

Documentation and Conservation at Malek Library and Museum in Iran

Noshad Rokni

Director of Documentation and Conservation Department



MALEK National Library and Museum Institute

Apr. 2023 | Antalya

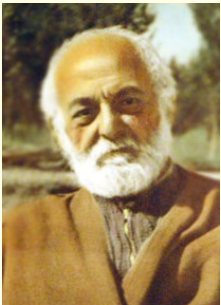
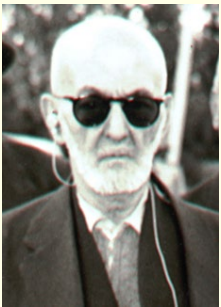


QATAR
CONSERVATION
CENTER FOR
ARAB COUNTRIES





Malek National Library and Museum and its founder



Malek National Library and Museum is the first endowed museum in Iran and is one of the richest manuscript collections in the country. The Institute was established in 1937 by Haj Hossein Agha Malek, who was one of the greatest cultural figures in the contemporary history of Iran. Haj Hossein Agha Malek was known for his perseverance in collecting library and museum objects. He selected each manuscript or art object after an extensive research and careful examination. He himself was an accomplished bibliographer and antiquarian, and his two assistants were among the most renowned experts in the field. He wrote precise instructions for the management of the collection after his death (deed of endowment or Waqfname), which is a sign of his acumen in managing art collections. He even advises on the purchase of new acquisitions and the way to select them.





The intelligence deed of endowment

Below is one of the important clauses of this endowment deed, which led to the formation of a department for Preventive conservation and restoration and documentation.

“It is forbidden to take the objects out of the institution even for restoration”.

He also wrote guidelines for the preservation of the objects and buildings, which were insightful and very modern for his time.

و در این خدمت با غیر بشماکت تا در سعادت آن امام بهام علیه تسلمم خ
خدمت بلیق و این در صلیف سعادت افراد ملکیت نظرند
و خدا را



The meeting of librarianship and museum curatorship,

Two wings for better flight



The determination to collect manuscripts and museum objects was based on a significant objective: a collection that would showcase the history of Persian art, and history of Islamic science.

One of the advantages of the meeting between the museum and the library was to utilize the science of each to better manage each other as a united collection, Particularly in issues such as preventive maintenance, documentation, and museum exhibition scenarios. In recent years, Malek National Library and Museum was able to develop effectively and gain a high status among other museums and libraries in Iran. This presentation is going to explain how it reached to this position in seven steps.



The first step: Gathering young, energetic and thoughtful forces;

Setting up and equipping workshops

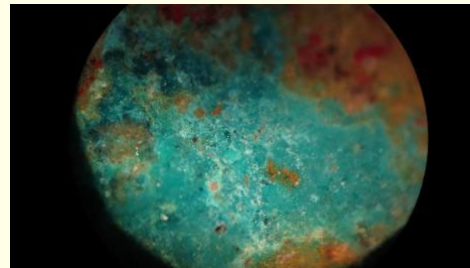
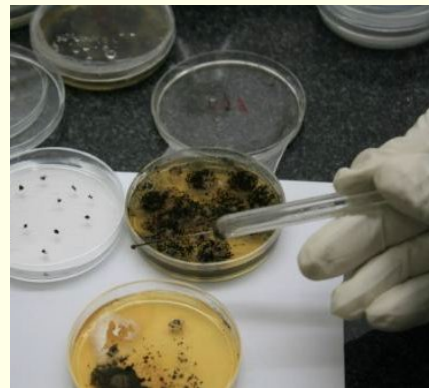
1st

Step



The 1st Step: Gathering young, energetic and thoughtful forces;

Setting up and equipping workshops



Laboratory

Restoration &
Conservation

Documentation

Bookbinding

IT &
Database Center

1st
Step



The 1st Step: Gathering young, energetic and thoughtful forces;

Setting up and equipping workshops



Laboratory

Restoration &
Conservation

Documentation

Bookbinding

IT &
Database Center

1st
Step



The 1st Step: Gathering young, energetic and thoughtful forces;

