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Potsdamer Str. 33
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Programme

Monday Lundi 23.05.2011

09:00-10:00 Registration, Coffee & Tea

10:00-10:30 Opening

Greetings by **Barbara Schneider-Kempf**, General-Director, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin ; **Helga Rebhan**, President, MELCom International, and **Christoph Rauch**, Local organiser

10:30-12:00 Session 1

- **Current digitisation efforts in MENALIB - "Sondersammelgebiet Vorderer Orient Digital"**

Lutz Wiederhold

- **The databases for cataloguing and digitising Islamic manuscripts at Leipzig University**

Beate Wiesmüller

- **Manuscripts digitising in CSIC libraries**
Teresa Ortega Monasterio & Pilar Martinez Olmo

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Session 2

- **Le papier, les Omeyyades et les Abbassides**

Geneviève Humbert

- **Identification of calligraphers on the basis of authentication by later calligraphers: examples from the Ottoman period**

Ayşe Aldemir Kilercik

- **Lacquer illustrated binding and transmission of knowledge**

Jennifer Garland and Sean Swanick

16:30-18:00 Pergamon Museum/Museum of Islamic Art : free visit of the current exhibition "Heroic Times. A Thousand Years of the Persian 'Book of Kings'"

18:30 Greetings at the Museum of Islamic Art by **Stefan Weber, Director (Mschatta Hall)**

18:45-19:30 Lecture by **Jan Just Witkam : **Speaking objects. Words beyond the book****

19:30 Reception (Mschatta Hall)

Tuesday Mardi 24.05.2011

09:00-10:30 Session 3

- **Collection of rare books in the Institute of Manuscripts (Baku, Azerbaijan)**

Farid Alakbarli

- **Calligraphic manuscripts of the Zand and Qajar period in the National Library of Russia**

Olga Yastrebova

- **Turkish manuscripts in the collection of the Institute of Oriental Studies and their cataloguing**

Ilya Zaytsev

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Session 4

- **Arabic script cataloguing at Georgetown University in Qatar**

Stefan Seeger

- **Cataloguing orthographic identity: spelling and pronunciation dissonance in modern Armenian**

Kevork Bardakjian

- **Book ownership in Ottoman Sarajevo according to the court records of 1787-1807**

Asim Zubčević

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Session 5

- **Fihrist –The Oxford Cambridge Islamic manuscript catalogue on-line**

Yasmin Faghihi & Alasdair Watson

- **Transatlantic cooperation on digitization projects**

Elizabeth Beaudin & Peter Colvin

- **The Islamic Scientific Manuscript Initiative (ISMI): An opportunity for collaboration**

Jamil Ragep & Dirk Wintergruen

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Guided tour at Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Potsdamer Platz-Site

A presentation of Oriental manuscripts will be shown during the whole day

20:00 Traditional dinner at *Hasır* (Adalbertstrasse 10, Berlin-Kreuzberg)

Wednesday Mercredi 25.05.2011

9:30-11:00 Session 6

- **La collection des manuscrits de la Bibliothèque nationale du Royaume du Maroc**

Nouzha Bensaadoun

- **Un programme de numérisation des manuscrits arabes, persans et turcs à la BnF**

Annie Vernay Nouri

- **The Wellcome Arabic manuscripts cataloguing project**

Nikolaj Serikoff, Wellcome Library, London

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Session 7

- **Of little use? English captivity narratives as sources of information on North Africa**

Paul Auchterlonie

- **A long way ahead: American University of Beirut libraries' archives, 20th anniversary**

Samar el-Mikati el-Kaissi

- **Orientalia of General Peter Suchtelen.**

Olga Vasilyeva

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 Session 8

- **Opening access to Open-Access resources in Middle East and Islamic studies**
Peter Magierski
- **The bibliography of Arabic books online (BABO) – A report from behind the scenes**
Maurits Van den Boogert

15:30-16:00 Break

**16:00-17:00 Professional announcements & “Business meeting” open to all attendees
Elections (Secretary and Treasurer)**

Professional announcements

(Participants are kindly asked to submit their announcements with a brief sentence to the secretary of MELCom International)

Thursday Jeudi 26.05.2011

- 9:00** Departure for Excursion to Potsdam : Guided tour of Sanssouci, château and park as well as of Potsdam itself
- 13:00** Lunch at Mövenpick <http://restaurants.moevenpick.com/sanssouci>
- 16:30** Back in Berlin (approximate time)

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