

ANNUAL MEETING 2019

*Middle East
Librarians
Association*

NOVEMBER 12 - 14 • NEW ORLEANS



IMAGE CREDIT: "PLATE DEPICTING A WOMAN PLAYING
TAMBOURINE," THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK,
JOSEPH PULITZER BEQUEST, 1967.



Programme

November 11

Executive Board Meetings

MEMP Executive Board

7 PM

*Sheraton New Orleans
Hotel Lobby*

MELA Executive Board

8 PM

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November 12

Annual Meeting Day One:
St. Charles Room in the Danna Students Center
Loyola University
6363 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118

Breakfast & Registration

8:00 – 8:40 AM

Opening Remarks

8:40 – 8:50 AM

Laila Hussein Moustafa

Introduction of George N.
Atiyeh Prize recipients:
Deniz Özlem Çevik (McGill)
Sadaf Ahmadbeigi (UBC)

8:50 – 9:00 AM

Sean Swanick



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Panel One: Digitization

9:00 - 10:40 AM

Akkasah: A New Model for
Preserving Photographic
Heritage in the Middle
East and North Africa

Özge Calafato

Unhiding Muslim World
Manuscripts from Columbia
University Libraries - a
cataloging and digitization
project

*Peter Magierski
and Kelly Tuttle*

Newly Launched Arabic,
Persian and Ottoman
Turkish Digital Collections

*Joan Weeks, Hiran Dinavari,
and Nawal Kawar*

Organization, Openness,
and Offense: Lessons
Learned from an Art History
Digital Crowdsourcing
Project

*Amanda Hannoosh Steinberg
and Gwen Collaço*

Q & A

10:20 - 10:40 AM

Break

10:40 - 11:00 AM

Panel Two: Rare and Special Collections

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Arabic script rare books:
Central Library at the
National Academy of
Sciences of the Kyrgyz
Republic

Akram Habibulla



Programme

Arab American Book
Collecting

Connie Lamb

Q & A

11:40 - 12:00 PM

Lunch (provided by MELA)

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Workshop One:

"404: Archiving the websites before they disappear"

Ryder Kouba

Sponsored by: The Digital Scholarship Interest Group
(DSIG)

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Library of Congress Updates

3:00 - 4:00 PM

AMED (African and Middle
Eastern Division)

15 minutes

ASME (Asian and Middle
Eastern [cataloging]
Division)

15 minutes

Cairo and Islamabad
Overseas Office and
cooperative acquisition
program (MECAP/PIACAP)

30 minutes

Break

4:00 - 4:15 PM



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**Center for Research Libraries: Middle East Materials
Project (MEMP) Meeting**

4:15 - 6:15 PM

**MELA Social Gathering
Pelican Bar, Sheraton New Orleans
500 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70130**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

November 13

Annual Meeting Day Two:
St. Charles Room in the Danna Students Center
Loyola University
6363 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118

Light refreshments 8:00 - 8:30 AM

Opening Remarks 8:30 - 8:40 AM
Dale J. Correa

Panel Three: Liaison, Outreach and Discovery
8:40 - 10:20 AM

Area Studies Faculty
Teaching and Research
Practices at Berkeley:
Ithaka Survey Analysis

Mohamed Hamed



Access to and Use of
Electronic Resources in
SDL (Saudi Digital Library):
From the Faculty Members'
Perspectives

*Mohammed A. Abdulla
and Elvira A. Zingapan*

Development of Open
Access Multilanguage
Thesaurus Based on the
Linked-Data Approach

Magda El-Sherbini

Creating an Information
Literacy Curriculum for a
MENA Program

Emily Witsell

Q & A

10:05 - 10:20 AM

Break

10:20 - 10:30 AM

Panel Four: MELA

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Evaluating and improving
the Middle East Librarians
Association's Mentorship
Program

Anaïs Salamon

Q & A

10:50 - 11:00 AM

Keynote Speaker

"Alternative Archives in Muslim Asia:

The View from China"

Rian Thum (via Skype)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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Lunch Break
12:00 - 1:00 PM

MELA Business Meeting
1:00 - 2:35 PM
Dale J. Correa

Introduction

Approval of 2018 minutes

Officers' Reports

- *President: Dale J. Correa*
- *Vice President: Laila Hussein Moustafa*
- *Secretary: William Kopycki*
- *MELA Notes Editor: Marlis J. Saleh*
- *MELANET-L List Manager: Eryn Kropf*
- *Book Review Editor: Rachel Simon*
- *Webmaster: Justin Parrott*

Committee Reports

- *Digital Scholarship Interest Group*
- *Endangered Libraries and Archives*
- *Nominating Committee: introduction of newly-elected officers*

Announcements/New
Business

Break

2:35 - 2:45 PM



Programme

Updates from MELA-Metrics Working Group

2:45 - 3:30 PM

Mohamed Hamed, Chair

Workshop Two:

"A Cataloger's Path: Navigating PCC"

Jessalyn Zoom

Chief of Asian and Middle Eastern Division, LC

3:30 - 4:15 PM

"New approaches in cataloging"

Paul Frank

Manager of Cooperative and Policy Programs, LC

Sponsored by: Committee on Cataloguing (ConC)

4:15 - 5:00 PM

Q & A 5:00 - 5:30 PM

MELA Dinner

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Old Metairie, 1501 Metairie Rd, Metairie, LA 70005

7:00 PM

pre-registration required



Programme

November 14 **Vendor Showcase**

Room 4-Bayside A
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70130

Libra Books 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Leila Books
Cambridge Archive Editions
Bloomsbury
Project MUSE
Arthur Fournier
Hiperlink
EastView
Qur'an Gateway
JSTOR
Librakons

Committee Meetings
12:00 - 2:00 PM

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