

Dear TIMA members,

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 web link 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.

Members' announcements

Publication of the exhibition catalogue "Ein Garten im Aermel. Islamische Buchkultur."

Klemm, Verena (ed.): Ein Garten im Aermel. Islamische Buchkultur. Schriften aus der Universitätsbibliothek Leipzig 12, Leipzig 2008.
ISBN (Universitaetsverlag): 978-3-86583-281-8

In collaboration with Stefanie Brinkmann, Boris Liebrecht, and Beate Wiesmueller.
The catalogue is published in German.

Lectures

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY LECTURE SERIES 2008 - 09

The Mosque of Sultan Hasan: Architecture and the Arts of the Book Thursday 6th November 2008 at 6.00 pm

Lecture by Professor Doris Behrens-Abouseif
(School of Oriental and African Studies)

The Royal Asiatic Society, 14 Stephenson Way,
London, NW1 2HD
Nearest Tube: Euston, Euston Square, Warren Street

Contact: 0207 3884539 or info@royalasiaticsociety.org

THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

presents the book: The Hidden Treasures of Timbuktu: Historic City of Islamic Africa Wednesday 12th November 2008 at 6.30 pm

Contact: 0207 3884539 or ao@royalasiaticsociety.org

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY: Morison Room.

'Digitisation of rare books: twelve years of the HUMI Project, Keio University' Tuesday 4 November 2008, at 5.30 p.m.

Professor Takamiya, Director of the Humanities Interface Project, introduces the project's work of digitising rare books and medieval manuscripts.

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 (Middle East Librarians Association) 16 November, 2 p.m.

Thursday November 16

2:00-4:00 pm

MELA Cataloging Committee -- General meeting
(Harvard University -- Location TBA)

7:00-9:00 pm

MELA Cataloging Workshop
(Harvard University -- Location TBA)

Friday November 17

9:00am-12:30 pm

MELA -- Program meeting
(Harvard University -- Forum Room, Lamont Library)

Coming Full Circle in Middle Eastern Research:
Transcending Pen and Ink While Excavating the Unseen

Saturday November 18

9:00am-12:00 noon

MELA Collection Development Workshop -- Turkish
(Marriott Copley Place -- Massachusetts, 5th Floor)

Job positions

The Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, is looking for a **Cataloguing Assistant** for mainly Arabic publications on a fixed-term basis. Successful candidate will be appointed on a fixed-term contract for 26 weeks, 15.5 hours per week. Gross Salary will be in the range of £10 to £12 per hour.

To apply: Candidates should send a letter of application; curriculum vitae; and, names, phone numbers and e-mail address of three referees to:

E-mail: ismc.personnel@aku.edu (preferred) OR
Human Resource Department, AKU-ISMC, 4 & 5 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RA
Fax: 020 7907 1030
Website: www.aku.edu/ismc

The Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, is looking for **Translator/Editor (Part-time, Fixed-term)**

Location: Bedford Square , London WC1B 3RA

Start date: January 2009

Duration of contract: 3 months

Number of Vacancies: 3

Gross Salary: £10.00 per hour

Candidates should:

- Be PhD candidates or MA/MPhil students with research experience in the area of Humanities
- Be fluent in written and oral Indonesian, Malay, Persian, or Russian
- Have good English
- Have a keen eye for detail
- Have good computer skills

To Apply:

Candidates should send a brief letter and curriculum vitae to the following address:

ismc.personnel@aku.edu

Application deadline

November 28, 2008

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Preceptor in Ottoman and Modern Turkish.

The successful applicant will teach five courses a year. Candidates for the position should have mastery of Ottoman Turkish language and literature, as well as modern Turkish. Applicants should also be familiar with the issues of teaching Turkish as a foreign language, have experience in teaching all levels of Ottoman and Modern Turkish, and must be able to conduct upper level courses in Turkish. Letters of application (accompanied by CV and names and addresses of referees) should be sent to: Prof. William Granara, Ottoman/Turkish Search Committee, Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 38 Kirkland St., #312, Cambridge MA 02138.

Deadline: December 30, 2008.

MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Visiting Professor - Arabic Studies

Ref. No. 2307

Department: GSLEL; Locations: Monterey, CA; Type: Full-time Temporary

To apply, go to: <http://miis.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=10599>

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, the Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

Assistant Professor Iranian History

The department is seeking candidates who specialize in the history of Iran in the early modern period or whose research in Iranian studies is historically grounded. Candidates must have the PhD by the time of appointment, demonstrate potential for superior scholarly accomplishment, and be prepared to teach a wide range of graduate and undergraduate courses and to supervise doctoral dissertation research.

Candidates should send a detailed letter, CV, and three letters of recommendation, to: Iran Search, Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University, 50 Washington Square South, New York NY 10012.

Deadline: December 1, 2008.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL

Lecturer in Arabic language

Submit a letter detailing teaching philosophy, CV, available sample syllabi and course evaluations online at <http://hr.unc.edu/jobseekers/>. Paper applications will not be accepted. In addition, send a teaching DVD/video (if available) and have two original, signed letters of reference sent to: Arabic Search Committee, Department of Asian Studies, CB 3267, 113 New West, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC 27715. For additional information, contact: arabicsearch@unc.edu.

Deadline: November 10, 2008.

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.

Contact: Jana Kolar - chresp@nuk.uni-lj.si

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

**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

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

**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>

The 2008 Brill fellowship at the Scaliger Institute of Leiden University Library.

Applicants must submit the following information:

* A 1-3 page research proposal. Applicants should address specifically the relationship between their proposed project and the primary sources to be consulted in the Special Collections of Leiden University

* A list of books and/or manuscripts that are going to be consulted in the library

* The projected beginning and ending dates of on-site research (minimum 3 months)

* A list of publications

* A curriculum vitae

* 2 names of support from academic or other scholars

Fellowship applications will be submitted to a board consisting of Prof. Dr. M. Keblusek (director of the Scaliger Institute), drs. C. Keijsper (Head of Special Collections, Leiden University Library UB Leiden), drs. K. van Ommen (Coordinator Scaliger Institute) en Prof. A. Vanderjagt (Professor in the History of Ideas, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen).

Applications can be send to:

Drs. K. van Ommen k-van-ommen@library.leidenuniv.nl

Coördinator Scaliger Instituut Postbus 9500 2300 RA Leiden

or by mail: scaliger@library.leidenuniv.nl

Deadline 31 January 2008

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