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The World's Window on Egypt;
Egypt's Window on the World;
An Instrument for Rising to the Challenges of the Digital Age; and
A Center for Dialogue between Peoples and Civilizations.



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Acronyms

AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AAS	African Academy of Sciences
AFESD	Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development
AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Council
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology
ALARI	Arid Land Agricultural Graduate Studies and Research Institute
ARDC	Agricultural Research and Development Council
CABI	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International
CATIE	Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center
CBE	Central Bank of Egypt
CCAS	Center for Contemporary Arab Studies
CCICED	China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development
CEC	Central Election Commission of Albania
CEDARE	Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe
CEPA	UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration
CGDC	Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation
CGIAR	Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research
CIHEAM	International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies
COMEST	World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology
COMSATS	Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South
ECOSOC	UN Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ELPIDA	Association of Friends of Children with Cancer
ENCC	Egyptian National Competitiveness Council
EQI	Environmental Quality International
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FASID	Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development
GCDT	Global Crop Diversity Trust
GCI	Getty Conservation Institute
GCIM	Global Commission for International Migration
GEF	Global Environment Facility

GFAR	Global Forum on Agricultural Research
GID	Saudi General Intelligence Directorate
GSA	Geological Society of America
GSSP	Global Boundary Stratotype Section and Point
IAP	InterAcademy Panel
IARI	Indian Agricultural Research Institute
IAU	International Astronomical Union
IBM	International Business Machines Corporation
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas
ICDC	International Committee for Democracy in Cuba
ICOM	International Council of Museums
ICSU	International Council for Science
IDDC	International Dryland Development Commission
IDDRI	Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations
IDRC	International Development Research Centre
IDSC	Information and Decision Support Center
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations
IGU	International Geographical Union
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IRCICA	Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture
IRGC	International Risk Governance Council
ISAR	Istanbul Foundation for Research and Education
ISESCO	Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
ISS	Institute for Social Sciences
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUGS	International Union of Geological Sciences
IUHPS	International Union of History and Philosophy of Science
KNAW	Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
LEAD	Leadership for Environment and Development
LMS	Laboratory for Molecular Sciences
LWF	Lutheran World Federation
MIFTAH	Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy

MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
NAIIC	Fukushima Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCEA	Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
Nuffic	Netherlands Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIC	Organization of Islamic Cooperation
PACE	Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
PNoWB	Parliamentary Network of the World Bank
PRONACO	Pro-National Conference Organization
PSIA	Paris School of International Affairs
R4D	Results for Development Institute
RDC	Romanian Democratic Convention
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SER	Socioeconomic Council
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SIG	Science Initiative Group
SNAS	Sudanese National Academy of Sciences
SSO	Sahara and Sahel Observatory
STAP/GEF	Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility
STS	Science and Technology in Society
TBTK	Turkish Society for History of Science
TDA	Training and Development Agency for Schools
TWAS	The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNU	United Nations University
UPEACE	University for Peace
USC	University of South California
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature





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Introduction

Introduction

During my first year as the Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA), I closely surveyed the institution, which enabled me to identify the main changes and modifications required. I recognized the importance of the BA reaching out more to the public. On different occasions before assuming my current position, I had heard the BA being criticized as an institution for the elite, with no noticeable focus on the general public. As such, I chose to concentrate on activities that would endorse the BA as a key domestic institution working closer for the grassroots.

Accordingly, special emphasis is being given to the activities and promotion of the Embassies of Knowledge currently available in various national universities. Another initiative involves working with small focus-groups, particularly students from public and religious schools, to defy extremism, enhance tolerance, and promote cultural diversity.

We are also launching an annual prize to encourage and recognize the achievements of talented Egyptian youth in the fields of arts and sciences.

During this past year, we also successfully communicated with family members of a number of eminent Egyptian figures to donate their special collections of books, manuscripts, and artworks to further enrich the Library.

Academically, three main research centers have been either newly established or merged to pay tribute to and acknowledge the efforts of Sir Magdi Yacoub, Dr. Ismail Serageldin, and Dr. Zahi Hawass in the fields of medicine, applied sciences, and Egyptology respectively.



In addition, one main input during my first year as the Director of the BA is the plan to create a singular museum for religions, which is about to become a reality following the allocation of the Princess Khadiga Palace to the BA by the Governorate of Cairo. I have dedicated time to reach out to concerned Egyptian Christians, Muslims, and Jews to donate relevant belongings to this special museum, which would be the first in the region, possibly even in the World.

This year's *Annual Report*, which covers the period from July 2016 to June 2017, provides valuable insight into the breadth and depth of BA activities. Over the coming year, we will work hard to build on these accomplishments by building the capacity of our staff, encouraging the space for innovation and creativity, enhancing our outreach and partnerships, and developing need-driven initiatives that would benefit our communities.

Dr. Mostafa El Feki

Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina





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Speech of H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

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To the Library of Alexandria Trustees and Advisory Board Meeting

Ittihadiya Presidential Palace

13 May 2017

In the Name of God,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Board of Trustees and Advisory Board Members,

Allow me first to welcome you in Egypt, the cradle of civilizations and the epitome of coexistence of different religions and cultures. I would like to extend the greetings of the Egyptian people who chose knowledge as the way to a better future amidst fighting terrorism and fanaticism, while shaping our economy towards sustainable and comprehensive development providing quality life for all Egyptian citizens. Throughout, Egypt has always been aware that humans are the cornerstone in sustainable development, and has given special attention to education and culture to this avail. Hereby, I would like to emphasize my utter support to the BA's endeavors to disseminate knowledge locally, regionally, and internationally.

Today, we convene on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the BA's inauguration, celebrating its achievements done by the hands of young Egyptians who believed in its vision, making the BA a leading world institution. We also celebrate its new management. While welcoming Dr. Mostafa El Feki on board, we are grateful to the BA Founding Director Dr. Ismail Serageldin for 15 years of fruitful hard work.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

For decades, we have been talking of the world as a global village, thanks to cutting-edge communication tools but also because of the similar challenges facing its different communities. This entails cooperation and partnership between international and regional organizations for the common good and to combat violence, terrorism, and fanaticism.

Terrorism is a great danger facing humanity at large. We are keen on combating it with all possible tools and on all levels, because we believe that the future of Egypt, Arab societies, and indeed the whole world is closely tied with facing such a threat, rooting the cultures of tolerance, diversity, and acceptance and rejecting extremism and dogmatism. We are very much aware that fanaticism aims at blocking our ways to the future and fill the air with disappointment and despair, which we will never allow, God willing. Egypt is a nation looking forward to a better future reflecting its glorious past. In this context, I commend the

BA's continuous efforts to root knowledge and science, and build capacities of exceptional individuals capable of using the most advanced research tools and analysis techniques to study the present and foresee the future of both Egypt and the Arab world. We believe that establishing a research center for strategic and social studies is very timely, and on track of the future that we pursue. It also contributes to in-depth scientific foresight that will help in shaping the next steps of both the Egyptian society and neighbouring ones. It will again add to fulfilling the ambitions of younger generations, who are the majority of Arab societies; provide diverse views on the present; and respond to current and future challenges.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We congratulate the BA on its various international projects and its worldwide presence, and we look forward to more relations and partnership with African organizations, especially research centers, universities, and cultural institutions to the effect of having Africa strongly present at the heart of the various BA activities.

In the same regard, we highlight that the tragedy facing the world heritage in Syria, Libya Iraq, and Somalia requires joining hands to preserve it. Within this framework, we mention the BA Memory of the Arab World project; a massive digital archive for documents, photos, and other material preserving the heritage of the Arab peoples that encountered great danger over the past years due to terrorism, violence, and wars. We hope this digital repository will be launched by the end of the year.

This leads to assuring the continuation of the Memory of Egypt project; an online archive encompassing and preserving the history of ordinary Egyptians in the Nile Delta and the south, as well as eminent figures—scientists, intellectuals, artists, and leaders—teaching younger generations all about our national heritage and history.

I would like to urge the BA to continue its endeavors over the next year. The BA has successfully addressed its objectives for the previous year. The number of clicks on its different websites has doubled to reach over a billion annually, more than half of which are from outside Egypt. The Embassies of Knowledge project has been expanded, and it is currently functioning in several Egyptian universities throughout the country, paving the way to a more sustainable relationship between these universities and the BA research capabilities, especially the Supercomputer. On the other hand, the attempt to encompass different potentials at the Cairo-based Sinnari House in cooperation with different governmental offices to include women, young people, and children, in addition to significant publications in the fields of science, art, heritage, and development studies, among others contributed to the BA's outreach plan to reach both the general public at large and special groups. In this regard, I would like to underline the importance of supplying the BA with the most recent publications to be added to its collection, with a focus on publications in foreign languages, as well as special attention to translation projects from and into Arabic. I also call upon the BA to hold an annual event celebrating exceptional talents and achievers on both the local and international levels.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome you again here in Egypt, the land of civilization, history, and culture. We cherish your friendship and partnership with the BA, which is on the right track of disseminating the culture of science and knowledge. We are delighted to see the BA on equal foot with its world counterparts; for here is an institution built and developed solely by Egyptian young hands becoming Egypt's window on the world and the world's window on the Egypt of today, which is on its way to reviving its glamorous civilization and shaping its bright future.

Thank you and God bless you all,

Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

President of the Arab Republic of Egypt





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BA Highlights

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This year's *Annual Report* further highlights the continuous efforts of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) in using culture and knowledge to fulfill the goals and aspirations of its initiative against extremism and violence. It presents the latest achievements of the BA Counter Extremism and Terrorism program, including the Library's cooperation with Dar Al-Iftaa, Al-Azhar, and several partner organizations in Egypt and abroad to establish strategies of intellectual confrontation and promote anti-extremism ideologies.

During the reported period, the BA also excelled in organizing and hosting various cultural, technological, artistic, scientific, and educational events, projects, and initiatives. Diverse national and international events focusing on promoting knowledge, empowering the youth, and developing the skills necessary for improving the quality of life achieved immeasurable success. Our year-round achievements include founding the Center for Leadership Education and Advanced Studies, establishing more Embassies of Knowledge in different Egyptian governorates, and launching the BA African Networks. Said initiatives aspire to encourage people, especially the youth, worldwide to armor themselves with knowledge, acceptance, understanding, and respect instead of giving in to the venomous teachings of extremist discourse, intolerance, unjustified biases, and hate.

Through its efforts and its ardent belief in the power of ideas, the Library of Alexandria will always be fully committed to its role as a beacon of enlightenment and tolerance to people worldwide. Our unrelenting mission to disseminate culture and knowledge, call for pluralism and diversity, and promote a world of mutual understanding and respect will keep pushing us forward toward achieving our aspirations of building a better and more peaceful tomorrow.



Aerial view of the BA.

FIRST THEME: COUNTER EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM PROGRAM

The Counter Extremism and Terrorism Program—which is implemented by the BA following the directives of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt—represents a model for countering extremism on several levels, with particular focus on intellectual confrontation. This year, the program’s conference was held from 17 to 19 January 2017, with the participation of 340 researchers, intellectuals, and media representatives from 30 countries, including China, the United States, and Germany, in addition to representatives from 22 Arab organizations. It was held under the title *Extremism as a Global Phenomenon: Various Perspectives*. The sessions of the conference highlighted that there is a global demand to find a radical solution for the phenomena of violence and extremism. Participants also emphasized the need for multiple methods to combat said phenomena and the threats they are posing on world peace. The conference will continue to be held annually in an effort to bring together intellectuals, researchers, and experts in order to reach an agreement on a work plan and to unify their efforts and perspectives. The counter extremism program adopted by the BA comprises a number of interlinked themes and the following multileveled functions:

- Re-educating young people on Islamic culture in cooperation with Al-Azhar, the Ministry of Awqaf, and Dar Al-Iftaa, with emphasis on the values of citizenship and multiculturalism in Egypt.
- Criticizing, analyzing, and tracking the ideology of and shifts in the rhetoric of extremist and violent groups.
- Promoting dialogue with others, especially in the West, in order to contribute to the arguments—posed in decision-making centers—that affect the resolutions made by countries according to the concepts stated in the reports drafted by the think tanks of research centers in the West.
- Re-building perspectives within the region and spreading hope for the future in order to promote social peace.

