



**The European Association of Middle East Librarians**  
**Association européenne des bibliothécaires du Moyen-Orient**

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## **PROGRAMME**

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**39<sup>e</sup> Colloque annuel**  
**Cambridge, 03/07-05/07/2017**

**Cambridge University Library**



<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/>

## DAY 1 : Monday Lundi 03.07.2017

**09:00-10:00** Registrations | Inscriptions [coffee/tea provided]

**10:00-10:30** Opening | Séance d'ouverture

Greetings by / Adresses de **Dr Jessica Gardner**, Director of the Cambridge University Library [TBC] and **Sara Yontan**, MELCom International President.

### **10:30-12:30** Session 1: Arabic prints across Europe

1. **Against real and imaginary dangers: two recently discovered Arabic block-prints.**  
*Rebhan, Helga (Head of Oriental and Asian Department, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek Orient- und Asienabteilung, Germany)*
2. **The 1001 Nights in the Eighteenth-Century Dutch Republic.**  
*Vrolijk, Arnoud (Position, Leiden University Library, The Netherlands)*
3. **Printed Works in Bosnian Language in Arabic script (arebica): an Overview.**  
*Kadic-Zutic, Fatima (Head Librarian at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina)*
4. **The Personal Library of Peter Avery at the IIS-ISMC Library**  
*Ghali, Walid (Head of the Library, Aga Khan University, London, UK)*

Lunch Break

### **14:00-16:00** Session 2: Manuscripts collections across the Islamicate World

5. **The Manuscript Collection of Tipu Sultan of Mysore.**  
*Sims-Williams, Ursula (Curator, Persian Collections, British Library, UK)*
6. **The collection of Oriental Bible manuscripts of the "Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin"**  
*Péhlivanian, Méliné (area specialist, deputy head of the oriental department, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany)*
7. **The Oriental Manuscripts Collection in the Belgrade University Library: unexplored but digitized cultural heritage.**  
*Jovanović, Marko (Student, Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia)*
8. **Science and mathematics in the Arabic manuscripts of Nigerian repositories: an analysis of magic squares from collections of the Arewa house, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna Nigeria.**  
*Musa Salih, Muhammad (Chief Archivist, Arewa House Centre for Historical Research and Documentation, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna-Nigeria) & Shehu, Sulaiman (Department of History, Kaduna State University, Kaduna-Nigeria)*

Coffee Break

**16:30-18:30** Reception at the Cambridge University Library | Buffet apéritif à la Bibliothèque de l'Université de Cambridge followed by a programme of activities:

- Launch of the Royal Asiatic Society Persian manuscripts in the Cambridge Digital Library
- Introductory talks on the history of the Middle Eastern Collections at the Library
- Tour of the Genizah Collection Exhibition
- Visit of the Cambridge University Library | Visite de la Bibliothèque de l'Université de Cambridge

**19:30** Dinner at Pembroke College (optional, advance booking compulsory)



## DAY 2: Tuesday Mardi 04.07.2017

### **09:00-11:00 Session 3: Achievements and perspectives: current projects in Middle Eastern librarianship**

1. **BiblioPera: Making Global Partnerships in the Local Context.**  
*Kentel, Koca Mehmet (Head Librarian, Koç University, Turkey) | PhD Candidate, University of Washington)*
2. **Al-Ādāb Magazine Archives: Digitization, Metadata creation, preservation and access.**  
*Chebani, Basma (Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services Department, American University of Beirut-Jafet Library, Lebanon)*
3. **Islamic Library and contemporary donations: how to concentrate institutional resources.**  
*Mora, Luisa (Head Librarian, AECID - Islamic Library, Spain)*
4. **Sharing Lebanese History with a Global Audience: Heinz Gaube Photographs Collection of Lebanese Vernacular Architecture.**  
*Moussa, Amine (Head of Library Information Systems Department, Notre Dame University- Louaize, Lebanon) & Kattoura, Antoinette (Head of Special Collection Department, Notre Dame University- Louaize, Lebanon)*

#### Coffee Break

### **11:30-13:30 Session 4: Pearson Memorial - Melcom UK Jubilee panel: Middle Eastern librarianship, a 50 years perspective.**

5. **The History of MELCom – A Personal View**  
*Hopwood, Derek (Emeritus Fellow, St Antony's College, Oxford, UK)*
6. **50 Years of MELCOM (U.K.) - Some Reflections**  
*Auchterlonie, Paul (Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter, UK)*
7. **A century and half a century: SOAS and MELCOM UK. Lessons from the experiences of an institution and a body founded on area studies**  
*Colvin, Peter (Adviser, Digital Projects, SOAS University of London, UK)*

**Round table on Middle Eastern librarianship in the UK and elsewhere | Discussant : Yasmin Faghihi**  
*Participants to be announced*

