

Dear TIMA members,

Wishing you all Eid Mubarrak.

The layout of our newsletter has changed slightly, in line with forthcoming improvements to the TIMA website. We always welcome news of upcoming events from members. Please email your suggestions to tima@islamicmanuscript.org in the following format:

- Title of event
- Venue and date
- One sentence describing the event and a weblink or email address for further information or enquiries

You are welcome to follow this information with a fuller description, but we ask that you stick to the above format initially. This will help us considerably in adding your event to the TIMA website.

TIMA News

****** 2008-2009 TIMA Grant Scheme ******

Please find attached the Application Form and Notes for Applicants to the 2008-2009 TIMA Grant Scheme. Applications for grants are now being accepted and the deadline for applications is 14 October 2008. Please examine the Notes for Applicants for details of available funding, eligibility, and terms and conditions. Following the response to last year's scheme a number of changes have been made to the application form.

The Board of The Islamic Manuscript Association would like to remind the members that grant applications are accepted for small projects as well as more ambitious ones, and all members are very much encouraged to take this opportunity to apply for 'mini' grants such as for digital cameras or attendance at training workshops or conferences.

Details of last year's successful applications have now been posted online and can be viewed at http://www.islamicmanuscript.org/projects/grantscheme_2007_report.html

Members' announcements

Publications

Dr . Muhammad Isa Waley would like to draw our attention to the following publication :

Echanges avec l'Orient = Obshchuvanie s Iztoka: melanges offerts a Stoyanka Kenderova a l'occasion de son 60e anniversaire / s'tavitel, Liubomir Georgiev. Sofia: Bibliotheque Nationale "Saints Cyrille et Methode", 2007.547, [5] p. pbk. ISBN 978-954-523-097-4.

This Festschrift for a distinguished Bulgarian scholar contains studies in Bulgarian, Russian, French and English on aspects of oriental and Balkan (chiefly Islamic) historiography, historical documents and manuscripts. Contents in French or English concerning manuscripts: J.-C. Ducene, La carte de la Transoxiane chez al-Istakhri et al-Idrisi; F. Richard and M. Szuppe, Les manuscrits de la Bibliotheque "James Darmesteter" de l'Institut d'Etudes Iraniennes de Paris; L. Gazic, Two manuscripts copied in Mostar in 18th century (sic); L. Dodkhudoeva, On Sufi manuscripts of the Institute of Oriental Studies and Written Heritage of Tajikistan.

As announced during this year's Melcom conference in Oxford, Brill plans to launch two major new online publications in the field of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies this year:

- **Bibliography of Arabic Books Online**
- **Brockelmann Online**

Bibliography of Arabic Books Online (BABO)

An online bibliography and catalog of all Arabic language books printed before 1960. This publication will strive to contain a list of all historical Arabic authors of books published before 1960 (authority file) and a full bibliography of all the books they wrote and published. The records will become available in multiple formats including MARC 21 and UNIMARC, as well as ISBD for citations. The MARC records will be downloadable, and free for use to any subscribing library holding the book.

This bibliography will ultimately contain over 65,000 titles of books and 15,000 authority records. Records will be added over the years from many different sources, among them:

Brockelmann Online

Brill has published GAL in print since 1937. Now we proudly announce the publication of the first online edition, which is expected in December 2008. Brockelmann Online will consist of both original volumes as well as the three supplement volumes, including the indexes. It will be full-text searchable, making it much easier to consult for researchers and students. Each search will lead to an image (pdf) of the relevant page in the printed edition, ensuring the continuity of referencing.

In print Brockelmann's work has become an indispensable research tool for anyone working on the Islamic world in general and the Middle East in particular. The online edition greatly facilitates its consultation by students and non-specialists.

For more info see: www.brill.nl

OCTOBER

Workshops

Islamic Literature: Tools and Techniques for Librarians

Date: October 15, 2008, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Quiad-e-Azam Library, Lahore

| Timing | Topics |
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| 10:30 am | Session one: Introduction to Islamic literature |
| 12:00 pm | Session two: Classical Islamic Literature: an overview |
| 1:30 pm | Lunch and Prayer Break |
| 2:30 pm | Session Three: Technical Processing Problems in Islamic Literature 1. Islamic Names 2. Classification Schemes |

Registration:

- 1.Registration is open to professional, academician, researchers and scholars.
- 2.Registration fee is Rupees 1000/-
- 3.Fee will cover one tea, lunch and resource material
- 4.Seats are limited up to 30, so first come first serve rules applies