Thus, the aforementioned program was implemented as follows:

On the International Level: The BA contacted a number of research centers and universities worldwide, especially in Britain, France, Germany, Lithuania, and other countries. This enabled the BA to communicate and form a cooperative relationship with the College of Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion at Cambridge University. Additionally, a conference was held at the University of Birmingham, focusing on how differently the Arab world and the West define the concept of extremism. The conference was attended by an elite group of Arab and British experts. The BA also hosted Jean-Pierre Chevènement, President of the new Foundation for Islam in France (FIF), in a discussion on Islam and the West. His visit was organized to include a tour of the research centers and Al-Azhar. For the first time, an opportunity for dialogue and cooperation on the same topic with China was also made possible.

On the Regional Level: The BA formed more partnerships with centers, institutes, and universities. Four seminars were held in Jordan, Tunisia, UAE, and Morocco to tackle the

subjects of religious education; intellectual confrontation and pluralism; Arabic literature and how to utilize it to counter extremism; and Al-Awqaf, civil society, and extremism. This has promoted the BA's presence on the Arab scene and internationally, has motivated many international organizations to contact the BA, and has also contributed to building more partnerships with Arab researchers and media organizations.

On the National Level: The BA has increased the number of the Islamic Culture Courses it offers in Upper Egypt and other governorates, such as Asyut, Port Said, Fuwwah, Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Hurghada. Due to the high demand for this course, the number of participants has increased from 60 to 120 in each round. Said courses had a positive impact on their participating youth, mainly because of the topics that were tackled, such as Islamic art, architecture, Coptic culture, and the concept of citizenship. The need for expanding the discussion of what is called Islamic civilization topics became quite evident. The courses also revealed that non-native speakers were keen on learning the Arabic language. It was thus inferred that a curriculum that tackles a language through its literary texts and text analysis generates a lot of interest in the national language among these young generations. Consequently, it has been rendered necessary to organize independent Arabic language courses, which have already begun in Cairo.

In cooperation with the Association for Al-Azhar Graduates, the BA organized a special course for Al-Azhar University lecturers and assistant teachers on contemporary Egyptian culture and global intellectual currents. These courses included special training on visual arts and their different schools; literary criticism and its schools; contemporary philosophy; contemporary intellectual trends; Islamic art and architecture; contemporary literature, with a special focus on the novel as a genre; and digital technology and its effect on societies. The participants were able to successfully interact with the lecturers in these courses, and they posed different questions, encouraging the Association for Al-Azhar Graduates to ask the BA to organize another round of the course.



From left: Former Grand Mufti of Egypt, Dr. Ali Gomaa; BA Founding Director, Emeritus Librarian, and BoT Member, Dr. Ismail Serageldin; and Dr. Yehia Halim.

The BA has increased its work on the *Marased* publication series, which specializes in religious sociology while focusing on monitoring extremists and analyzing and critiquing their ideas. The BA went on to release popular editions of *Marased* in partnership with *Akhbar Al-Youm*, which had successfully marketed this series. Additionally, the Library provided free of charge digital copies of *Marased* online, especially the issues released in English. With the growing public demand for *Marased*, the issue titled “Analytical Study of Extremists from a Psychological Perspective” was distributed for free with *Alkahera* Newspaper.

The BA has been able to establish its Futuristic Studies Program through the *Awrak* publication series—whether through the issues translated from English into Arabic or the authored issues—which contributed to building Egypt’s status on the Arab front in this particular field. It also led to the interaction between the BA and various concerned international organizations

By analyzing the intellectual dimensions of countering extremism, the necessity of multidisciplinary humanistic studies and the need for filling the gaps in several humanistic studies became obvious. Therefore, the BA launched the *Shorofat* series; a series that specializes in the humanities. So far, three issues of *Shorofat* have been published.

Special training courses in Anthropology have also been held. German researcher Samuli Schielke took part in said courses to train a new generation of researchers on how to deal with societal transformations.



The World Is Rising Up: United Against Extremism Conference.

SECOND THEME: BA PROJECTS

The BA is currently working on a number of key initiatives and projects:

Science City

The BA aspires to develop a landmark honoring the enterprise of science, namely the “Science City” complex located in the 6th of October City. The project aims to promote the culture of science and knowledge among the general public. Through its complex and programs, the project aims to connect between previous scientific achievements and current advancement and to create an atmosphere that leads to further scientific progress. The BA’s vision is to establish a national institution with international standards that can enhance the world of scientific knowledge and technology. “Science City” will not only be linked to educational and cultural institutions in the 6th of October City, but also to other local, national, regional, and international institutions, including universities, educational centers, scientific research centers, libraries, and the Media Production City. Through communicating with major science and research centers around the world, “Science City” will become Egypt’s contribution to modern science and technology.

Accordingly, a piece of land was allocated on the western edge of Cairo, in the heart of the 6th of October City, to establish the Science City. The BA launched an international competition for architects and designers to design the project, calling for inspiring, new, comprehensive master plans and conceptual designs—which will ultimately result in establishing the first science museum and the first learning and research facility in Egypt.



Winning Project of the Science City International Architectural Competition.

The international competition included 446 contestants and was held under the auspices of the International Union of Architects (UIA). The first prize winner was Weston Williamson+Partners of the UK. The winning design was characterized by a sense of universality, and it can be executed in different constructional phases.

“Science City” aims to be a scientific center that consists of interactive scientific exhibitions, a museum for collections, research facilities, and a conference center. It aspires to stimulate people’s curiosity and sense of exploration and promote scientific and technological education through unconventional exhibitions and educational activities.



Award ceremony of the Science City International Architectural Competition.

Leadership Education and Advanced Research (LEAR)

This center seeks to offer leadership training for management positions along the lines of a number of important experiments in this field in India, Spain, and other countries. The center’s staff will be integrated into the BA-affiliated Research University in Borg Al Arab. The center’s main building complex has been fully established; its staff members have been selected and they are currently undergoing training to be on par with their peers in major countries.

The Advanced Research Institute aims to come up with methods for Big Data Analytics, which will assist the BA in dealing with new digital challenges, guarantee its place as a regional and international leader, and enable it to offer more services to Egyptian researchers.

Memory of Modern Egypt

The Memory of Modern Egypt Project documents the last 200 years of Egypt’s modern history through tens of thousands of varying items, such as pictures, films, audios, stamps, coins, newspapers, magazines, documents, a journalistic archive, and historical studies. As its content comprises over 125 thousand items, the website is considered the largest repository and digital library in the Arab world. It is the memory of all Egyptians

without exception, from the simple peasant and hard worker to the kings and presidents, and from significant events to personal diaries. Users of the Memory of Modern Egypt website will be able to explore different aspects of the life of Egyptians. The content is currently being updated to include data until the year 2014, ending with President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi becoming the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Memory of the Arab World

This project aims to create the largest digital repository documenting the history of the Arab world in all its forms and throughout its different eras. The repository will present different political, social, economic, and cultural facets of the history of the Arab world objectively, shedding light on relatively unknown historical events. The Memory of the Arab World website user will be able to explore the entire historical timeline and examine various aspects of history. Biographies of rulers, poets, artists, and politicians will also be available through the different topics and events included in the repository. The first stage of development will include at least 1,200 documentary materials, such as photos, documents, newspaper clippings, and documentaries from 22 Arab countries. The team aims to increase the website content to 40,000 items within the next five years. The website has been completed, and it is set to be launched in 2017 upon obtaining the approval of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi.

Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi's Website

The BA is preparing a special website dedicated to President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, which will include his resume, photos of different stages of his life, the speeches he delivered on different occasions, documentaries, and documents that will enrich the website and highlight its historical significance, not only on the national level, but on the regional and international levels as well.

In this regard, the BA has employed a number of young researchers to present the website in its best possible form. It has also prepared digital data bases of all the available material and the complete journalistic archive in Arabic and English.

Memory of the Suez Canal Project

This project seeks to build a distinctively Egyptian website to document the history of the Suez Canal, beginning with its inauguration on 17 November 1869. The Memory of the Suez Canal Project website contains various pictures, documents, and videos documenting the history of the Suez Canal from the initial digging process, which began with the first symbolic axe blow to the ground on 25 April 1859 and concluded with an inauguration ceremony during the reign of Khedive Ismail. It also documents the canal's history during the reigns of King Fouad and King Farouk, until its nationalization at the hands of President Gamal Abdel Nasser. It was re-inaugurated by President Sadat in 1975. A new Suez Canal was constructed and inaugurated on 6 August 2015, and a collaborative effort with the Suez Canal Authority on a number of Suez Canal documentation projects is underway.

The Silk Road Project

The project aims to establish the idea of dialogue among civilizations, promote its distinctive features, and explore the spread of Arab civilization from one country to another. The project also aims to rediscover the Silk Road countries in an attempt to connect the past to the present in a journey through time and space, transporting us back to a time when our ancestors struggled to build a civilization and establish the doctrine of preserving this human heritage. The BA is trying to shed light on Egypt's contribution to this international project, and it published two major books as part of this project.

The Sinnari House

In keeping with its goal of disseminating culture and awareness among the public, the BA set up the Sinnari House in the district of al-Sayeda Zeinab as a platform for science, culture, and the arts that would cater for the people of Cairo. To this end, the Sinnari House organizes monthly activities for children, offers services for youths, and holds numerous events that specifically target women. The Sinnari House also organizes numerous monthly concerts, educational seminars, art exhibitions, and international conferences. It also offers courses delivered by experts, including university professors, renowned artists, journalists, and specialists, to train participants in various scientific fields, such as the basics of archaeological restoration, Arabic calligraphy, Islamic arts and architecture, the rules of the Arabic language, media policies, Coptic language, ancient Egyptian languages, and others. Sinnari House is considered a miniature replica of the BA with all its events and activities.



Sinnari House.

The Academic Theses Project

This project aims to make academic theses available for researchers. The BA contains almost 150,000 theses, 1,500 of which have been catalogued, categorized, and recorded electronically on the university theses database and the bibliographic database according to *MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data*. As a result, the theses are now available on the BA website for researchers, and the university theses database is available for researchers through using the research facilities at the BA and at the Embassies of Knowledge in Egyptian universities.

The Egyptian Cinema Project

This project aspires to preserve Egypt's film heritage at the BA in two stages. In the first stage, the Memory of Modern Egypt project will collect and obtain films and documentaries for digitization. This stage has successfully gathered and digitized 117 films (16 mm and 35 mm). The second stage entails obtaining the archives of renowned Egyptian artists. The BA has already acquired the private archives of Faten Hamama, Nour el-Sherif, Youssef Wahbi, Tawfik el Dekn, and others.

Publications

The BA pays particular attention to publishing and presenting creative, cultural, and artistic works that elevate public taste. Consequently, the publishing movement at the BA has increased its pace, as 73 publications were released during the reporting period, including two encyclopedias: the *Encyclopedia of Civil Law* (17 volumes) and the *Mazarat Encyclopedia* (8 volumes).

THIRD THEME: LIBRARY SERVICES

Since its inauguration in 2002, the BA has established a Library Sector that has since continued to expand and develop, providing its services to the public and especially to researchers of diverse scientific and professional fields. Such development stems from the BA's main goal to render knowledge available on a wide scale. This can only be accomplished through the achievements of the BA Library Sector and its several libraries and departments, which vary in providing services and activities according to their main objectives and functions. This year's achievements include:

Networks and Outreach

- In January 2017, the Educational Services Section launched the **BA E-learning platform**, encouraging BA users to gain greater enthusiasm for self-learning and enabling them to reach their full potential through self-development courses. The e-learning platform will encourage more users from Egypt and abroad to join BA educational courses. It provides a wide range of features that include content delivery and collaboration

between tutors and learners, such as discussion forums, assignments and quizzes, monitoring of participants' online activities, and much more. There are currently 20 e-courses available on the platform in Arabic, English, and French.

