

Dear TIMA members,

*** THE FIFTH ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPT CONFERENCE***

24-26 July 2009

Christ's College Cambridge

Following on from the success of the Fourth Islamic Manuscript Conference last summer, this month we are very pleased to announce the dates of our next conference. This year's conference will focus on the theme of 'Access to manuscripts' and we hope to see as many of you there as possible

A call for papers will follow shortly

NEW PUBLICATION

Claude Guillot & Ludvik Kalus, Les monuments funéraires et l'Histoire du Sultanat de Pasai à Sumatra, avec une contribution de Marie-Odette Scalliet, Paris, 2008, Cahier d'Archipel n° 37

The Middle East in Microform is on the web at:

http://www.lib.washington.edu/neareast/MEinmform/MEinMicroform_final.pdf

It will eventually be converted from pdf to a searchable database.

DECEMBER

Announcement and invitation

Founding Conference of the Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield (ANCBS)

7-8 December 2008

The Hague, Netherlands

This conference will be the start and the presentation of new developments within the Blue Shield organization: the founding of ANCBS and the establishment of a coordination centre in The Hague for the Blue Shield organization, to stimulate and facilitate a closer cooperation between the national committees.

07 - 12 Dec 2008 , Indianapolis (United States of America)

This special session at the 4th IEEE International Conference on e-science will include topics such as digital preservation and curation in research infrastructures, metadata extraction, workflow integration.

<http://dresnet.net/ieee-escience-2008-cfp>

The IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, the Preservation and Conservation Section, and the Library History Section jointly invite proposals for presentations at the Sections' programme in Milan, 23-27 August 2009. Theme: "Dispersed cultural collections: preservation, reconstruction and access". Deadline for submission of abstract: 31 December

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-rare-en.htm>

Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant (SSCG)

The Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant (SSCG) is an annual grant established by Dr. Shawky Salem and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The aim of the grant is to enable one expert in library and information sciences from the Arab Countries (AC) to attend the Annual IFLA Conference. Candidates should not have attended an IFLA conference previously, be an Arab nationality, not exceed 45 years, have experience at least 5 years in LIS profession or teaching, have the approval of his / her organization.

The persons / organizations who won SSCG earlier do not have the right to apply again, to give chance to other persons / organizations in AC to receive the grant.

The winner of the Grant will write a report on the conference (3 copies): copy to IFLA, copy to the organization of the grantee, copy to Dr. Salem.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Research Fellow in Ottoman Studies, British Institute at Ankara

Academic Pay Scale 22-26

£23,449 - £26,391(+ benefits)

Fix Term for 2 years

The British Institute at Ankara is seeking to appoint a Research Fellow in Ottoman Studies for a fixed term of two years. The post is based at the BIAA's office in Ankara. The post will involve working on a new British Academy-sponsored research initiative, Islam, Trade and Politics across the Indian Ocean: Interaction between Southeast Asia and Turkey and the Ottoman Empire 16th-20th centuries. The Research Fellow's principal task will be to work on a project to publish English translations of Ottoman documents relating to Southeast Asia. Accordingly, the successful candidate will have extensive experience in working with Ottoman archival documents, particularly of the 19th century. An excellent knowledge of Ottoman Turkish and English is required. No previous knowledge of Southeast Asia is necessary. A completed PhD at time of application is preferred.

Applicants should send a covering letter, a CV and a writing sample (dissertation chapter or article) to Siobhan McKeown at biaa@britac.ac.uk by 31 December 2008. Interviews will be held in February 2009.

JANUARY 2009

Digitizing Medieval and Early Modern Material Culture

Call for Papers: Digitizing Medieval and Early Modern Material Culture

Editors Brent Nelson (University of Saskatchewan) and Melissa Terras (University College London) invite submissions for a collection of essays on "Digitizing Medieval and Early Modern Material Culture" to be published in the New Technologies in Medieval and Renaissance Studies Series edited by Ray Siemens and William Bowen.

This collection of essays will build on the accomplishments of recent scholarship on materiality by bringing together innovative research on the theory and praxis of digitizing material cultures from roughly 500 A.D. to 1700 A.D. It will promote the deployment of digital technologies to the study of material culture by bringing together expertise garnered from complete and current digital projects, while looking forward to new possibilities for digital applications; it will both take stock of the current state of theory and practice and advance new developments in digitization of material culture.