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Digital preservation workshop
13-17 October 2008 Prague, Czech Republic

This training event will introduce participants to a number of key digital preservation principles and provide them with an opportunity to apply this knowledge through a number of practical, hands-on exercises. Participants will leave with:

- an awareness and understanding of key digital preservation issues and challenges,
- an appreciation of the range of roles and responsibilities involved with digital preservation activity,
- knowledge about the reference model for Open Archival Information System (OAIS),
- a familiarity with file formats currently considered beneficial for preservation,
- a developed understanding of the role and use of metadata and representation information,
- knowledge of the preservation planning process and its benefits to overall digital preservation strategies,
- an insight into the concepts of trust and trustworthiness in the context of digital preservation,
- a working knowledge of the issues surrounding audit methodologies and self-certification of digital repositories

Programme

This intensive training programme will consist of three days access to on-line pre-course training, 8 half day sessions in a face to face setting, a Forum and access to three days of on-line post-course training. Expert lecturers will lead each session and most will be available through the whole week for further discussion.

For more information and to register for this event visit:
<http://www.wepreserve.eu/events/prague-2008/>

There are some free places on both events, so please register as soon as possible (or inform your colleagues)!

One-day workshop about project planning for digitization of Arabic text.

November 23, 2008 at the 2008 annual meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), 9 am to 3 pm
APPLICATION DEADLINE: **31 October 2008**

This workshop is aimed at academics, language instructors, librarians, archivists, curators, and other information professionals who want to provide full text access to Arabic language material online. The workshop will provide project management information, based on the experience of U.S. Universities, libraries, and other institutions, and give attendees essential information about the digitization of Arabic text materials.

The workshop will include a mixture of presentations on topics related to digitization projects, such as text or collection selection, copyright concerns, and staffing. The conversion of scanned images to searchable Arabic text will be explained using two software products specifically created for the Optical Character Recognition of Arabic text. In addition, attendees will learn about related technical topics such as metadata (for describing and organizing digitized materials), formats (e.g. TIFF, JPG,

PDF), and preservation needs. Also, the instructors will demonstrate the AMEEL repository, which holds full text digital copies of scholarly journals from the Middle East.

To apply, please write an email to us at ameel@yale.edu with the following information:

- Name
- Institution and current position
- Postal and e-mail addresses
- Telephone and fax numbers
- Please describe the extent of your knowledge of Arabic (in reading, writing, speaking: e.g. Student, Faculty, Working Professional or Staff, Native Speaker)
- Please describe the reasons for your interest in this workshop and how it will facilitate the work of your library or archive or educational needs.

Conference

The 3rd Annual WePreserve Conference: Costs, Benefits and Motivations for Digital Preservation Nice, France, 28-30 October 2008

The conference will be split into an evening reception with poster sessions and two full days which will include a series of presentations, talks from guest speakers and project representatives together with discussion panels. Throughout the conference, each project will be demonstrating their latest tools and service to provide attendees with an overview of the steps they can take now to address the digital preservation challenge in their unique context and providing in-depth look at the world of digital preservation.

For more information and for details of how to submit a poster please visit our website:

<http://www.wepreserve.eu/events/nice-2008/>

or contact :

wepreserve@hatii.arts.gla.ac.uk

Call for Proposals

Electronic Resources & Libraries 2009 February 9-12, 2009, UCLA Campus, Los Angeles, CA Proposal Deadline: October 15, 2008

ER&L Conference Program Planning Committee encourages you to submit a proposal for the Electronic Resources & Libraries 2009 Conference.

Proposal Evaluation: The committee will evaluate each proposal on the basis of subject matter (including, but not limited to, the issues listed in the topic descriptions), clarity, and timeliness. We will also hold a period of open voting to allow potential attendees to help shape the program. Proposals should be for original work that has not been published. We may request that some presenters combine sessions with complementary subject matter. Presenters receive 50% off the cost of registration.

More info: ER&L provides a forum for information professionals to explore ideas, trends, and technologies related to electronic resources and digital services. The idea of this event is to bring together stakeholders inside and outside of the library to look at the impact the digital environment has on library collections, access to resources, and our organizations. We invite various

perspectives and approaches to managing, promoting and accessing electronic resources. We hope to foster collaborative, cross-departmental, cross-community approaches to the issues e-resources have brought to our environment.