- The BA continues to provide free access to its collection of e-resources in order to enable users to develop their skills and competencies on professional and personal levels. In addition, the collection is continuously revised and updated, with the aim of enriching the e-resources and offering the most relevant databases needed by BA users.
- At the end of 2015, the BA's collection of e-resources included 52 subscribed databases, offering BA users access to approximately 218,000 e-books, 73,000 e-journals, and 1,800,000 e-dissertations and e-theses. By mid-2016 and after the launch of the Egyptian Knowledge Bank (EKB), the BA was able to sustain the subscriptions of 8 databases provided by EKB, while maintaining access to the same e-resources. The BA's list of e-resources has also been enriched by tens of Open Access (OA) resources, promoting the use of OA resources and guiding users to a set of rich scientific publications that are freely accessible online.
- Through the period from 2015 to 2017, both the BA Instructional Services and the Educational Outreach Program served a total of 853 users of the general public, 2,072 students, 147 faculty staff members, and 231 teachers.
- In January 2017, the BA signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA). The MoU will strengthen professional relations between libraries in Africa and the BA, and it will facilitate collaboration in conducting research, capacity building, and publishing.
- Both parties have agreed on several projects to be held throughout Africa and that are currently in their final phase and in the process of formulating a comprehensive action plan. Said projects include the streaming of major events and conferences in different African libraries, sharing experiences and online training programs among African librarians, BA hosting the 2019 AFLIA conference, and BA and AFLIA to jointly seek financial fundraising opportunities to support the implementation of the projects. Moreover, AFLIA has selected a staff member from the BA Library Sector (the Head of Networks Section) as its regional North Africa representative.
- **IFLA Language Center for Arabic Speaking Libraries:** BA hosts IFLA's (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) Language Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries (CASL). Launched in 2007, the center represents the Arabic-speaking library community in IFLA and links all participating IFLA libraries with the Arab world. It also promotes IFLA in the Arab world, encouraging Arab librarians to engage in professional activities and become IFLA participants. The center provides simultaneous Arabic translation during IFLA's annual congress and translates IFLA standards, guidelines, and key documents and publications into Arabic and makes them available online through IFLA's website. The CASL has successfully organized several of IFLA's regional and international conferences and events during the past years. In 2016, it organized the international conference on "Disaster Management Planning in Libraries and Archives" and the BA hosted the IFLA Global Vision Workshop for MENA region on 21–22 May.

In cooperation with the League of Arab States (Department of Information and Documentation), the IFLA CASL has coordinated to design and formulate an online Comprehensive Guide for Libraries in the Arab World. The guide will increase communication and cooperation between Arab Libraries. It will also provide accurate information and statistics on the Library sectors in Arab countries and will form a regional power interacting with the international Library society. The Guide is expected to be launched by mid-2017.

- In 2016, the BA African Network Section launched the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Information for Africa (BAIFA)—an information service for African countries. The BAIFA website offers free access to a large number of e-resources on various themes, such as culture, knowledge transfer, and health. It also provides training programs, including information literacy and library professional development courses, in addition to other courses organized and held in collaboration with Elsevier. BAIFA offers around 10,000 open access, full-text e-resources and publications in 5 different languages. It currently includes a network of 255 registered members from 32 African countries.
- **DUSIB: LIS Diploma for Francophone Librarians:** In February 2017, the BA Francophone Network Unit launched the Diplôme Universitaire en Sciences de l'Information et des Bibliothèques (DUSIB) university diploma in library and information science (LIS). This initiative is a partnership between the BA, Senghor University in Alexandria, the National Superior School of Information Science and Libraries (ENSSIB), the National Library of France (BnF), and the International Friends of the BA in France. DUSIB is an internationally recognized one-year distance learning diploma in the field of LIS. The online courses are provided by Senghor University and ENSSIB and are followed by practical training at the BA and the BnF. The diploma targets librarians and information service specialists. The DUSIB website has been launched, and the diploma is scheduled to start in February 2018.

Administrative Operations Department

- **Mobile Shelves Project:** The B4 closed stacks area faced a real problem in sorting all its donated collection, especially after receiving approximately 400,000 donated books and resources from KIT. On the first stage alone, which was completed in February 2016, we were able to relocate about 500,000 items in one area.
- **Smart Copy Centers:** Providing full transfer of cash payments into prepaid smart cards.
- **Toward a Better Educator (TBE) Initiative in Alexandria and Asyut:** This project was initiated in cooperation with Sawiris Foundation and StarCare Egypt to implement a training program that aims to provide educators and teachers with an interesting, vocational experience based on broadening their horizons; to introduce educators to self-learning skills; and train them on the basic, pedagogical, and life skills they need in their careers. It also coaches them on various creative and critical skills in all fields related to educating students in order to help them create and use better methods of education. Launched in August 2016, this initiative targets 60 public primary and elementary schools in Alexandria and Asyut, focusing on 300 selected teachers over

the course of two years. The training program includes four main workshops and one additional workshop that specifically targets science teachers. The initiative also includes competitions between students and teachers from the participating schools.



The inauguration ceremony of the Toward a Better Educator Initiative.

Innovation, Research, and Technology Department

- **Alexandria International Conference on Maritime and Underwater Archaeology:** In 2016, the BA co-organized the *Alexandria International Conference on Maritime and Underwater Archaeology* Conference in cooperation with the Central Department of Underwater Antiquities, Ministry of Antiquities, on the occasion of celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Central Department of Underwater Archaeology.
- **Arabic Translations of MARC 21 Bibliographic Format – Print Edition:** The Arabic print edition was officially launched as planned on 6 November 2015, on the opening of the 4th Summit of the Book. The online version of *MARC 21 Bibliographic Format* and the various *MARC 21 Formats* publications (authority, holdings, classification, and community) have all been fully translated and reviewed. These books will be published as print editions during the upcoming period.
- **Arabic Dewey Decimal Classification:** The BA has completed the translation of *DDC 23* into Arabic, and it is currently in the process of signing an agreement with Pansoft and OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) to develop the Arabic online application to publish and print the translation.
- **The Way Forward for an Egyptian Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty Symposium:** In 2017, the BA Digital Talking Book Section hosted *The Way Forward for an Egyptian Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty* Symposium, organized by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the World Blind Union (WBU), and the BA. The event aimed to appeal to the political leadership in Egypt to expedite the necessary constitutional procedures for the Egyptian ratification of the “Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled”, in support of millions of blind people in Egypt and the Arab region.



Print edition Arabic translations of MARC 21 Bibliographic Format.

Bibliographic Access Department

- During the reported period, BA librarians completed the development of the Library's authority, bibliographic, and serial policy in accordance with the latest cataloging rules, i.e. Resource Description and Access (RDA).
- The department applied RDA standards to BA authority records.
- In May 2017, the catalogers started applying RDA rules to all new bibliographic records instead of AACR2.

General Collections and Services Department

The General Collections and Services Department provides a wide range of services to BA visitors, including disseminating information and serving researchers in accordance with their different backgrounds, different age groups, and specific needs. The department's accomplishments this year includes:

- **The assessment of current subscriptions to periodicals:** In 2016, the Library Sector initiated a project to evaluate the subscriptions of its current 400+ print periodicals in order to ensure the efficient allocation of its resources with respect to the Library Collection Development Policy, overlap analysis with the library electronic collections, and to assess the usability of such resources. The Library Sector is currently in the process of evaluating the possibility of shifting the vast majority of the titles to an alternative online-based access.
- The establishment of the Research Methods Library and the Serageldin-Euclid library.
- Received a generous donation from the family of Dr. Boutrus Ghali.
- The BA is expecting to receive the library of Dr. Farouk Elbaz.

Special Collections and Services Department

During the reported period, the **Children's and Young People's Libraries** organized the following events:

- Children's Library New Year Celebrations
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Honoring Ceremony for the Persons with Disabilities who Created the Chatby Hospital Mural
- Children's Library School Competition
- Exhibition of Artworks by People with Disabilities
- Children's Library End of Summer Celebrations – Children Got Talent
- Anglophone Preparatory Schools Competition
- Universal Children's Day
- World Reading Day – American council
- Mother Goose On the Loose

Map library

The Map Library houses a collection of over 7,000 maps of various kinds covering all parts of the world, with special focus on Alexandria, Egypt, the Arab world, and the Mediterranean. During the reported period, the Map Library held a grand celebration on the occasion of the Geographic Information Systems Day (GIS Day).

Taha Hussein Library and the Special Needs Services Unit

They both organized the following programs:

- Special program and functional training on conducting psychological tests
- Special program and functional training on early intervention and developing skills
- Practical Behavioral Strategies For Individuals With Autism
- Taha Hussein Library Summer Programs 2016
- Taha Hussein Library – How to Read and Write in Braille for Sighted
- Taha Hussein Library – Outreach Program – Let's Create
- Taha Hussein Library – Educational Rehabilitation Program

FOURTH THEME: THE ACADEMIC SECTOR

The Academic Sector is primarily in charge of conducting scientific studies and research in a variety of fields, and includes eleven research centers in several disciplines. The highlights of its centers' latest achievements are the following:

Center for Democracy and Social Peace Studies (CDSPS)

The Center's activities are geared towards fulfilling its mandate to promote Democracy and the culture of peace; expand the role of women and young people; collaborate with national, regional, and international institutions; forge partnerships; and achieve visibility in Egypt and abroad.

In addition to offering training courses, celebrating international days, and conducting researches and poles, this year CDSPS, in collaboration with Nizami Ganjavi center, organized a successful international conference on democratic security.

Manuscripts Center

The Manuscripts Center (MC) is concerned with cataloguing, studying, and documenting manuscripts. This year, the MC offered training courses to the public and specialists that included national and international participants, amounting to 378 learners. The MC has become, through an agreement with the Faculty of Arts in Alexandria University, the practical training center for specialized undergraduate and graduate students of the Faculty, and has published three specialized books.

Writing and Scripts Center

The center was created to document and produce studies on the various inscriptions, scripts, and writings in the world throughout the ages.

The center continues to publish its scientific international refereed journal, *Abgadyiat*, which is published by the International Publishing House (Brill). This year, it has added to its achievements the Digital Library for Inscriptions, Calligraphies, and Writings (DLIC), and the Learning Hieroglyphs: Step by Step' Website.

In 2016 the center used *The Journey of Writing* material to produce an educational course on the edX platform.

Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage (CULTNAT)

This center is concerned with the documentation of Egyptian heritage, and it has worked on several projects to fulfil its mandate.

During the reported period, the center completed **Al-Azhar Memory**: a project that documents the history of Al-Azhar on the internet and on Culturama, with constantly updated data basis and image library.

Its Culturama has been used to promote Egypt in major national and international events.

Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center (Alex Med)

Alex Med focuses on researching and documenting the rich tangible and intangible heritage of Alexandria: its architecture, sustainable development, and archaeology.

The center produced a GIS database on Alexandria, which is considered one of a kind nationally with regard to type of information, rareness, and quality it offers. This GIS was used to support Alexandria Governorate several times in urban governance concerns and was recently purchased by two local universities.

In 2016, seven research studies were concluded, two of which have been published: *Royal Jewelry Museum* and *Alexandria: A City Guide*. Additionally, a geographic database has been put together for the districts of Agamy and El Max.

In terms of local and international cultural communication, the center organizes seminars, events, and architectural competitions, most notably the Hassan Fathi Architectural Competition in 2016, as well as hosting the exhibition of the Royal Institute of British Architects.



Award ceremony of the 2016 Hassan Fathi Award for Architecture and inauguration of the RIBA President's Medals Award Exhibition.

Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies

The center for Hellenistic Studies was established in 2008, and it has an academic program established in collaboration with Alexandria University for Egyptian and international students seeking to obtain Diplomas and Master's degrees in Hellenistic culture.

In 2016, six students finished the diploma program to qualify for the MA program, and six students obtained MA degrees in the various Hellenistic studies specializations, which qualifies them for PhD degrees in the future.

In the same year, the center organized a number of academic and scientific activities, including three general lectures delivered by scientists from the German Archaeology Center and the University of Tübingen. The center also hosted a photo exhibition on the antiquities of the Delta, in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities, and organized a workshop on archaeological skeletal remains.

Researchers at the Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies conducted numerous studies, some of which have been published in international science magazines. They also delivered lectures at the universities of Oxford, London, and Catania.

At the end of the year, the agreement between the Vardinoyannis Foundation and the BA was renewed for an additional five years, which will end in September 2022.



A workshop on archaeological skeletal remains, organized by the BA Center for Hellenistic Studies.

Center for Environmental Studies (CES)

The center's mission is to conduct environmental studies, provide training, and build an environmental research concourse for students, scholars, and organizations involved in environmental science research in the region. The center also aims to enhance public debate on and raise public awareness of vital environmental issues, and it aims to aid decision and policy makers in tackling problems and making informative decisions.