Enquiries and proposals should be sent to brent.nelson@usask.ca by 10 January 2009. Complete essays of 5,000-6,000 words in length will be due on 1 May 2009.

Digital Medievalist -- <http://www.digitalmedievalist.org/>

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Job advertisement- York University, Toronto

The Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, invites applications for the York-Noor Visiting Chair in Islamic Studies, a three-year contractually limited appointment at the Assistant or Associate Professor level.

We are seeking a candidate who is well grounded in the classical tradition of Islam and the historical development of Islamic institutions, especially as they relate to Islamic cultures in a broader comparative context. High proficiency in classical and standard Arabic is required and knowledge of another research language is preferred. Candidates should have a completed PhD in hand by the commencement of the appointment. The successful candidate will show evidence of a vigorous research agenda and promise of excellence in teaching.

A letter of application, curriculum vitae, three confidential letters of recommendation, a sample of the applicant's written work (20 pages) and teaching dossier should be sent to:

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Faculty of Arts, York University,
4700 Keele St.,
Toronto Ontario M3J 1P3 Canada
(phone: 416-736-5158; fax: 416-736-5460; taylorp@yorku.ca).
E-mail applications will NOT be accepted.

Application deadline: January 31, 2009.

FEBRUARY 2009

King's College London is pleased to announce the Digital Futures 5-day training event.

Digital Futures: from digitization to delivery
Sydney, Australia: 2nd - 6th February 2009
London, UK: 27th April - 1st May 2009

<http://www.digitalconsultancy.net/digifutures/>

Led by experts of international renown, Digital Futures focuses on the creation, delivery and preservation of digital resources from cultural and memory institutions. Lasting five days, Digital Futures is aimed at managers and other practitioners from the library, museum, heritage and cultural sectors looking to understand the strategic and management issues of developing digital resources from digitisation to delivery.

Digital Futures will cover the following core areas:

- Planning and management
- Fund raising
- Understanding the audience
- Metadata - introduction and implementation
- Copyright and intellectual property
- Sustainability
- Financial issues
- Visual and image based resource creation and delivery
- Implementing digital resources
- Digital preservation

There will be visits to 2 institutions to see behind the scenes and receive expert presentations. For the London Digital Futures this will be the National Gallery and the National Archives.

Digital Futures aims for no more than 25-30 delegates and every delegate will have the opportunity to also spend one-to-one time with a Digital Futures leader to discuss issues specific to them.

<http://ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm>

Third International Meeting
19-20 February 2009
Berlin, Germany

"Access to Knowledge Infrastructures: Networking through Libraries"

Third meeting on 'Libraries on the Agenda'

On the occasion of the IFLA presidency of Claudia Lux, the German IFLA National Committee in cooperation with different partners is organizing the third and last of the series of IFLA Presidential Meetings. According to Claudia Lux' presidential theme on 'libraries on the agenda', international library experts, politicians and decision makers will discuss the role of libraries within the international networking of the knowledge society. International contributors from various Islamic countries have also been invited.

Topics to be discussed will be among others the development of the information society as a national obligation, the relationship of digital knowledge and cultural heritage and the role of libraries within the network of research, education, society and state.

TIME:

Thursday 19 February 2009, 9:30 h- 17:30 h (reception afterwards) and

Friday, 20 February 2009, 9:30 h - 15:30 h (15:45 h library tour starts)

VENUE:

Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin, Germany

PARTNERS:

Federal Foreign Office, the Goethe-Institut as well as the Library and Information in Germany (BID), Federal Union of German Library and Information Associations.

Simultaneous interpretation into English, German and Arabic will be provided.

CONFERENCE FEE:

Registration fee for the two-day programme (including lunch and reception) is:

100 € for registration until 20 January 2009 (inclusive)

160 € for registration from 21 January 2008

Closing date for registration: 10 February 2009.

JUNE 2009

MELCOM conference 2009

This is to confirm the dates of the next MELCom International annual conference which will be held at the N Lobachenskiy's Scientific Library, State University of Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan : 22-25 June 2009. The local organiser is Nuria Garaeva of the Department of Manuscripts and Rare Books: Nuria.Garaeva@ksu.ru

A proper First circular including registration / visa form and a call for papers will be posted on our website no later than mid December. We recommend that you include this website on your list of favorite URLs and check it regularly and frequently as all information concerning visa issues as well as subsequent circulars will be available there. Please circulate this information as widely as you can.

<http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/ext/melcomintl/melcurrentconf.shtml>