More information about the Call for Proposals is available at:

<http://www.electroniclibrarian.org/ocs/index.php/erl/2009/schedConf/schedConf/cfp>

Questions: Please direct questions about the Call for Proposals to Elizabeth Winter (elizabeth.winter@library.gatech.edu). Please direct questions related to preconferences to Xan Arch (xanadu@stanford.edu).

**Preservation workshops
October 27 & 28, 2008, Poughkeepsie, NY**

Learn how to keep collections materials, staff and visitors safe when disaster strikes and how to keep emergencies from happening in the first place! This program is intended for libraries, museums and archives collections care staff, including librarians, archivists, curators, collections managers, conservators, and stewards of historic house museums, and for staff responsible for the safety of collections, such as site and facility managers and security and safety staff.

View session abstracts and register now at <http://www.ccaha.org/education/program-calendar>

Job Advertisement

**Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies Library (ISL)
Library Assistant
Closing date for applications: 24th October.**

The Centre's library is a select collection of books and journals in Islamic Studies and related social sciences and is part of the Oxford Libraries Information System. The post of Library Assistant is a new full-time position, available immediately. The successful candidate will be responsible for the enquiry desk, some original cataloguing of books and journals onto OLIS, processing books acquisition, maintaining the reading space and dealing with book stocks.

Applicants are expected to have experience of online cataloguing and good communication skills. The salary is on a scale starting at £18,710. For a summary of the job description and person specification please visit our web site, www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies

To apply, send a CV and covering letter, and request two referees to write directly, to:

The Deputy Registrar,
Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies,
George Street,
Oxford OX1 2AR.

NOVEMBER

**Endangered Archives Programme, British Library: Call for applications
Deadline for receipt of preliminary grant applications: 7 November 2008.**

The Endangered Archives Programme at the British Library is now accepting applications for the next round of funding. Detailed information on the timetable, criteria, eligibility and procedures for applying for a grant is available on the Programme's website.

The Programme's objectives are achieved principally by awarding grants to applicants to locate relevant endangered archival collections, to arrange their transfer to a suitable local archival home where possible, and to deposit copies with local institutions and the British Library. Pilot projects are particularly welcomed, to investigate the survival of archival collections on a particular subject, in a discrete region, or in a specific format, and the feasibility of their recovery.

To be considered for funding under the Programme, the archival material should relate to a 'pre-modern' period of a society's history. There is no prescriptive definition of this, but it may typically mean, for instance, any period before industrialisation. The relevant time period will therefore vary according to the society. The endangered archival material will normally be located in countries where resources and opportunities to preserve such material are lacking or limited.

The Programme is administered by the British Library and applications are considered in an annual competition by an international panel of historians and archivists.

For further details of the projects funded to date as well as application procedures and documentation, please visit the Programme's website.

Web: www.bl.uk/endangeredarchives

Email: endangeredarchives@bl.uk

Workshop

International Training Course in the Cataloguing of Islamic Manuscripts The Waqfiyya Library in Aleppo, Syria 9th November - 27th November 2008

Al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation in London and the Waqfiyya Library in Aleppo, Syria, are jointly organizing an international training course in the cataloguing of Islamic manuscripts. Nominations are invited from public and academic libraries, as well as private libraries with holdings of Islamic manuscripts. The course will cover all aspects of this very specialized area in order to ensure the preservation of valuable Islamic heritage, and to make it more accessible for researchers and academics.

The course is open to cataloguers and librarians from Syria and neighbouring countries, who work in institutions holding collections of Islamic Manuscripts. Candidates should have a degree in Library Science or in Arabic or Islamic Studies. They had to have a good command of Arabic and English to be able to follow the course. An attendance certificate will be issued to all participants who complete the Training Course.

The course will be free and is fully financed by al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation.

To register for the course please send your CV with your full name, contact details: (address, telephone numbers, email) and the complete address of your organization before the 10th of October 2008 to the following address:

Address: 'Cataloguing Course', al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation
Eagle House, High Street, Wimbledon
London SW19 5EF United Kingdom
Email: mohamed@al-furqan.com
Tel: 0044 20 8944 1233 - Fax: 0044 20 8944 1633

Cataloguing Workshop at MELA
2:00 pm on Nov. 20th

The Committee on Cataloging's workshop this year will focus on Persian cataloging and has been organized by the new Editorial Board of the Persian Cataloging Manual chaired by Juliet Sabouri. It will feature a number of short presentations with some time for questions. The program will feature these topics:

Persian Romanization: Arabic and Persian Romanization differences and AACR2 rules (Faridah Tehrani)