The CES conducts various projects and activities with different purposes and goals that help improve public understanding of the environment, its problems, and its needs. Some of the projects aim to change how people deal with their environment and its resources, such as: the Green Energy Library, the recycling Project (phase 1), the Knowledge Attitude Practice (KAP), and environmental research.

Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP)

This center is dedicated to collaborating with international and national institutions to help support researchers and the academic community at large, creating networks of international collaboration, carrying-out research projects, developing different scientific and educational programs, as well as holding events that serve the Egyptian and Arab academic community, and promoting science and technology through public awareness programs.

The CSSP continues to create networks of scientists and researchers in Egypt, conduct capacity building training sessions, and implement the BA research grant program.

Center for Islamic Civilization Studies

The center has conducted a number of activities and events this year, most notable of which are the following:

- Preparing a program focusing on studies of Western scientific heritage.
- Organizing a seminar titled "Paving the Road in Islamic Civilization". Young researchers took part in this seminar with research papers that were discussed by experts in the field.
- Organizing an international conference on Andalusian studies.
- Preparing for issuing the *Mazarat Islamic Encyclopedia*, the first encyclopedia to be published by the BA.



Inauguration of the *Islamic Civilization in Andalusia* Conference.

- Preparing to publish the *Al-Jabarti's History* encyclopedia in cooperation with the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh.
- Preparing to launch the Islamic Civilization website.
- Publishing *Abkariyet El Ta'lef fel Hadara Al Islameya*, a book that discusses Islamic heritage texts and reveals their authenticity in terms of form and content.

Center for Coptic Studies

The center is concerned with studying ancient Coptic history, language, and art. It continues to conduct workshops, training courses, educational lectures, and specialized courses on the restoration of Coptic icons in cooperation with the Ministry of Antiquities, in addition to organizing Coptic language courses and Coptic Cultural seasons in Cairo and Alexandria.

In 2016, the center participated in the first Annual Coptic Heritage Day, the Archaeological Conference in the Arab World, and the conference of the International Society for Coptic Studies.

Professional Training Institute (PTI)

This institute aims to centralize all training and professional development courses offered by the BA, in order to better serve our community, and establish a process to improve BA training facilities. In collaboration with the Sector's centers and other BA departments, PTI has:

- Created training modules.
- Created department/center profiles for training purposes.
- Published a BA professional training courses catalogue.
- Started working with the BA ICT Sector to create a user-friendly website to promote courses and facilitate registration processes.
- Coordinated the edX Project for online education, by helping create and launch the three online BA courses over the past year.

E-learning Program

The BA seeks to contribute to the development of education. The edX program, established by MIT and Harvard University in the United States and launched in 2016, is designed to provide education to the general public through offering educational programs from several contributing universities. EdX offers courses in a flexible, timely, and interactive manner to facilitate learning for all students around the world. This widespread educational program aims to provide scientific material about the Egyptian civilization to all scholars around the world, and provide Egyptian students with international academic curriculums.

The BA signed an agreement with edX as a contributing partner. Some of the project staff attended two training courses.

The courses that have been organized to-date include:

- **Introduction to Ancient Egyptian Civilization:** 6,611 participants from 143 countries
- **The Contributions of the Islamic Civilization:** 2,744 participants from 127 countries
- **The Journey of Writing in Egypt:** 1,083 participants from 97 countries

Another course was held in May 2017, titled **Modern Literature of Alexandria**, and it discussed the most important foreign and Egyptians writers who wrote about Alexandria and were influenced by it.

Three other courses are being prepared to be held in the near future, the first of which will be **Women's Movement in Egypt**.

FIFTH THEME: CULTURAL OUTREACH

The Cultural Outreach Sector holds a number of important projects and initiatives concerned with spreading culture and creativity to a large section of society. The Sector collaborates with Intel to organize national competitions in the field of "robotics", which are usually won by schools from different Egyptian governorates. The winners participate in international competitions. The Sector also organizes the annual Science Festivity, which includes about 20,000 participating students from different Egyptian schools.

BA Museums

The BA contains several museums that provide diverse services and activities targeting people of all ages and educational levels. The Manuscript Museum, Antiquities Museum, History of Science Museum, and the Sadat Museum are constantly improved and upgraded to reach the Library's goal of becoming a center for the dissemination of culture.

Likewise, the permanent and temporary BA exhibitions function as venues for cultural and educational purposes.

In collaboration with ICOM Egypt, the national committee of the International Council of Museums, the BA Museums have organized the "Alexandria Museums Day" to coordinate efforts with ICOM Egypt and promote the museums as a single network for the service of culture and tourism.



BA Museums.

Arts Center

The Arts Center has recently organized a unique and diverse collection of artistic events related to music, theater, and cinema. The Center has also launched the 14th International Summer Festival between July and September 2016, which has attracted more than 15,000 spectators, featuring a distinguished group of artists from Egypt and abroad.

The BA orchestra has also organized several diverse concerts of light and international classics.

The Arts Education Section continues to provide different artistic activities for children. It has organized a number of concerts, including the Oriental Singing Concert in collaboration with the Ibn El Balad band, as well as the Royal School certificates and awards ceremony. Moreover, it has organized workshops in the fields of visual arts, theatre, and animation films.

Planetarium Science Center (PSC)

In 2016, the PSC attracted more than 130,000 visitors and, consequently, had high attendance rates in all of its programs.

It also screened “Alexandria: the Cradle of Astrology” in the Planetarium hall. This is the first All Sky BA Planetarium Show Production executed using Digistar 5 Technologies. In continuance of this success, the PSC is currently producing two planetarium shows funded by the Research, Development, and Innovation Program of the Ministry of Scientific Research.

Alexandria International Book Fair

The BA has organized, in collaboration with the General Egyptian Book Association, the 13th round of the Alexandria Book Fair, which included a number of activities and exhibitions featuring the works of about 260 publishers. The fair hosted Italy as an honorary guest, and it held about 200 cultural events, in which 800 intellectuals and authors from Egypt, Jordan, KSA, Oman, Tunisia, and other countries participated. China participated in the fair for the first time, and the exhibition welcomed over 600,000 visitors.



Alexandria International Book Fair.



Embassies of Knowledge

The Embassies of Knowledge, which are founded in collaboration with several Egyptian universities, represent a replication of the full digital functionalities and privileges offered to BA visitors, such as unrestricted access to the BA Digital Assets Repository (DAR), the largest Arabic digital library; *Description de l’Egypte*; the Memory of Modern Egypt project; and the Science Supercourse.

The BA provides the Embassies of Knowledge with scientific, technological, and cultural material and links them to the BA through a digital, online network. The embassies also facilitate access to numerous BA-affiliated websites and offer their beneficiaries a good quality webcasting service, which provides live and archived access to all the conferences, lectures, and events taking place at the BA Conference Center.

Since the beginning of 2016, 14 embassies have been established in different universities across Egypt, namely the universities of South Valley, Sohag, Tanta, Kafr El-Sheikh, Suez Canal, Damanhour, Aswan, Damietta, Port Said, Al-Azhar, Menoufia, Beni Suef, Assiut, and Ain Shams.



Developing Education in Egypt Forum at Benha University Embassy of Knowledge.

Arabic Computational Linguistics Center (ACLC)

This center succeeded in developing the discretization of the Arabic language, and it continues to work on the Arabic language blog that includes 100 million words, each of which includes 16 linguistic definitions.

The BA has completed the Arabic Language Portal Project and has published a dictionary of colloquial Egyptian Arabic. It also plans to publish the Sumerian Arabic Akkadian dictionary, digitize the Academy of the Arabic Language magazine, and digitize several Arabic language dictionaries. This will all be added to the Arabic Language Portal online to provide unprecedented services to Arabic speakers.

SIXTH THEME: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

There are a number of initiatives made by the BA Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Sector, which aim to strengthen the contribution of the Library to the digital world.

Launching the CEDEJ Project

- Digitizing a group of journal articles (about 800,000 articles) in collaboration with the Center for Documentation and Economic, Legal, and Social Studies.
- Publishing more than 261,000 journal articles to date.
- Launching the website in the presence of the French ambassador and a delegation from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The BA is currently working on the second phase of the project.

Virtual Antiquities Museum

- Establishing a 3D virtual tour of the BA Antiquities Museum, and virtually displaying several historical artifacts equipped with several tools for exploration and research that serve archaeologists and average users.
- Continuing to scan other artifacts in order to expand the collection displayed virtually.

Virtual Tour of the BA

- The team is currently working on establishing an accurate 3D tour equipped with information on the Library's most prominent places.

Internet Archive

- Continuing to improve and update the Internet Archive and its services.
- Working on the implementation of the Open Wayback Machine, in collaboration with the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC), in order to offer users a more interactive and beneficial experience when browsing the Internet Archive.

Paperless Organization

- This initiative is implemented at the BA and aims to automate all transactions and business institutional processes.
- The BA is collaborating with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in this project in various dimensions.
- The BA has been effectively implementing a paperless system in several institutional transactions, such as processing employee leaves, making appointments, and others.

Encyclopedia of Life (EoL)

- The BA is responsible for programming the infrastructure of the Encyclopedia of Life (EoL).
- The BA has played an important role in transferring and updating the entire software of the EoL last April in cooperation with MBL and the Smithsonian Foundation.

Supercourse Project

The Supercourse Project aims to build a database that includes numerous courses in all scientific and technological fields by the world's most prominent scientists. These courses are available for free on the BA website, and they include 170,000 courses in a variety of fields, such as public health, agriculture, engineering, and environmental studies. For instance, there are more than 3,400 courses in Epidemiology available in 26 different language to serve more than a million students around the world.

Arabic Digital Library

The BA has launched the Arabic Digital Library on its website, which provides more than 30,000 books for free, enabling the reader to browse them at any time and from anywhere. The BA aspires to provide 33,000 books in the upcoming period.

World Digital Library (WDL)

There are 200 institutions from 100 different countries cooperating to establish the World Digital Library, which makes a lot of important material available on the internet in several languages. An integrated team at the BA contributes to the programming and updating of the digital library system. This team has played a vital role in developing the World Digital Library website through making it available in several languages, including Arabic.

Universal Networking Language (UNL)

Within the efforts exerted to accomplish the Universal Networking Language (UNL) Project, in cooperation with UNDL, the BA follows the development of the automatic conversion of an Arabic book into the Universal Networking Language (UNL) and then into other natural languages, enabling all people to generate information and have access to cultural knowledge in their native languages.

African Networks

- Their purpose is to facilitate communication among the academics and researchers across Africa with those who share common interests in order to exchange knowledge in different fields, such as agriculture, environment, libraries, information and communication technology, public health, and research methods.
- Each field has an interactive network that allows the issuance of an electronic newsletter biweekly.
- Each field has a scientific committee that answers all the researchers' questions and interacts with users.
- The BA is currently preparing e-mail lists for the issuance of the e-newsletter, collecting scientific articles, developing the programming tool to allow the issuance of the e-newsletter, and developing websites for the different offered networks.

Supercomputer

The BA provides a High Performance Computer (HPC) that can be used in research and development in different scientific fields. It also greatly assists students and researchers of Egyptian Universities in conducting their research and improving their studies.





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 International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
 International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
 International Horticultural Congress (IHC)
 International Peace Bureau
 International Social Science Council (ISSC)
 International Studies Abroad (ISA)
 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN West Asia/Middle East)
 International Youth Foundation (IYF)
 Internews Network
 Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)
 Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

J

Japanese International Cooperation System (JICS)
 John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation
 Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
 Joseph Hulse, International Development Association

K

Kafr El Zayat Pesticides and Chemicals Co.
 KaSha
 King Abdullah II Fund for Development (KAFD)
 Konica Minolta Planetarium Co., Ltd.
 Kriti Oil and Gas
 Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science
 Kwarim Technical Solutions

L

Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD International)
League of Arab States
Lecico Group
Library of Congress
LifeBuoy
LIMS Egypt
Linguamón – Casa de les Llengües
Louis Dreyfus
Luciano Moroni

M

Macmillan Publishers Ltd.
Magdi Yacoub Institute (MYI)
Magrabi Agriculture
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (MSH)
Mansi Eyewear
Mansoura University
Mansour Foundation for Development
Microsoft
Middle East Science Fund (MESF)
Misr El Kheir Foundation (MEK)
Misr International University
Misr University for Science and Technology
Mobinil
Modern Sciences and Arts University (MSA)
Mohamed El-Bayar
Mohamed Halawa
Mohamed Nousir
Mohamed Said Alfarsi
Monsanto and Fine Seeds International
Moravac
Mori Sushi
Moufid Asabgui

N

Naseej Arabian Advanced Systems
National Academies of Sciences (NAS)
National Bank of Egypt (NBE)
National Council for Human Rights
National Council for Youth

National Science Foundation (NSF)
National Services Projects Organization
National Space Centre
Nature Magazine
Nohoudh Endowments for Development Studies
Norwegian Library Association (NLA)
Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Novo Nordisk

O

Ohira Tech Ltd.
OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)
Open Society Institute

P

Palais des Sciences de Monastir
Patriarchal Library of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and all Africa (GOPA)
Peace Women Across the Globe
Pharco Pharmaceuticals
Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development

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Quim Guixà S.L.

