

<p style="text-align: center;">ECLDC (Education City Library Directors Committee) Meeting, March 4, 2008 [Draft]</p>
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1- EC Survey about technology by Beverly (QA)

QA IT support is now contracted with EDS. 1 technician has been assigned by EDS for support of the entire QA School.

Survey intends to provide benchmark information and feedback about what extent and level of support is available for each institution, staffing resources and relationship with home institutions.

This survey will help QA to re-write the terms of the contract the school is currently having with EDS.

2- Microfilm scanner at TAMU Qatar

1 brand new state-of-the art scanner is available at TAMU Qatar library.

Use of scanner to non -TAMU_Q staff and faculty is possible by appointment with Carole Thomson.

[via email].

3- Announcement: 14th SLA AGC Conference to be held on 15 - 17 April 2008 at Ritz Carlton.

- Pre-conferences are fully subscribed and will take place at Qatar University from 12 through 14 April, 2008.
- Mike Mandili sent conference announcement to EC library directors for communication to all staff and librarians at EC.

Conference program is nearly completed and will be available on the website shortly.

60% to 70% presentations will be in Arabic; however simultaneous translation will be supported throughout the conference.

SLA_AGC is a good networking opportunity; will also feature a fairly significant tradeshow.

4- Summary: Conference on Human Resources in Libraries, Information Centers and Archives

Event co-sponsored by Documentation and Research Center of Abu Dhabi & UAE University. Speakers and participants were from the larger Middle East / North Africa and a few from South-East Asia.

- Discussions Focused on the future of library/ information science in the region
- Educational opportunities for librarianship and archival studies
- Highlighted challenges existing programs (MA, PhDs): accreditation, quality standards, what curriculum is being taught, evaluation of the programs and their faculty, not enough practical education

Saudi Arabia: 5 programs (Ma, PhD)

KUweit: Ba, Ma, PhD

Oman: BA, MA

UAE: NO program at all

Qatar: Program closing at the end of the academic year

ED Warro developed a possible role that the Central Library may take in nurturing and furthering a culture of librarianship in Qatar

CL would admit selected Qatar College graduates and take them on a 6 month-trial period (as support staff) and groom them before offering them the possibly to attend a library school abroad.

However Ed indicated that it is not the Central Mission to organize and deliver a structured educational programs and that it would/s should be the role of a college or educational institution to support those needs.

5 - Education City Central Library Update

_ Assistance with Philip Leighton with the design specifications - Leighton has been engaged in the program on ongoing basis.

Recruiting in Progress: 3 candidates will be interviewed and present to all EC library and staff between March 2 and March 16, 2008. Attendance and feedback to ED is much appreciated.

2 other candidates scheduled for interview in April:

- Joan De Beer (Deputy lib. At the National Lib. Of South Africa) - interview for the AD of Collection Services position - April 13, 2008
- Another candidate for the CIP position (interviewed by Ed in London)

6- Miscellaneous

Michel Ogilvie announced that he no longer will be ABP Library manager after July 1st, 2008. Michel asked for Nasreen to represent ABP Library services at ECLDC meetings.

Next ECLDC Meeting (Last one of 2007/2008 Academic Year)

April 28, 2008: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Location: ABP Host: Michel Ogilvie