Setting up and equipping workshops



Laboratory

Restoration &
Conservation

Documentation

Bookbinding

IT &
Database Center

1st
Step





The 1st Step: Gathering young, energetic and thoughtful forces;

Setting up and equipping workshops



Laboratory

Restoration &
Conservation

Documentation

Bookbinding

IT &
Database Center

1st
Step



The 1st Step: Gathering young, energetic and thoughtful forces;

Setting up and equipping workshops



Laboratory

Restoration & Conservation

Documentation

Bookbinding

IT & Database Center

1st
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step

The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

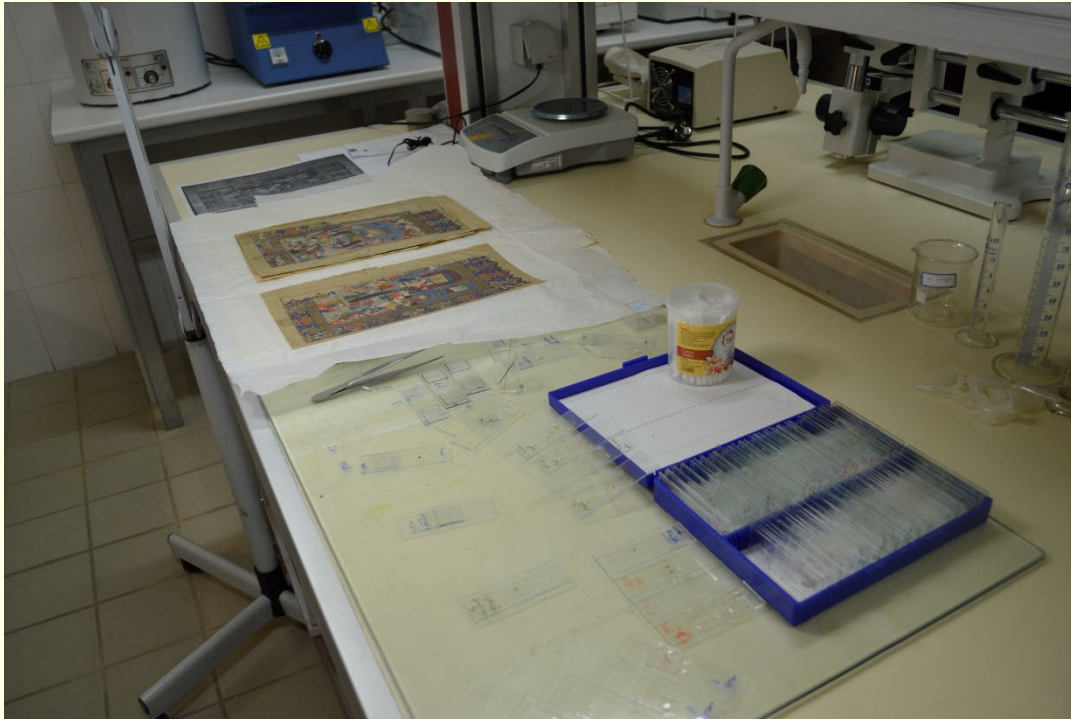
Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

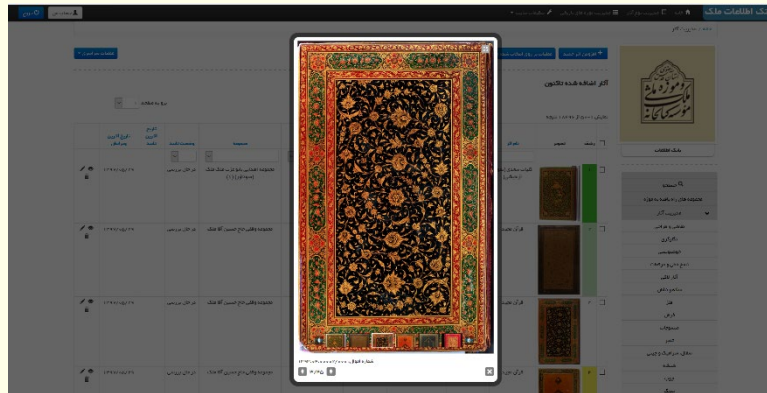
And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them



Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 2nd Step: Collecting instructions on global standards;

Updating and localizing them

Laboratory Standards

Restoration & Conservation Instructions

Instructions on Pathology of Objects & Manuscripts

Standard Storage of Objects in the Treasury

Packaging and Transportation of Objects

Standards of Museum Showcases & Galleries

Standards of Study Halls

Standards of Documentation

Bookbinding & Book Cover Repairing Instructions

And ...