R

RSA Cosmos
Radisson Blu Hotel
Randi Rubovits-Seitz
Rashid Mohamed Rashid
Raya Corporation
Research and Development Center
Research Institute for Development (IRD)
Research, Development and Innovation Programme (RDI), Egypt
Rockefeller Brothers Fund

S

Samir Bassily
Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)
SCYNEXIS
Selegiochi
Senghor University

Shehfe Casings Company
Sidi Kerir Petrochemicals Co. (SidPec)
Siemens
Sinai University
Sky-Skan
Smart Content for Interactive Systems AB (SCISS)
SODIC
Softmachine
Soft Power Productions
South Sinai Regional Development Programme (SSRDP)
Spitz Inc.
Stanford University
Stanly Investment and Real Estate Development
Star Care Egypt
Struttura Amministrativa Centrale (CNR)
Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Science and Technology Center (SciTech)
Summerland and District Credit Union (SDCU)
Sun Microsystems
Swedish Government
Swedish Institute Alexandria

T

Talaat Moustafa Group (TMG)
Tamara Lebanese Bistro
TechKnowledge
Telecom Egypt
The Arab League
The Royal Society
The Scientific Center, Kuwait
Tourism Cares Worldwide
Tunis Science City
Turkey Science Centers Foundation

U

UNESCO Chair SIMEV
Unilever
Union Market
Union National Bank
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS)
United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
United States Department of State
Université François-Rabelais de Tours
University of North London (UNL)
University for Peace (UPEACE)
University of Westminster

V

Veolia Environment (ONYX)

W

Watania Company
Wellcome Trust
Wikipedia Foundation
World Diabetes Foundation (WDF)
World Scientific Publishing Co., Inc.
Wyeth

Y

Yale University
Yassin Mansour

Z

Zain Group
Zewail City of Science and Technology
Zuza Software Foundation

Financial Statement



(Translation from Arabic)

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Members Of The Board Of Trustees Of Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bibliotheca Alexandrina which comprise the balance sheet as at June 30, 2017, and the related statement of revenues and expenses and statement of receipts and expenditures for the financial year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bibliotheca's management. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting policies listed in note no. (3) of the notes to the financial statements and in the light of the prevailing Egyptian laws. Management's responsibility includes, designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; management responsibility also includes selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Egyptian Standards on Auditing and in the light of the prevailing Egyptian laws. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements, plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bibliotheca's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.



Hazem Hassan

(Translation from Arabic)

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bibliotheca Alexandrina as of June 30, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash receipts and expenditures for the year then ended in accordance with accounting policies listed in note no. (3) of the notes to the financial statements and in the light of prevailing Egyptian laws and regulations related to the preparation of these financial statements.

Emphasis of matter

Without qualifying our above- mentioned opinion , we draw attention to the following :-

As mentioned in details in note no.(30) from the financial statement notes , Bibliotheca Alexandria received a letter from The Central Bank of Egypt dated April 4th 2017 stating that the amount transferred from The National Bank of Egypt (Heliopolis Branch) to The Central Bank of Egypt on May 31st 2012 which is reserved in a blocked account named "Credit dollar balances reserved for Bibliotheca Alexandria's account / blocked" amounted to USD 143.5 million. Further more, the Bibliotheca's management did not record this amount in the financial position until they under-take the legal formalities to obtain the legal rights and control over the previously mentioned amount.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The Bibliotheca maintains proper books of account, which include all that is required by law and by the statutes of the Bibliotheca, and the accompanying financial statements are in agreement and the inventory, collections, scripts and rare artwork count was performed by the Bibliotheca's management in accordance with methods in practice.

Alexandria on September 18, 2017

KPMG Hazem Hassan

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Public Accountants and consultants

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note No.	30/6/2017 EGP	30/6/2016 EGP
Revenues			
Governemental Revenues			
Restricted Grants from the Ministry of Finance	(1)	222,916,144	213,731,953
Miscellaneous		1,977,687	2,225,998
		224,893,831	215,957,951
Other Revenues			
Financed Projects Revenues	(2)	26,171,407	25,808,205
Revenues from Operating Activities	(3)	19,887,629	19,486,910
Interest Income	(4)	5,803,071	4,104,963
Foreign Currency Exchange Differences	(5)	20,366,119	2,332,458
Miscellaneous Revenues	(6)	5,393,332	5,191,108
		77,621,558	56,923,644
		302,515,389	272,881,595
Total Revenues			
Expenses			
Salaries and Wages		(187,733,286)	(174,129,855)
General and Administrative Expenses	(7)	(93,570,788)	(95,572,931)
Provision	(8)	(21,000,000)	(2,500,000)
Depreciation	(9)	(46,942,507)	(46,155,994)
Transfer to Reserve Fund Financing Fixed Assets		46,942,507	46,155,994
		(302,304,074)	(272,202,786)
		211,315	678,809
Surplus			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements and to be read therewith.

FOOTNOTES FOR INCOME STATEMENT

1. Restricted Grants from the Ministry of Finance represents grants from the Ministry of Finance against wages and salaries, current expenses... etc.

2. Financed Projects Revenues represents donations from international and national institutions, businessmen and individuals.

3. Revenues from Operating Activities represent entry tickets, memberships, fair, museums, other artistic activities, rental and usage right.

4. Interest Income represents interest on deposits period between a month and a year and long-term certificates.

5. Foreign Currency Exchange Differences represents the differences resulting from the translation of Foreign Monetary balances at the date of the Balance Sheet.

6. Miscellaneous Revenues are recognized according to the accrual basis .

7. General and Administrative Expenses represent all operational costs, such as conference expenses, utilities, exhibitions, taxes, travel and others.

8. Provisions providing for employees end-of-service benefits, contingent liabilities and allowance for bad debt.

9. Depreciation represents the calculated depreciation on the Fixed Assets applying the Straight Line method.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 JUNE 2017

	Note No.	30/6/2017 EGP	30/6/2016 EGP
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash in Banks and on Hand			
Current Accounts and Cash on Hand	(1)	142,904,851	99,638,358
Time Deposits	(2)	31,568,073	26,349,892
Debtors and Other Debit Balances	(3)	37,287,701	25,252,517
Inventory	(4)	22,539,986	18,451,975
Total Current Assets		234,300,611	169,692,742
Long Term Assets			
Fixed Assets (Net)	(5)	976,961,861	1,001,902,287
Projects in Progress	(6)	56,062,214	40,406,501
Purchased Collections	(7)	1,197,454	1,089,119
Other Long Term Assets (Net)	(8)	3,813,119	5,889,287
Investment in Subsidiaries	(9)	955,000	955,000
Investment in Long Term Saving Certificates	(10)	15,000,000	15,000,000
Total Long Term Assets		1,053,989,648	1,065,242,194
Total Assets		1,288,290,259	1,234,934,936
Liabilities and Reserve Fund			
Current Liabilities			
Provisions	(11)	47,486,134	26,500,000
Suppliers	(12)	14,721,954	14,998,146
Creditors-Fixed Assets	(13)	1,401,588	3,564,851
Retentions		17,907,732	9,220,401
Accrued Expenses		17,294,539	13,209,171
Creditors and Other Credit Balances	(14)	72,844,524	48,462,955
Total Current Liabilities		171,656,471	115,955,524
Reserve Fund	(15)	1,071,388,788	1,073,734,412
Long Term Restricted Donations		45,245,000	45,245,000
Total Liabilities and Reserve Fund		1,288,290,259	1,234,934,936
Contra Accounts	(16)	124,782,580	121,614,319

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements and to be read therewith.

FOOTNOTES FOR BALANCE SHEET

1. Current Accounts and Cash on Hand

Funds available from the Government and from the private accounts to settle the contractors invoices, fees and retention monies.

2. Time Deposits

This account represents the value of EGP time deposits at Bank Audi. Egypt which matures during a period between a month and a year.

3. Debtors and Other Debit Balances

Balances of prepaid expenses, accrued revenues and imprest accounts used to speed up the operations.

4. Inventory

Valued at cost, moving average is the pricing policy.

5. Fixed Assets (Net)

The figure includes the net historical cost of the assets plus what has been brought into use during the year including but not limited to land, buildings, books, vehicles, electronic devices, etc. Straight Line method is used to calculate depreciation.

6. Projects in Progress

Payments for Developing Antoniadis Palace and constructing pest control building in Borg El Arab City, Science City Project, the educational complex Abees land-first stage, renewal and replacement conference center project and renewal and replacement of the industrial lake project. They will be added to the Fixed Assets when ready for use.

7. Purchased Collection

Investments in rare collections, scripts and artworks. They are re-evaluated periodically by specialized committees.

8. Other Long-Term Assets(Net)

The figure indicates BA usage contract of the international communication circuit (NET) and the cost of bibliotheca membership fees to be an active member in scientific program related to edX.inc Amassachusetts non-profit corporation program to publish educational program over the internet .

9. Investments in Subsidiaries

According to the board of Trustees decision approving the establishment of three companies to handle the BA's interests in commercial ventures involving the long-term resource mobilization strategy.

10. Investment in Long-Term Saving Certificates

Long term saving certificates are evaluated by cost. Their revenues are realized according to accrual basis and the interest rate agreed upon.

11. Provisions

A provision is recognized in the balance sheet when there is present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

12. Suppliers

This figure includes accounts payable to suppliers at the time of the balance sheet.

13. Creditors-Fixed Assets

Represent amount due to contractors, consultants and other suppliers for the acquisition of fixed assets.

14. Creditor and Other Credit Balances

Balance of creditors restricted for financed projects, the surplus of National Investment Bank, prepaid rent and other creditors.

15. Reserve Fund

Funds provided by the Government (Ministry of Finance), it represents the capital cost of the project and the acquisition of new assets and adjusted by the net result of the operations activities and fixed assets depreciation.

16. Contra-Accounts

Include the value of Rare Collections, Manuscripts, Permanent Exhibitions and Artwork. They are valued periodically according to specialized technical committees, and the value of letters of guarantee received.





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Calendar of Events

During the period from July 2016 to June 2017, the BA has completed more than 1,171 events throughout its departments, including 297 lectures, 116 workshops, 161 concerts, 34 exhibitions and 96 seminars. The BA also held a total of 51 educational and training courses. Some of the BA events have been repeated more than once during the reporting period.