Formulating modern and classical name headings in NAF format (Juliet Sabouri and Joyce Bell)
"Fihrist-i mustanad-i asami-i mashahir va muallifan"; can it be an authority file for Persian names? (Iranfarhang)

Persian CIP: useful information for cataloging Persian or not? (Akram Khabibulaev)

Best practices for keyboarding Farsi script (William Kopycki)

Conferences

The 8th European Conference on Research for Protection, Conservation and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage: Cultural Heritage Research Meets Practice
Ljubljana, Slovenia, November 10-12

The main objective of the conference is to foster (the) exploitation and spin off of EU research results. New technologies, tools and devices will be presented through talks, posters, exhibitions and practical workshops. Interdisciplinary discussions among scientists, policy makers and end-users – e.g. conservators and restorers, managers and owners of the cultural patrimony- will aim at identification of future needs and development of funding strategies. Special attention will be devoted to pooling of expertise of key players in the field, such as ICOM-CC, ICOMOS, ICCROM, ECTP-FACH, EUROPA NOSTRA, UNESCO and others.

The aim of the final Conference is to present the state-of-the-art in the field of the four defined thematic groups:

- Recent progress in cultural heritage research
- Knowledge and technology transfer, from research to industry and SMEs
- Education and training, communication
- Policies, legislation, standardisation, and sustainability strategies in cultural heritage.

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Website: <http://www.chresp.eu>

International conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2008)
'Shaping the future of special libraries: Beyond boundaries'
India Islamic Cultural Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India, 26-28 November 2008.

The objectives of the Conference are to bring together library professionals to a common platform, promote special libraries, facilitate the exchange of ideas and help bridge the knowledge gap amongst the professionals associated with special libraries and to further develop professional competency.

This seminar is expected to attract more than 1000 participants from India, Asia, and the U.S.

Registrations for this conference are open. For details please visit:
<http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/ICoASL2008.html>

You can register online also and can pay through credit card. Please click:
http://www.tbimice.com/icoasl2008/sla_regn_main.asp

DECEMBER

Persistence of Memory: Sustaining Digital Collections December 9-10, 2008 Chicago, Illinois , USA

This conference, taught by a faculty of national experts, addresses the question of digital longevity. Institutions are rapidly acquiring collections of digitized and born-digital resources. Without intervention, these materials will not survive even a single human career. This two-day conference will highlight evolving best practices for digital preservation to help you with the life-cycle management of your institution's collections.

See: <http://www.nedcc.org/education/conferences/pom2008/pombroc.php>

Short Term Course on Design and Development of Digital Libraries using GSDL (Greenstone Digital Library Software) 15-19 December 2008

National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR)
14, Satsang Vihar Marg - New Delhi – 110 067, India

Coverage:

Digital Library: Concepts and software; Metadata: Overview; Greenstone: Overview of features, capabilities, applications; Installation, configuration; accessing example; Building collections with the Librarian interface; Adding and using metadata; Customizing your collection, creating a CD-ROM; etc.

Course Fee for Participants From:

- India Rs. 2000/= (Without Accommodation); Rs. 2600/= (With Accommodation)
- SAARC Countries/ Vietnam: US \$ 100 (Without Accommodation); US \$ 130 (With Accommodation)
- Other Countries: US \$ 150 (Without Accommodation); US \$ 180 (With Accommodation)

Note:

- The number of participants is limited to Twenty (20),
- Admission is strictly on the basis of first come first serve basis.

Download Application Form:

<http://www.niscair.res.in/Downloadables/ApplicationForm2008-2009.doc>

For more details, please visit: <http://www.niscair.res.in/ActivitiesandServices/HRD/hrd..html>

4th International Digital Curation Conference Edinburgh, 1-3 December 2008

This year we'll be focusing on radical sharing, new ways of doing science (large scale research networks, mass collaboration, dynamic publishing tools, wikis, blogs, social networks, visualisations and immersive environments); sustainability of curation; and legal issues including privacy, confidentiality and consent, intellectual property rights and provenance.

<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/dcc-2008/>

Fellowships

**Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies,
George Street, Oxford**

The closing date for applications is 12th December 2008.

These are offered to support research in any area of the arts, humanities, or the social sciences that has relevance to the study of Islam or the Muslim world.

Applications would normally be scholars or writers at the postdoctoral or equivalent level, but senior researchers are also eligible. An academic affiliation is not a necessary requirement.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae and a brief statement of proposed research. Two letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Centre.

Application forms may be downloaded from:

<http://www.oxcis.ac.uk/vf09-10.html>