2nd
Step



The 3rd Step: Standardization of treasuries

and transfer of objects to new treasuries



3rd
Step



The 4th Step: Designing modern study halls

based on global standards



4th
Step



The 5th Step: Standardization of museum galleries and showcases;

Plan of new temporary and permanent exhibitions



5th
Step



The 6th Step: Preparation of crisis management scenario

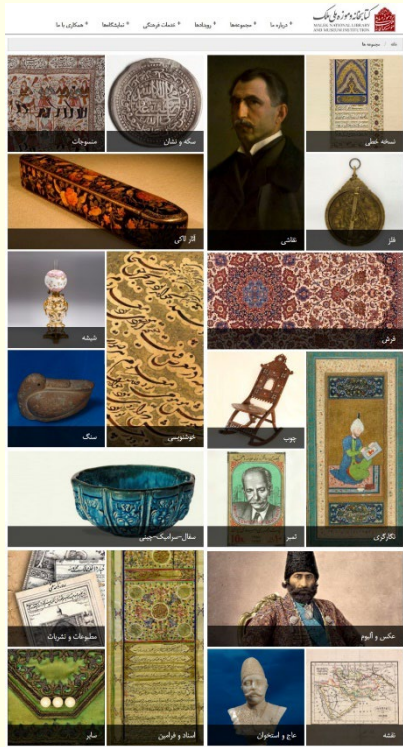


6th
Step



The 7th Step: Database project ;

Localized based on global standards



بانک اطلاعات ملک

خانه / مخیریت آثار

عملیات بر روی انتخاب شده ها

افزودن اثر جدید

آثار اضافه شده تاکنون

نمایش ۱-۵ از ۱۸۴۹۶ نتیجه

ردیف	تصویر	نام اثر	طبقه بندی اثر	شماره اموال	شماره ثبت پیشین	دوره تاریخی	مجموعه	وضعیت تولید	تاریخ آخرین تولید
۱		کلیات سعدی (نمونه آرفایشی)	نسخ خطی و مرقات	0000.04.00000	۳۹	قاجاریه	مجموعه اهدایی بانو عزت ملک ملک (سودآور) (۱)	در حال بررسی	۱۳۹۷/۰۵/۲۹
۲		قرآن مجید	نسخ خطی و مرقات	1393.04.00001	۱	قاجاریه	مجموعه وقفی حاج حسین آقا ملک	در حال بررسی	۱۳۹۷/۰۵/۲۹
۳		قرآن مجید	نسخ خطی و مرقات	1393.04.00002	۲	قاجاریه	مجموعه وقفی حاج حسین آقا ملک	در حال بررسی	۱۳۹۷/۰۵/۲۹
۴		قرآن مجید	نسخ خطی و مرقات	1393.04.00003	۳	صفویه	مجموعه وقفی حاج حسین آقا ملک	در حال بررسی	۱۳۹۷/۰۵/۲۹

شماره اموال: 0000.04.00000/000

جستجو

مجموعه های راه یافته به موزه

مخیریت آثار

نقاشی و طراحی

نگارگری

خوشنویسی

نسخ خطی و مرقات

آثار لاک

سکه و نشان

فنر

فرش

منسوجات

تعمیر

سفال، سرامیک و چینی

شیشه

چوب

سنگ

malekmuseum.org/uploads/imaqs/original/1 cd8f7791870840189bc6ce17cf4152db 1506938710.jpg

7th
Step

Learning ... Teaching ... Learning ... Teaching ... each day





**We wish to see you in
Malek Library and Museum
soon!**

Noshad Rokni

Director of Documentation and Conservation Department



MALEK National Library and museum Institute

www.malekmuseum.org