Book Fair

- Alexandria International Book Fair 2017

Book Launch

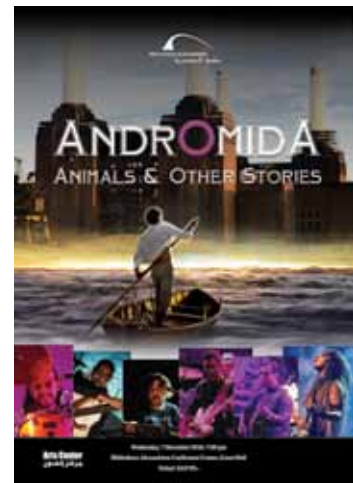
- *Art, Trade and Culture in the Islamic World and Beyond: From the Fatimids to the Mughals*
- *Conservation and Renovation of the Royal Jewelry Museum in Alexandria* by Dr. Aly Raafat
- *Coptic Monasticism in Wadi El-Natrun During the Nineteenth Century*
- *Daughters of the Nile: Egyptian Women Changing their World*
- *Hadith Manuscripts Catalogue*
- *The Making of the Mahmoud Saïd Catalogue Raisonné*

Ceremonies

- 1st Media Department Graduation
- Ahlan Ramadan
- Alexandria International Book Fair – Inauguration
- Alexandria Writing Contest – Closing
- Almbutadaian School Honoring Ceremony
- Ana Mawhoub (I am Talented)
- Anglophone Preparatory Schools Competition
- Annual Ballet School Celebration
- Annual Human Art Concert
- Big Read 2016 – Closing
- Big Read 2017 – Opening
- Book Signing: *Ottoman Athens* by Dr. Ahmed Amin
- Book Signing: *Sa'ed Al Akmar*
- Book Signing: *The Tales of Zeinab Kotod*
- Children's Library End of Summer Celebrations – Closing
- Children's Library New Year Celebrations



- Cultural Day for Sudan
- Draw and Discover Competition – Award Ceremony
- Eighth Competition for Alexandria School Students – Award Ceremony
- El Farah Day: Orphans Day
- European Schools in Alexandria (English Section) – End of Year Celebration
- European Schools in Alexandria (French Section) – End of Year Celebration
- European Schools in Alexandria (International English Section) – End of Year Celebration
- Excellence and Creativity Program
- Faculty of Dentistry Graduation Ceremony: Class of 2015-2016
- Faculty of Law Graduation Ceremony: 75th Class (Diamond Jubilee)
- Faten Hamama: The Lady of the Arab Screen
- Festival of Talents
- Financial Policy and Social Stability: The Experience of Banque du Liban
- First Step Center for Ballet and Music
- Folklore Night
- GEMS World Academy End of Year Celebration
- Girard School Ceremony 2016
- GIS Day
- Green March Day Celebration with the Moroccan Community
- Honoring Ceremony for the Persons with Disabilities Who Created the Chatby Hospital Mural
- Honoring Exemplary Students
- In Commemoration of Islamic Archaeologist Dr. Abdelrahman Abd el-Tawab
- In Commemoration of Islamic Archaeologist Dr. Yehia el-Zeni
- Intel BASEF 2017 – Closing
- International Day Amongst Trafficking Persons
- International Day for Tolerance
- International Day of Peace
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- International Women’s Day
- Janaklees National Schools Graduation
- Leaders Language School
- Maaly Al-Islam Private School End of Year Ceremony



- Masr Khana Festival about Archaeological Houses
- Memorandum of Cooperation Signing Ceremony between the BA and the African Library and Information Association and Institutions (AfLIA)
- Model Security Council (Alex MUN) 2016
- Mother's Day – Ayady Al Ghad Lel Takhatob Foundation
- MoU Signing Ceremony between the BA Special Projects Department and Taza Development Association
- Narcotics Anonymous Annual Conference
- Orphan's Day
- Piano Masterclass Closing
- Protons IEEE – Opening
- PSC Summer Program 2016 – Closing
- Royal School Certificate Presentation Ceremony 2016
- Schutz American School – Graduation
- Science City Awards Distribution
- Science City Winners Announcement and Press Conference
- Science Festival
- Six Statues of Egyptian Literary Figures – Unveiling
- Suez Festival
- Taza Award for Literary Creativity – Award Ceremony
- Teba International School End of Year Ceremony
- The Alexandria International Film Festival – Closing
- The Alexandria International Film Festival – Opening
- The Annual Day of Coptic Heritage
- The Faculty of Medicine's International Program Graduation
- The Hassan Fathi Award for Architecture 2016 – Award Ceremony
- The Model of the International Organization of the Francophonie 2016 – Closing
- The World Cleanliness Day Awareness Campaign for Alexandrian Communities – Closing
- Theater without Funding Festival – Closing
- Theater without Funding Festival – Opening
- Tiba Language School
- Towards a Better Educator – Opening
- Training Course Held by Ministry of Finance – Closing
- University Diploma in Library and Information Science (DUSIB) Signing
- Women's Day – Glimpses of Women's History



- World Birth Defects Day
- World Maritime Day 2016
- World Water Day

Cinema

- Alexandria International Book Fair
 - Antiquities Film Festival
 - Memory of Egypt Film Screenings
- Alexandria Short Film Festival
- An Aspect of the History of Cinema Invention
- Analogue Zone Selection
 - *A Working Copy*
 - *Acapella*
 - *And Around We Go*
 - *And the Smile Is Red on Red*
 - *Apt.5*
 - *Falling into Oneself*
 - *The Mirror*
- Animation Film Forum
 - *Spirited Away*
 - *The Wind Rises*
 - *Up*
- Cinema Club Program
 - Anthony Quin
 - *High Wind in Jamaica*
 - *Lawrence of Arabia*
 - *Lion of the Desert*
 - *Zorba the Greek*
 - Biographies
 - *Che*
 - *Malcolm X*
 - *Sayed Darwish*
 - *The Social Network*
 - Dystopia
 - *1984*
 - *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*
 - *Fahrenheit 451*
 - *The Matrix*
 - *V for Vendetta*



- Earth Day
 - *Aftershock: Earthquake in New York*
 - *Erin Brockovich*
 - *Volcano*
- Espionage
 - *Body of Lies*
 - *Entrapment*
 - *Inception*
 - *The Cousins*
- Forbidden Love
 - *A New Day in Old Sana'a*
 - *Ask my Heart*
 - *Divine Intervention*
 - *The Last of the Mohicans*
 - *Veer Za a ra*
- Love around the World
 - *Little Women*
 - *Music and Lyrics*
 - *My Fair Lady*
 - *Possession*
 - *Pride and Prejudice*
 - *The Empty Pillo*
 - *The Open Door*
 - *Veer-Zaara*
 - *Zero Dark Thirty*
- Modern Women
 - *Little Women*
 - *My Fair Lady*
 - *Pride and Prejudice*
 - *The Open Door*
 - *Zero Dark Thirty*
- Science-Fiction Cinema
 - *Evolution*
 - *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*
 - *Starman*
 - *The Island of Dr. Moreau*
- World Literature in Egyptian Cinema
 - *Beware of Eve*
 - *Brothers but Enemies*
 - *Desire*
- World Literature Masterpieces
 - *Nicholas Nickleby*
 - *The Great Gatsby*



- *The Hanchback of Notredame*
 - *The Thief and the Dogs*
- Youssef Chahine
 - *Destiny*
 - *The Blazing Sun*
 - *The Great Clown*
- Cinema Lesson (6): On the Oscars
- *Days of Sadat* Film Screening
- Documentary Film Forum
 - 30th Anniversary of the Death of Shadi Abdel Salam
 - International Day of Peace
 - Naguib Mahfouz Day
 - The Architect Hassan Fathi
- Documentary: *Blood in the Mobile*
- Documentary: *Drifters*
- Fiction Film Forum
 - Arabic Cinema
 - *Al-yazerli*
 - *Cruel Sea*
 - Asian Cinema: *The Centenary of Masaki Kobayashi (1916-1996)*
 - Australian Cinema: *Charlie's Country*
 - Kurdish Asian Cinema
 - *The Road*
 - *Turtles Can Fly*
 - *Whisper with the Wind*
 - Latin American Cinema: *Babel, Ten Years Later*
- Film Screening: *Northbound...Southbound*
- *Kingdom of Heaven* in the Tanta Embassies of Knowledge
- New Planetarium Shows Premiere
- Plaza Project Film Premieres – 7th Edition
- Screening of *Il ne Suffit pas que Dieu Soit avec les Pauvres* Commemorating the Birth of Architect Hassan Fathy
- Short Film Forum
 - Cannes Film Festival 2015 Short Film Competition
 - *The Watermelon*
- Summer Festival Cinema Program: Five Short Egyptian Films
- *The BA: Past, Present and Future*
- The Particularity of Cinema
- Theme of the Month: *Reptiles*



- Two films by Naji Ismail: *Om Amira* and *The Builders*
- Two films from Goethe Film Week: *We Were Rebels* and *Little Eagles*

Competitions

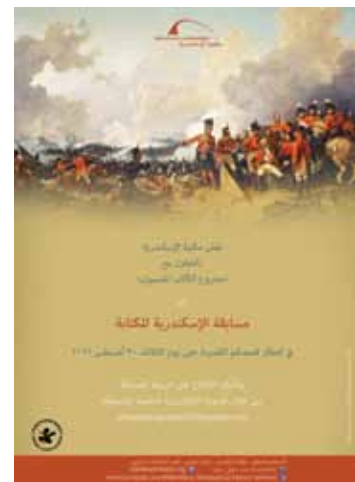
- A Tour of Egyptian Museums
- Anglophone Preparatory Schools
- Artifact and Civilization
- Artists and Champions from Alexandria
- Children's Library School
- Coptic Antiquities and Arts in Egypt
- Egyptian Chess Federation
- Egyptian Statues Around the World
- History in a Painting
- Jugend Musiziert
- Junior FLL Robotics
- Literature and Art in Cinema
- Masterclasses 2017
- General Collections and Services Monthly Competition
 - Arts
 - Art's History
 - Egyptian Cinematographers
 - Egyptian Theater
 - Mosques Architecture
 - Sports
- The Eighth Arabic Calligraphy Competition for Alexandria School Students
- World Wildlife Day



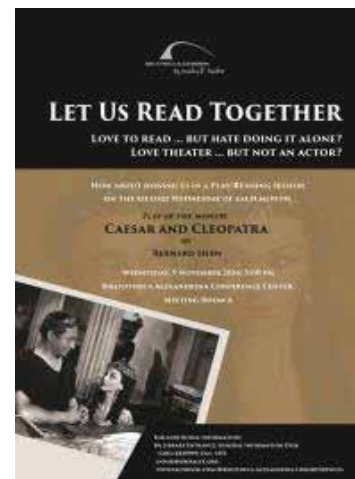
Concerts

- 14th International Summer Festival
 - Ahmed El Haggar
 - Ali El Haggar
 - Ali El Helbawy
 - Andromeda Band
 - Aqsa Alwasat Band
 - BA Orchestra with Khaled El-Showeikh

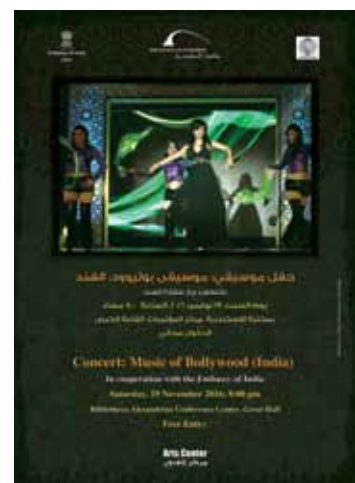
- Baghdady Jazz Big Band
- Basata Band
- Black Theama Band
- Cairo Celebration Choir
- Eftekasat Band
- El Nafikha Band
- Faia Younan
- Fouad and Mounib
- Hanan Mady with Sot Masr (Sound of Egypt) Orchestra
- Hany Shaker
- Jazzoud (Slovenia)
- Karakeeb Band
- Les Compagnons Band
- Maestro Selim Sahab
- Marcel Khalife
- Massar Egbari Band
- Mohamed Mohsen
- Music from Here Concert Featuring High Dam Band and Almena Band
- Music from Here Concert Featuring Soot Fel Zahma Band and Wasla Band
- Music from Here Concert Featuring Telepoetic Band and Disorder Band
- Omar Khairat Concert Accompanied by the BA Orchestra
- Qarar Ezala Band
- Rima Khcheich
- Sama3i Band
- Santoor Group (India)
- Shaware3na Band
- Sheikh Zein
- Souad Massi
- Storm Band
- Tania Saleh
- The Jets Band
- Wave Jazz Band
- Abu Qir Folkloric Troupe
- Al Ola Balady Band
- Alex Youth Music