#### Lunch break

### **15:00-17:00 Session 5: Middle East Librarians as social and political agents**

8. **A Middle East Librarian's Role on the Most Politically Active Campus in America? Support, support, support.**  
*Steinberg, Amanda (Middle East & North Africa Librarian, George Washington University, USA)*
9. **Case Studies of Recent Library and Archival Destruction in North Africa and the Middle East: Timbuktu, Mali and Mosul, Iraq.**  
*Kuntz, Blair (Middle East Studies Librarian, University of Toronto, Canada)*
10. **Une culture de l'information pour une communication efficiente : les bibliothécaires sous les projecteurs**  
*Bouderbane, Azzedine and Gamouh, Nadjia (Professors, Institute of library and Documentation sciences, University of Constantine 2 Abdelhamid Mehri, Algeria) and Benkaid-Kesba, Teboura (Senior Lecturer, Université Oum-El-Bouaghi, Algeria)*
11. **Endangered Research and Research Endangered.**  
*Hussein Moustafa, Laila (Assistant Prof. /Middle East Studies Librarian, University of Illinois, USA)*

#### Coffee Break

**20:00 Traditional dinner** at the University Centre (Hicks Room) | **Dîner traditionnel** au Centre Universitaire (Salle Hicks) Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1RU | Tel: +44 1223 337766 | Fax: +44 1223 337745  
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## DAY 3: Wednesday Mercredi 05.07.2017

### 09:30-11:00 Session 6: An Ottoman Morning

1. **The rare books collection of the Orient-Institut Istanbul.**  
*Menz, Astrid (Head librarian, Orient-Institut Istanbul, Turkey)*
2. **Libraries during Sultan Abdülhamit II's Era and Istanbul University's Yıldız Palace Collection.**  
*Bezirci, Pervin (Head of Library and Documentation Department, Istanbul University, Turkey) & Kalin, Cihan (Librarian, Central Library, Istanbul University, Turkey)*
3. **La bibliothèque d'Osman Pazvantoğlu dans la ville de Vidin selon son catalogue délivré en 1837.**  
*Kenderova, Stoyanka (Retired, Former Head of the Oriental Department at the National Library of Bulgaria)*

Coffee Break

### 11:30-13:00 Session 7: Middle Eastern Cataloguing Intricacies

4. **Le chantier de signalement en ligne des manuscrits arabes de la BULAC.**  
*Chaabane, Zouhour (Cataloguer of the Arabic Manuscripts, BULAC, France)*
5. **Expansion vs. Arabization: A comparative study of the Islamic topics in the Arabic and English standard classification systems.**  
*Weheba, Imen (Senior Cataloging Librarian, Qatar National Library, Qatar)*
6. **Literature from Azerbaijan – how to cope with constant alphabet reforms and diverse romanisation methods?**  
*Adam, Volker (Subject Librarian (Turkic languages & Caucasus), University and State Library Saxony-Anhalt (Halle, Saale), Germany)*

Lunch break

### 14:30-16:00 Session 8: Electronic resources and Open Access

7. **Index Islamicus: history and perspectives for bibliographies in the digital age (TBC)**  
*Schwarb, Gregor (Chief Editor, Index Islamicus, UK)*
8. **Al-Manhal Islamic world & Middle East Publications. An introduction to the content and technology.**  
*Al-Baghdadi, Mohammad (CEO, Al-Manhal, Dubai, UAE)*
9. **Riwaq: Cataloguing through interactive engagement with (digitized) manuscripts.**  
*El Houbba, Zakaria (Editorial and Catalogue Manager, Kalam Research & Media, Egypt)*
10. **Open Access Islamic Manuscripts Collections.**  
*Abu Baker, Muneer (Associate Professor / Senior Librarian, Abu Zayed University, Dubai, UAE)*

Coffee Break

### 16:30-18:00 Professional announcements & Business Meeting open to all attendees

#### Provisional agenda of the Business Meeting:

- **President, Secretary & Treasurer's reports**
- **Forthcoming conferences**
  - Presentation of Michele Bernardini & Antonella Muratgia on Oriental Libraries in Naples.
- **Professional announcements**  
**NB:** Participants should submit their announcements in brief written format to the secretary of MELCom International.
  - MariaLuisa Langella on the 60th anniversary of the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, Oxford.
- **Elections for Secretary and Treasurer's positions**

**DAY 4: Thursday Jeudi 06.07.2017 [9.30AM – 5.30PM]**

**Provisional excursion programme: Tour of Cambridge**



**Walking tour of historic Cambridge (city centre, colleges)**

**Punting tour on the River Cam**

**Visit of the Fitzwilliam Museum**

Home to one of the world’s oldest and most prestigious universities, Cambridge is a small but perfectly formed city steeped in history. It is very much a university town, with the history and fortune of the city and those of the educational institution within it inextricably interlinked. On summer days, the sight of students punting on the river Cam or heading to a May Ball is a common one, and Cambridge’s nightlife and cultural scenes both benefit from the flow of young people and fresh ideas into the city.

With luminaries such as the likes of Sir Isaac Newton, John Milton, Lord Byron, Ludwig Wittgenstein and Bertrand Russell among their alumni, the colleges of splendid Cambridge University contain enough sightseeing opportunities for anyone. Most are open to visitors and embody a rich cornucopia of architectural styles dating back as far as the early 13th century.

Cambridge is a quintessential English city that looks to the future but embodies a strong sense of tradition.

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