

PAC Centre Report, July 2016 – June 2017 – QATAR

Year of report

July 2016-July 2017

International Cooperation (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

Information diffusion

- Translation and Publication of IFLA guidelines for conservation(it is downloadable on QNL website)
- Publication of a leaflet presenting the PAC center for Arabic countries in Qatar
- Publication of info on the Arabic PAC center in several journals on books and manuscripts (TIMA, journal des manuscrits du Yemen, ...)
- An exhaustive article presenting all conservation and digitization labs in Arabic countries has been published in the Journal "preservation, digital technology & Culture"

Activitie in the specific case of disaster management

- Participation in Alexandria's meeting on risk management (October 2016). Organized by IFLA

Bilateral cooperation

- Oman/ Qatar cooperation meeting (May 2017)
- Kuwait. cooperation wit a conservation laboratory. A conservator has been invited in QNL for a workshop
- Lebanon : visit of conservation laboratories and discussions about future cooperation

The Arabic PAC center has answered to several specific requests for support

- Conservators in Egypt ask for technical information
- Algerian conservators contacted the center
- An expertise mission has been sent to Casablanca (Morocco)

Management of the PAC center

Recruitment of an Arab speaker expert in preventive conservation whi is going to manage the PAC center from September 2018

Participation in international conferences including meeting conservators, experts and scientist coming from many countries and distribution of Arabic guideline and PAC center documentation

- Cambridge TIMA the Islamic manuscript association (presentation of the PAC center)

Nota bene: This year the Qatar PAC center for Arabic countries has been a bit less pro active than usual as he moved to the new building of QNL. Preservation and Conservation team has been actively involved in all moving tasks .

Local Cooperation (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

The PAC center in Qatar assisted several libraries in Qatar upon their request. Information on preservation, conservation advises etc

The conservation lab of QNI has been fully equipped with all the most important equipment in order to be able to organize advance workshops in 2017 (a specific lab on analytical chemical studies has been installed for paper, inks and pigments analysis)

Workshop have been organized (see below)

Technical assistance has been provided on specific cases

- The textile museum in Doha request aerobicocontamination analyses
- Arab engineering bureau requested assistance for map preservation advises
- Etc.

Workshops/trainings/events (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in both on international and national level)

One-day Workshops have been organized on several topics:

- Aerobiocontamination workshop
- Raman spectrometer for pigments analysis
- Light fatness analysis
- Reflectance spectrometry

Conservators from several countries participated to these workshops

Some skype demo have been organized for some conservators who couldn't attend the workshop

A specific workshop on technical documentation management has been organized for local conservators (to discover access to the large database of QNL on preservation.. not yet internationally accessible)

Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Risk Register (e.g. promotion etc.)

- Participation in Alexandria workshop
- Information disseminated in meetings and conferences

Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)

New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community

Any other comments

Add additional resources and pictures at the end of the document.

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