits et ouvrages rares, Bibliothèque nationale d'Algérie |
| | - Documentation and Conservation at Malek Library in Iran |
| | Noshad Rokni, Head of Manuscripts and Conservation Centre, Malek Library Iran |
| 15:30-15:45 | Refreshments (Break) |
| 15:45-17:00 | Business meeting |
| | Moderator Andreas Drechsler Concluding remarks and Board's reports MI 2024 Election: President |

Friday 28th April – Excursion: Day Trip to Perge - Düden Waterfall

| 9:30 | Meeting and departure (Cumhuriyet Square "National Ascension Monument") |
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| 10:00- 12:00 | Visit of Perge Ancient City |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch Break (Anadolu Park Restaurant) |
| 14:00-14:45 | Visit to Düden Waterfall and Tea Ceremony |
| 15:15 | End of the tour in Cumhuriyet Square. |





