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Ottoman Bank Archives and Research Center

### Programme

#### Monday Lundi     19.06.2006

08:30-09:45     Registration and coffee

09:45-10:15     *Welcome*  
**Arnoud Vrolijk**, President, Melcom International  
**Sima Benaroya**, Vice President, Ottoman Bank Archives and  
Research Centre  
*Announcements*  
**Sara Yontan Musnik**, Secretary, Melcom International

10:15-12:15     **Libraries and their collections** (4 papers)

The Bosniak Institute Library in Sarajevo and its collections  
**Asim Zubčević**, Librarian, Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of  
Sarajevo

L'Orient méditerranéen à l'époque ottomane : une bibliothèque de  
recherche du sud-est français  
**Maylis Dulois**, Service commun de la documentation, Université de  
Provence-Aix-Marseille 1

Le fonds judaïca-hébraïca de la bibliothèque Orient-Monde arabe :  
histoire et développement  
**Anne Cathelina-Junqua**, Bibliothèque Orient-Monde arabe,  
Université Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle

The library of Shamil Education and Culture Foundation  
**Berat Bir Bayraktar**, Marmara University

12:15-14     Lunch

14:00-15:30     **Manuscript collections 1** (3 papers)

Islamic minatures of the Topkapı Palace Museum Library  
**Zeynep Çelik Atbaş**, Manuscript curator, Topkapı Palace Museum  
Library

The Sakıp Sabancı Calligraphy collection: Transforming a private  
collection for inclusion in a museum  
**Ayşe Aldemir**, Curator, Sakıp Sabancı Museum

La collection de manuscrits en écriture arabe de la  
Zentralbibliothek Zürich  
**Tobias Nünlist**, Zentralbibliothek Zürich

- 15:30-15:45 [Coffee break](#)
- 15:45-16:15 In search of the 19th Century Ottoman Empire urban life: Glimpses from the Ottoman Bank Archives and Research Center Library  
**Aylin Beşiryan**, Librarian, Ottoman Bank Archives and Research Center Library  
&  
Visit of the Ottoman Bank Archives and Research Center Library
- 17:30-19:00 Visit of the Sermet Çifter Library and the "Çatalhöyük" Exhibition at the Vedat Nedim Tör Museum (same building)  
(registration required)
- 19:00-20:00 [Cocktail at the Sermet Çifter Library](#)  
(Courtesy of **Kasım Çelik**, director)

**Tuesday Mardi 20.06.2006**

- 09:00-11:00 **Manuscripts : material aspects** (4 papers)
- Ideas on determining the age of manuscripts by examining their physical features  
**Cihan Okuyucu**, Professor of Turkish Language and Literature, Fatih University
- How long did it take to copy a manuscript? Some documented examples  
**Mohammad Isa Waley**, British Library
- Conservation works at the Sakıp Sabancı Museum  
**Nurçin Kural**, Curator, Sakıp Sabancı Museum
- New technologies for digitisation of documents and applications in archives and libraries  
**Türkan Tüzün & Mehmet Tekin Haseki**, & Director, Bordo Doküman Sistem, Ankara
- 11:00-11:15 [Coffee break](#)
- 11:15-12:45 **Projects** (3 papers)
- Towards a comprehensive online union catalogue of serials from and about the Middle East: Online Access to Consolidated Information on Serials (OACIS)  
**Simon Samoeil**, Curator, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University
- Annotated bibliographies of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies: a survey and a new project  
**Geoffrey Roper**, Bibliographical adviser, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, AKU
- AKDAS : The digital archival system at the Atatürk Library  
**Hüseyin Türkmen & Nail Bayraktar**, Rare books specialists, Atatürk Library

- 12:45-14:15 Lunch
- 14:45-16:00 Visit of Süleymaniye Library
- 16:00-16:15 Tea (Courtesy of Süleymaniye Library)
- 16:15-17:00 Discussion with **Nevzat Kaya**, Süleymaniye Library director :  
Sharing ideas and experiences concerning the preservation and  
conservation of rare manuscripts  
(registration required)
- 19:30 Conference dinner  
(registration required)

**Wednesday 21.06.2006**

- 09:00-10:30 **Individual manuscripts** (4 papers)
- Two magmû'as from Mostar in the manuscript collection of the  
Institute for Oriental Studies in Sarajevo  
**Leijla Gazić**, Research fellow, Institute for Oriental Studies,  
Sarajevo
- Sefer Bey Zadenin hikâyeti* and *Hikâyet-i Yahya çelebi* : Two Turkish  
manuscripts in two national libraries  
**Olga Vasilyeva**, National Library of Russia
- The illustrated Timurid Shahnama from the Bodleian Library and its  
digital version  
**Firuz Abdullaeva**, Lecturer in Persian, University of Oxford
- Colloquial versions of *Qissat uns al-Wujud*: Manuscript as sources  
for the study of pre-modern varieties of spoken Arabic  
**Mark Muehlhaeusler**, Aziz S. Atiya Middle East Library, University  
of Utah
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-12:45 **Manuscript collections 2** (3 papers)
- Georg Jacob Kehr (1692-1740) and his Ottoman manuscripts  
**Ilya V. Zaytsev**, Library for foreign literature, Institute of Oriental  
Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- A bibliophile eunuch at the Ottoman Court: Beşir Agha and a  
*Shahnama* of Firdawsî from his library  
**Zeren Tanındı**, Professor of Islamic art history, Uludağ University
- A British family in the Middle East: The Barkers of Aleppo, Smyrna  
and Alexandria as revealed by the Barker papers  
**Paul Auchterlonie**, Librarian for Middle East Studies, University of  
Exeter
- 12:45-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30

**Sources and resources** (2 papers)

Primary and secondary online resources from Brill Academic Publishers

**Anja Van Hoek**, Marketing manager, Brill Academic Publishers

Teaching information skills to Middle Eastern studies research students

**Mamtimyn Sunuodula**, Middle East and East Asian Studies Librarian, Durham University Library

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45-16:45

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