

**Middle East Librarians Association 2009 Annual Meeting
November 18-20, 2009**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (evening)

Executive Board meeting (7:00pm, Rotch Library, MIT)

MEMP Executive meeting (time and place TBA)

Day 1 – Thursday, November 19, 2009

Location: Arlington Room, Boston Marriott Copley Place (110 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA)

8:30am - 8:50am Registration and light refreshments

8:50am - 8:55am Welcoming Remarks by Omar Khalidi, MELA President

8:55am - 10:15am **Program Part One:**
Middle East Collections: Challenges, Innovations, and Achievements

8:55am - 9:10am *“Impact of Economic Hardship on the Middle East Collections at Stanford and Berkeley”*
John A. Eilts, Curator for Islamic and Middle East Collection, Stanford University Libraries
Shayee Khanaka, Librarian, Middle East Collection, UC Berkeley

9:10am - 9:25am *“MELA Committee on Iraqi Libraries”*
Jeffrey B. Spurr, Independent Scholar of the History of Photography of the Middle East, and Islamic Textiles and Rugs

9:25am – 9:40am *“GIS Data and Middle East Studies”*
Lisa Sweeney, Head, GIS Services, MIT Libraries

9:40am - 9:55am *“AMEEL: From Theory to Delivery”*
Simon Samoeil, Curator, Near East Collection & AMEEL Project Outreach Director

9:55am - 10:10am Questions and Answers

10:10am - 10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am - 12:00pm **Program Part Two:**
Panel: “The Social Web and Middle East Librarianship”
Moderator: Anchi Hoh, Special Assistant to the Chief, Asian Division, Library of Congress

Discussant: Tara Lannen-Stanton, WorldLinQ Coordinator, New Americans Program/Special Services, Queens Library

- 10:30am – 10:35am Introduction by Moderator
- 10:35am - 10:55am ***“LC Digital Projects on Iranian Blogs, Iranian Websites and Afghan Government Websites in Collaboration with Stanford”***
Hirad Dinavari, Reference Librarian, Iranian World Collections, African and Middle Eastern Division, Library of Congress
- 10:55am - 11:15am ***“Univ. of Michigan Digitization of Islamic Manuscript Project”***
Jonathan Rodgers, Head, Near East Division; Coordinator, Area Programs Libraries; University of Michigan
- 11:15am - 11:40am ***“Middle East and North Africa Blogosphere”***
Jillian C. York, a freelance writer and an author for Global Voices. She also works for the Berkman Center for Internet & Society.
Gilad Lotan, an Israel author for Global Voices Online and a programmer and designer for Microsoft.
Anas Qtiesh, Syrian Activist, Editor at Global Voices Online, Content Producer at Meedan.net, Arabic translator
- 11:40am - 12:00pm Questions and Answers
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Committee meeting – Committee on Iraqi Libraries / Reference and Research
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Committee meeting – Committee on Education
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm MEMP meeting
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Inauguration of Exhibit and Reception, “Tomes and Domes: Islamic Architecture Collections at Rotch Library,” Rotch Library MIT Building 7-238.

Day 2 - Friday, November 20, 2009

Location: Room 407, 4th Floor, MIT Stratton Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139

- 8:30am - 9:00am Registration and light refreshments
- 9:00am - 12:00pm Business Meeting

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 2:00pm Committee meeting – Committee on Cataloging

2:00pm - 3:00pm Committee meeting – Cataloging Workshop

3:30pm - 4:30pm MECAP meeting

5:30pm – 8:00pm Donors Reception (By invitation only)
Location: Dar Mahjar, 600 Cambridge Street
[The reception is to be a fund raising event in memory of M. Lesley Wilkins and Frank Unlandherm. Anyone who donates \$75 or more between 1 September and 15 November will receive an invitation to the reception (up to a limit of 25-30 people)].

Day 3 – Saturday, November 21, 2009

No activities scheduled.

MESA Book Exhibit will be open to the public at 4:00pm. For details, visit <http://www.mesa.arizona.edu/annual/book.htm>.