# Middle East Digital Library Workshop

## Workshop Agenda

### SUNDAY, January 15, 2006

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| 15:00 – 16:30 | **Tour of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina** |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | **Registration** <div align="right">(F3)</div> |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | **ICT Projects Presentation** <div align="right">(Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3)</div> |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | **Gala Dinner** <div align="right">(El Farouk Restaurant, Salamlek Hotel, Montazah Gardens)</div> |

### MONDAY, January 16, 2006

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| 8:30 – 9:30 | **Registration and Coffee** |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | **Opening Session:** |
| | **Dr. Ismail Serageldin**, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina<br>**Dr. Sherif El Iskandarany**, Deputy Director, Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research & Technology<br>**Mr. Justin Siberell, Director**, Alexandria American Center, & Representing the American Ambassador of Egypt<br>**Dr. Stephen Griffin**, Program Director, Computer & Information Science & Engineering, National Science Foundation<br>**Dr. Joyce Ray**, Associate Deputy Director for Library Services, Institute of Museum & Library Services <div align="right">(Middle Hall, Conference Center)</div> |
| 10:00 – 10:50 | **Which is the Key Word: Digital, Library or Middle-East?** |
| | **H. E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish**, Minister, Ministry of State for Administrative Development, Egypt |
| | **Evolution of the Telecomm Infrastructure in Egypt: Enabling Digital Content,** |
| | **Dr. Amr Badawy**, Senior Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Egypt <div align="right">(Middle Hall, Conference Center)</div> |
| 10:50 – 11:15 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | **Plenary Session:** |
| | Open to Public<br>Chair: **Dr. Hisham El Sherif, Chairman**, IT Ventures |
| | **Opening Plenary Presentation,** |
| | **Dr. John Gage**, Chief Researcher & Vice President of the Science Office, Sun Microsystems |
| | **Keynote Speech,** |
| | **Dr. Ismail Serageldin**, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina <div align="right">(Middle Hall, Conference Center)</div> |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | **Lunch Break** |
| 13:45 – 14:30 | **The Digital Library of the Middle East – Contents and Users** |
| | Chair & Moderator: **Dr. Joyce Ray**, Associate Deputy Director for |

Library Services, Institute of Museum & Library Services

**Egyptian Cultural Heritage in the Digital Age,**

**Dr. Fathi Saleh**, Director of CultNat Center, Bibliotheca Alexandrina

**Digital Library Projects of Bibliotheca Alexandrina,**

**Dr. Noha Adly**, Director, ISIS & Information & Communication Technology Department, Bibliotheca Alexandrina

(Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3)

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| **14:30 – 15:30** | **The Digital Library of the Middle East – Contents and Users** |

Chair & Moderator: **Dr. Sohair Wastawy**, Head of Library Sector, Bibliotheca Alexandrina

**Electronic Cultural Atlas,**

**Dr. Lewis R. Lancaster**, Professor, University of California Berkeley, & President, University of the West

**A Digital Library of Cuneiform Tablets,**

**Dr. Robert Englund**, Professor of Assyriology & Sumerology, University of California, Los Angeles

**Arabic E-Content Initiatives,**

**Dr. Hoda Baraka**, Senior Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Egypt

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| **15:30 – 16:00** | **Discussion** |

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| **16:00 – 16:30** | **Coffee Break** |

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| **16:30 – 17:15** | Small Group Discussions of Vision, Key Aspects of a Mission Statement |

(F3 Halls)

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| **17:15 – 18:00** | Reports back to main group |

(Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3)

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| **18:00 – 18:30** | Adjourn until reception |

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| **18:30 – 20:00** | Reception |

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| **20:00 – 22:00** | **Dinner** |

(Fish Market)

## TUESDAY, January 17, 2006

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| **8:30 – 9:00** | **Coffee** |

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| **9:00 – 10:00** | **The Digital Library of the Middle East - Technical Architecture & Policy Issues** |

Chair & Moderator: **Dr. Magdy Nagi**, Head of Information & Communication Technology Sector, Bibliotheca Alexandrina

**The OAI Protocol for Metadata and Harvesting: Overview,**

**Dr. Donald Waters**, Program Officer for Scholarly Communications, Mellon Foundation

**OAI in Practice,**

**Mr. Tim Cole**, Mathematics Librarian & Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

**Extending the OAI Protocol to Digital Assets,**

Mr. Kenneth Hamma, Executive Director of Digital Policy, J. Paul Getty Trust

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| **10:00 – 10:30** | **Discussion** | |
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| **10:30 – 11:00** | **Coffee Break** | |
| **11:00 – 12:00** | **Small Group Discussions** | |
|  | Work Product: A set of Key issues or goals | |
|  | Building a Shared Vision, Policies and Promoting Participation | |
|  |  | (Meeting Room, F3) |
|  | Content, Collections and Users | |
|  |  | (Nobel Room, F3) |
|  | Network Infrastructure | |
|  |  | (Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3) |
|  | Interoperability and Digital Library Standards | |
|  |  | (Floating Room, F3) |
| **12:00 – 13:00** | Reports Back and Feedback from Full Group | |
|  |  | (Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3) |
| **13:00 – 14:00** | **Lunch Break** | |
| **14:00 – 15:30** | **Small Group Discussions** | |
|  | Work Product: A set of action items | |
|  | Building a Shared Vision, Policies and Promoting Participation | |
|  |  | (Meeting Room, F3) |
|  | Content, Collections and Users | |
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| **15:30 – 16:00** | Reports back to main group | |
|  |  | (Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3) |
| **16:00 – 17:00** | Refinement of Mission Statement and Key Issues or Goals | |
|  |  | (Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3) |
| **17:00 – 17:30** | Wrap-up and Next Steps | |
|  |  | (Gad Rausing Auditorium, F3) |
| **17:30 – 18:00** | Meeting Adjourned | |