- Alexandria Academy of Arts
- Alexandria International Book Fair – El Nour Association’s Mother’s Day and Orphans Day Celebration
- Alhadra
- Ali El Haggar
- Ali Elhelbawy
- Al-Khun Band
- Almina and Hawas
- Andromeda Band
- Aqsa Alwasat Band
- Arten Band
- Arts Academy in Alexandria
- Arts School Drums and Guitar
- Arts School Piano and Flute
- Arts School Suzuki
- Piano Masterclass: Johanna Horny
- Autobus Band
- Azraq Samawy
- BA Children’s Choir Performance
- BA Orchestra Strings
- BA Orchestra Symphonic Concert
- BA Orchestra Symphonic Concert, BA Youth Orchestra and BA Choir
- BA Orchestra: The Four Seasons (A. Vivaldi)
- Basata Band
- Beiba Band
- Bohain Nubian Band
- Cairokee Band
- Chelsey Green (USA) and Dina el-Wedidy (Egypt)
- Christmas Carol: Heaven Harp Choir
- Dina El-Wededi
- DMW Band
- El Nile Troupe: Folk Music
- End of Chamber Music and Choir Masterclass Concert: The Egyptian Finnish Bridge
- Enrico Macias
- Family Concert: Classic Favorites
- Fayrouz Karwya (Mazagang)
- Flute and Harp Recital



- Fouad and Mounib
- Gemiza Band
- Gidon Kremer and the Kremerata Baltica Chamber Orchestra
- Guitar Ensemble Recital: Cairo Guitar Collective (CGC)
- Guitar Recital: Karim Frege and Shady Nagy
- Guitarist Paco Renteria and His Band (Mexico)
- H.O.H
- Hadota Masryia – Sufi Day
- Hawas Band
- Heaven’s Harp Choir
- High Dam
- Jacaranda Ensemble (Germany)
- Jazz Tales Festival
 - Akram el-Sharkawy and Huntertones Band
 - Boghdady Big Band (Egypt)
 - Braden/Michels Project
 - Shady Al Qaseer Group and Michelle Rounds (Egypt)
 - Todd Marcus Band (USA)
 - Wave Band and Cairo Big Band Society
- Jugend musiziert
- Kandake
- Karakeeb Band
- L. Subramaniam’s (India)
- Les Compagnons Band
- Lyalie El Sayyieda
- Mahatat Band
- Massar Egbari Band
- Medley Quartet Strings
- Microphone Band
- Min Fat Ademoh Tah (He Who Abandons His Past Is Lost) Festival
 - Ahmed Nabil Band
 - Al Ola Balady Band
 - Drawish Al-Qahera Band
 - Flashback Band
 - Gheir Ma’alouf Band
 - Microfone Band
 - Rania Shalaan Band
 - Semsemeya Show



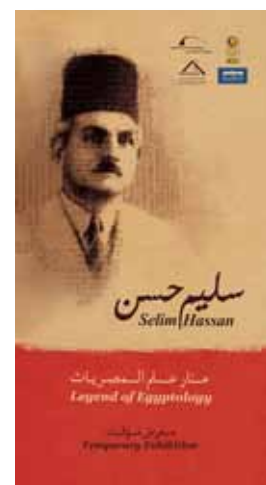
- Most Famous French Songs by Group Paris-Cairo-Trio
- Mawlawiyah Group
- Music Battle 2
- Music of Bollywood (India)
- New Year’s Concert: BA Orchestra
- Noaatet Wasl Band
- Nubian Song Concert
- Nubiata Band
- Oboe, Violin and Piano Recital
- Omar Khairat Concert Accompanied by the BA Orchestra
- Opera Singers Recital
- Organ and Strings Concert: BA Youth Orchestra
- Osama Elhady
- Oud Duo
- Out of Cage
- Piano Recital
- Piano Recital: Vincenzo Cipriani (Italy)
- Piano Recital: Iman Nour El Din
- Roh Project
- Salasel Ban
- Sefsafa
- Shaware3na Band
- Sheikh Mahmoud Eltohamy
- Sherine Abdu and Telepoetic
- Shubra al Khaimah Folk Music Troupe
- Solo Band
- Sorour Project
- Strings Concert: BA Orchestra
- Sufi Singing: The Egyptian Mawlawiyah Group
- Suzuki Class Concert – Arts School
- Symphonic Concert
 - An Evening with French Music
 - The Inaugural Concert of the BA Chamber Orchestra
 - BA Orchestra
- Tahwega Fann Band
- Tara Band
- Tarbiea Band
- Teatro Arabic Music
- The Cultural Palace Arabic Choir



- The Egyptian Mawlawiyah Group
- Torath Band
- Transistor Band
- Violin and Harp Recital
- Wust El Balad

Conferences

- 12th International Dryland Development Conference: Sustainable Development of Drylands in the Post 2015 World
- 16th Mediterranean African Society of Ultrasound (MASU)
- Alexandria Integrated Urban Water Management Strategic Plan 2030
- Arab Directors of Arab Book Fairs
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- CardioAlex 2017
- Coptic Heritage Day
- Democratic Security in a Time of Extremism and Violence
- Disaster Management Planning in Libraries, Museums, and Archives
- ECPP Conference 2017
- Egyptian Library Association
- Eighth International Conference on the History of Physical Education
- History of Water in Egypt Towards the Future
- Interact with Today's World (ITW) 2016
- International Women's Day Campaign 2017 (Heya Campaign)
- International Youth Day
- Islamic Civilization in Andalusia
- La Francophonie Arabe
- Launch of "Save a Life" Initiative to Treat Hepatitis C Patients
- Mechanical Engineering Conference (MEC)
- Mediterranean Cultures in Art and Architecture
- Miss Eco International 2017
- Pioneers of Hope
- Share with Us How Far You've Come
- Strategic Planning for Projects and Facilitating Investment Opportunities in Egypt
- Sustainability in Food and Water: An Arab Viewpoint
- The Alexandria International Conference for Maritime and Underwater Archaeology



- The Future of Arab Societies: Changes and Challenges
- The Launch of the Egyptian Society of Engineers Website
- The Points of Views of Francophone Women Around the World
- The Role of the State in Achieving Sustainable Development in Egypt in Light of the Current Economic and Political Challenges
- The Role of Youth in Creating the Future: Real Initiatives
- The World Is Rising Up: United Against Extremism
- Two Centuries of Egyptian-French Relations: Common Destiny and Prospects
- TriNex: Water Energy Food Nexus
- Women are Life
- World Aids Day 2016
- World Hepatitis Day 2016

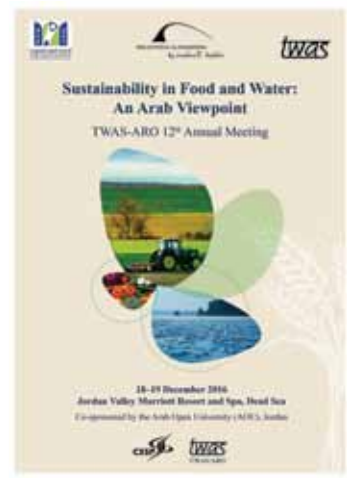


Educational Courses

- ACHS Orientation Session
- Alexandrian Commentators on Plato and Aristotle
- Ancient Egyptian Civilization – Levels 1 to 4
- Ancient Egyptian Religion – Levels 4 to 7
- Ancient Nabatean Inscriptions
- Functional Training on Pronunciation and Speech Disorders (Parents)
- Functional Training on Pronunciation and Speech Disorders (Specialists)
- Greek Mythology through Art and Archaeology
- Hellenistic Masters (Eighth Cycle – First Semester)
 - Botany and Pharmacology
 - Hellenistic Architecture and the Topography of Alexandria
 - Hellenistic Religions
 - Methodology and Research Skills
 - Sources of the History of the Hellenistic Period
- Hellenistic Masters (Eighth Cycle – Second Semester)
 - Cultural Interaction between Ancient Egypt and Greece
 - Hellenistic Artistic Schools
 - Pottery and the Minor Arts in the Hellenistic World
- Hellenistic Diploma (Ninth Cycle – First Semester)
 - An Introduction to Greek Culture
 - Greek History

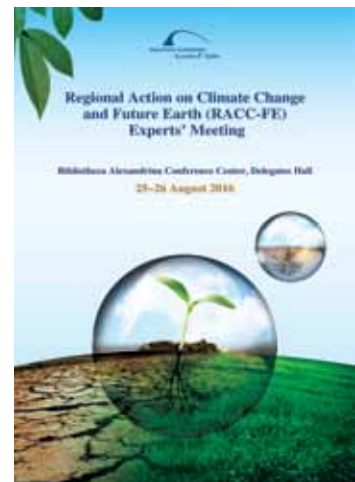


- Greek I
- Latin I
- Hellenistic Diploma (Ninth Cycle – Second Semester)
 - Greek Art
 - Greek II
 - Latin II
- Historical Resources of the Emergence of Islam in Egypt
- How to Read a Coptic Papyrus I
- How to Read a Coptic Papyrus II
- Human Development
- International Librarianship Training Program
 - Dewey Decimal Classification
 - Marc 21
 - Subjective Cataloguing
- Introduction to Coptology
- Introduction to Nabataean Script
- Learn the Ancient Egyptian Language – Levels 1 to 7
- Media Course for Archaeology Specialists
- Mini MBA
- Mother Goose on the Loose
- Orientation Session
- Restoration of Photographs
- Revit Architecture
- Skills and Secrets of E-mail Marketing
- Sustainable Development
- Taha Hussein Library – Educational Rehabilitation Program
- Taha Hussein Library – How to Read and Write in Braille for Sighted
- Taha Hussein Library – Summer Program
- TESOL Training for Access Alumni
- The Foundations and Principles of Restoration
- The History and Classification of Islamic Currencies
- The Influence of the Alexandrian School of Philosophy on Islamic Philosophy
- The Role of Scientific Research in the Advancement of Egyptian Museums in the 21st Century
- Virtual Museums Seminar on 3D Imaging (Practical)
- Virtual Museums Training Program
- World Art History

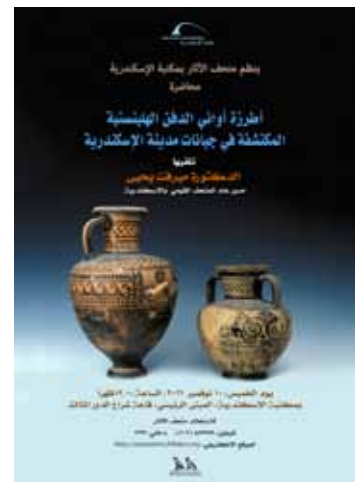


Exhibitions

- 1956 – Points of View
- 1st Exhibition for Famous Figures of the Seventh Art
- 1st Exhibition of the Sinnari House School for Drawing and Leather Making
- 2nd Exhibition for Famous Figures of the Seventh Art
- 6th Arts School International Workshop in the Faculty of Specific Education: Woman, Peace and Sustainable Development
- Abu Simbel in the Eyes of Artists
- Agenda Exhibition – 10th Round
- Alexandria International Book Fair
- Arab Cultural Heritage Day at the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States
- Arabic Calligraphy: An Exhibition of Sayed Ibrahim the Grand Master of Arabic Calligraphers
- Archaeo Delta Photography Exhibition
- Artist's Book New collection
- Artworks Donations on the Occasion of the BA 15th Anniversary
- Children's Art Exhibition: A Special World
- Children's Library School Competition
- Children's Library End of Summer Celebrations
- Copper Accessories
- Creativity for Peace
- Despina Moraitou
- Display and Sale of Heritage Products
- Dr. Farouk Elbaz and Botrous Botrous-Ghali
- Dr. Mohamed Abdelaziz Marzouk
- Egyptian Museum 114th Anniversary Celebrations
- Egypt's Living Heritage Project
- Environmental Exhibition
- Exhibition of Artworks by People with Disabilities
- Exhibition of the Science City Competition Architectural Projects
- Farouk Shehata: A Continuing Experience Inauguration
- Faten Hamama: The Lady of the Arab Screen
- First Time Exhibition – 11th Round
- Heritage Market: Egyptian Hands
- Human Trafficking
- Hurufiyya: Art and Identity



