



IFLA Strategic Programme on Preservation and Conservation (PAC) - officially created in 1984 to focus efforts on issues of preservation and initiate worldwide cooperation for the preservation of library materials.

Currently there are:

- 6 PAC Centers for Asia-Oceania region (Australia, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Sri Lanka)
- 2 PAC Centers in Europe (Poland, Russian Federation)
- 3 PAC Centers for Latin-America and the Caribbean (Trinidad, Brazil, Chile)
- 1 PAC Center for North-America (USA)
- 1 PAC Center for the Middle East and North Africa (Qatar)
- 2 PAC Center for Sub-Saharan Africa (Cameroon, South Africa)



Qatar National Library's Preservation and Conservation Center - IFLA PAC Regional Center for Arab countries and the Middle East since 2016

Objectives:

- a) to improve preservation and conservation across the region through the creation of a collaborative professional network
- b) to promote, disseminate and improve preservation and conservation practices through different activities and initiatives



Activities:

- Special Strategic Programmes:
 - Himaya Project in cooperation with Interpol and Unidroit aiming to combat trafficking and illegal circulation of heritage material in MENA region and neighbouring countries
 - Libraries rehabilitation in disaster regions and situations – “Beirut after the blast”
 - Protecting Afghan heritage worldwide
- Diverse specialist courses and workshops (38 courses so far with more than 2000 participants in the last 2 years)
- Translating IFLA’s and IASA’s guidelines on conservation and preservation of various types of materials into Arabic

More info:

[Conservation and Preservation | Qatar National Library \(qnl.qa\)](#)