- Intel BASEF 2017
- Les Statues qui Bougent
- Let's Speak French Together: Francophone School Students' Exhibition of Let's Discover BA
- Loon Competition in Cairo
- More than Marketing
- Musician Ali Ismail and his Wife, Nabila Kandil
- One God and Three Religions: Religious Tolerance in the Land of the Nile
- Our Beautiful Language and the Issues of Our Time: Exhibition of Works by the Dean of Arabic Calligraphers Sayed Ibrahim
- Photography Exhibition of Al-Saeed Club
- RIBA President's Medals Award Exhibition 2015
- Sanaa's Story Film Screening
- Selections from BA Art Collections
- Sheikh Abdul Basit 'Abd us-Samad
- Sinai: The Origin of the Alphabet
- The Celebration of the World Day of the Arabic Language
- The Hassan Fathi Award for Architecture 2016
- The Inhabitants
- The People of My Country
- The Riches of Kemet Tour at the Egyptian Museum
- The Violent Silence of a New Beginning
- The Workshop Exhibition
- Thirty Years of Excavation at the Eastern Gateway of Egypt (1987–2017)
- Two Centuries of Egyptian-French Relations: Common Destiny and Prospects
 - Alexandria Tram
 - Portraits of French Antiquities in Egypt
- Unfolding the Mysteries of Papyri: From Meaning to Significance
- Women in Islamic Art
- World Braille Day 2017
- World No Tobacco Day 2016
- World Wildlife Day Celebration
- Youssef Wahba
- Young People's Library Art Exhibition
- Your Writing Is Your Heritage Celebration at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization



Festivals

- 3rd Festival for Mashrabiya Arts: Heritage Writings and Decorations – Egyptian Association for Arabesque and Mashrabiya
- A Day for the Love of Alexandria
- Alexandria International Book Fair – 2nd Alexandria International Festival for Arabic Poetry
- Alexandria International Song Festival
- Alexandria Young Theater Festival – 7th Edition
- Art Shower 1
- Art Shower 2
- Boys and Girls
- Cheer Up Your Library
- Egyptian School Festival of Francophone International Theater (Cairo) – 14th Edition
- Eratosthenes Festivity 2017
- European Day of Languages 2016
- Festival of Francophone Crafts – 3rd Edition
- Free Reading Day
- International Peace Day
- International Science Center and Science Museum Day (ISCSMD)
- Min Fat Ademoh Tah (He Who Abandons His Past is Lost)
- Science Festivity 2017: When Science Becomes Yours!
- Science Film Festival 2016
- The Festival of Egyptian Heritage
- Universal Children's Day
- World Hepatitis Day



Forums

- Egypt Population 2017
- International Forum of Caravanes des Dix Mots – 6th Round
- Oratory Debate
- Ta'a Marbota Campaign
- The Way Forward for an Egyptian Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty

Lectures

- A Naturopathic Approach to Modern Diet
- A Study in the Book of *Tarikh El Magoo' Alaa el Tahkeek w el Tasdeek* by the Patriarch Saied Ibn El Batrik
- Abu Simbel: A Sustainable Journey
- ACHS Orientation Session
- African League of Young Masters (ALYM)
- Alexandria in the Memory of Modern Egypt
- Alexandria International Book Fair – Islamic Porcelain Collection at Azov History, Archaeology and Paleontology Museum in Russia
- Alexandria through Spanish Eyes
- Ana Ghaly
- Ancient Alexandria
- Ancient Egyptian Capitals and Ports
- Andalusia Day
- Antiquities of Ancient Alexandria in the Greco Roman and Islamic Eras: Threats and Challenges Facing the Heritage
- Aphrodite and Eros: Between Literature and Archaeological Evidence
- Arabic Manuscripts and Digital Documentation
- Arabic Manuscripts Day
- Arabic Poetry Diwan
- Architecture of Modern Alexandria
- Artist at Work: A Live Drawing Show
- Augustus
- Back Pain
- Back to the Future: Reading Lycophron's "Enigmatic Alexandra"
- Beyond the Hellenistic: Critiquing the Golden Age of Modern Alexandrian Cosmopolitanism
- Big Read 2016 – Discussion
- Capitals of Arab Culture
- Cavafy: The Sphinx of Alexandria by Dr. Gregory Jusdanis
- Children's Library Summer Program 2017
- Classroom Management
- Comparison Between Muslim Presence in Cerdenia in the 20th and the 21st Century and the Early Medieval Era
- Connecting with Target Audiences via Social Media and Information Technology
- Contemporary Art in South Korea



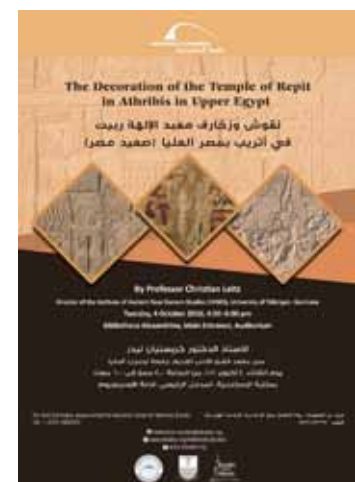
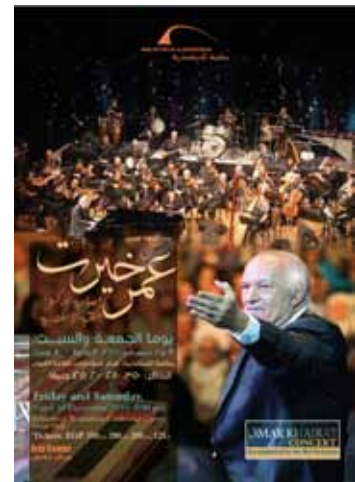
- Coptic Manuscripts: Fayyoun Manuscripts, a Model
- Copts of Egypt in the Ayyubid and Mamluk Eras
- Copts Translations of the Holy Scripture
- Cultural Differences and Interculturalism in the Francophone World
- Depictions of Intellectuals and Philosophers in Egypt during the Graeco-Roman Period
- Despina Moraitou
- Developmental and Mental Disorders for Children and Adolescents
- Documentation of the State of Egyptian Heritage Post 2011
- Egypt in the Ottoman Era
- Egyptian Marine Salon
- Egyptian Woman's Evolution and Empowerment: A Success Story
- E-learning Services
- Encephalon Project
- Enterpreneve
- Examples of Mohamed Ali's Military and Religious Constructions in Cairo
- Features of the Egyptian Character through the Ages
- First Social Dialogue Led by Ministry of Finance
- Fourth Generation Wars and their Effect on Egyptian National Security
- Francophone League of Young Masters (FLYM)
- Freelancing: The Battle of Now
- Funerary Texts in Ancient Egypt
- History of Science in Islamic Civilization
 - The Emergence and Development of Mechanics in the Classical Arab Scientific Tradition (3rd to 13th Hijri Centuries – 9th to 19th Centuries C.E): Analyzing Its Significance in the History of Mechanics
 - The History of Science in Classical Islamic Civilization: Research, Methodology, and Some of Its Major Results
- How Cavafy Became Famous
- How Did Shadi Abdel Salam Interpret History
- Hurufiyya: Art and Identity Exhibition
- Inspire Project
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): Just Graduated 2016



- Intel BASEF 2017 – The Program Launching of "Make Space Yours" in Alexandria
- Knowledge Cafe
- League of Young Masters (LYM)
- Learning Difficulties
- Lecture by French Politician Jean-Pierre Chevènement
- Lecture, Book Signing and Discussion of *The Mosques of Egypt* By Dr. Bernard O'Kane
- Lectures for Students of the Media Department, Alexandria University
- Library Services Orientation Session
- Management: Between Theory and Practice
- Memory in Women's Writings: *A Text Abandoned by Its Characters* as a Case in Point
- Mental Disability
- Mission to Mars
- Monuments of the Coptic Region of Ansana in Minia
- More than Marketing
- Mount Sinai Excavations as a World Heritage Site
- Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo: A Rebirth
- Museums of Alexandria and Rashid: Between Reality and Aspirations
- Music Appreciation
- My Journey into Mosaics by Suzanne Spahi- Arts School
- Narrative Review
- National Dialogue Forum for Youths
- Official Launching of Bibliotheca Alexandrina Information for Africa (BAIFA) within the 19th Annual Meeting of the International Friends of the BA
- On Media
- On the Discovery of King Tutankhamun Tomb
- Orientalism and Westernism: Cultural and Civilizational Dialogue Analysis Between Egypt and Greece
- Our Archaeological Heritage: A Vision for the Future
- Overview of Islamic Economy
- Politics in Arab Modern Art
- Politics in Sharia
- Practical Behavioural Strategies for Individuals with Autism
- Presentation Skills Session
- Preventive Environmental Management Program



- Protons IEEE
- Psychological Education for Children with Disabilities
- Realities of Life: A New Approach to Settlement Excavation (Aswan)
- Reception and Table Etiquette
- Reviving Islamic Arts and Crafts
- Rights of the Copts in Jerusalem
- Sadat Cultural Salon
 - Entrepreneurs Recount Their Success Stories
 - International Archives Day
 - International Museum Day Seminar
 - Leadership and President Sadat as a Model to be Followed
- Sadat Museum Presentation
- Sarcophagi in Ancient Egypt: Linguistic, Religious, and Symbolic Denotations
- Saving Marine Life
- Scientific Discovery of Allatra Physics Based on Artifacts Found in Egypt
- Secrets of the Great Library of Alexandria: New Sources of the Roman Enlightenment
- Sexuality Education Course
- Sketch Your Future
- Special Program and Functional Training on Conduction Psychological Tests
- Special Program and Functional Training on Early Intervention and Developing Skills
- Spiritual Heritage of Ancient Egypt: AllatRa Science
- Successful Marriage and Its Factors
- Texts and Garbs: The Place of Textiles and Garments in Ptolemaic Egyptian Textual Culture
- The Added Value Tax
- The Army in Ancient Egypt: Egypt's Golden Empire (New Kingdom) 1550–1069 BCE
- The Basics of Successfully Selecting a Life Partner
- The City of Victory (Nicomopolis) in Light of the Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Alexandria
- The Concept of GIS Software Customization
- The Contributions of Arab Civilization in Astronomy
- The Curator

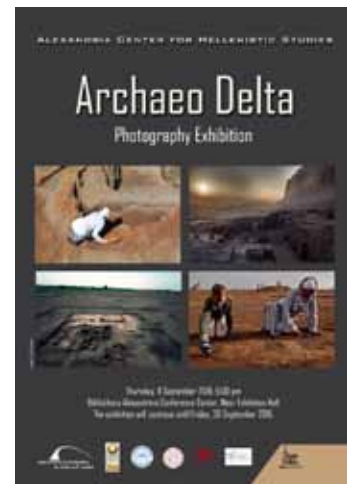


- The Decoration of the Temple of Reptit in Athribis, Upper Egypt
- The Effect of Natural and Man Made Disasters on the Lakes of the Egyptian North Coast in Light of Classical Sources
- The Egyptian Knowledge Bank
- The First Journey of Vansleb into Egypt
- The German Archaeological Mission in Athribis: New Discoveries of the Last Large Ptolemaic Temple in Egypt
- The Historical Resources of Islam Entry into Egypt
- The Influence of Eastern Civilizations on the Island of Samothrace
- The Modern Knowledge Cycle
- The Myth of Globalization
- The Nubian Waterwheel
- The Post Drupa Printed Media Fair
- The Representation of Holy Virgin Mary's Icon Between Coptic and Byzantine Liturgies
- The Revival of Khedival Cairo Between Success and the Challenges of Reapplying
- The Rise of Unas: The Journey of a King, a Realm, and the People
- The World of Montessori
- Theoretical Origins of Fundamentalist Violence
- Topography of Ancient Alexandria
- Toward a Better Future for Young People
- Towards a Better Educator
- Types of Hellenistic Cinerary Urns Discovered in the Cemeteries of the City of Alexandria
- Utilizing ICT for Effective Marketing
- Who is Nobel?
- Women's Role in Heritage Preservation
- Women's Role in the Establishment of Ancient Egyptian Civilization
- World Autism Awareness Day
- World Population Day
- Writing the Mediterranean: Alexandria and Migrations
- Young People's Library Parents Program
- Young People's School Program
- Youth for Environmental Sustainability and Better Understanding (YESBU)



Meetings

- 19th Annual Meeting of the International Friends of the BA
- Alexandria University, Faculty of Medicine, Diabetes Department
- Cenacle of Researchers
- Children's Library School Competition
- Education Without Borders Project: 1st Meeting in Latvia
- Education Without Borders Project: 2nd Meeting in Sweden
- El Badrawy Hospital General Assembly
- First Meeting of The National Council for Women
- IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Standing Committee Meeting
- Intel BASEF 2017 – Alex Fair
- Meeting with 5 Francophone Judges from Alexandria and Cairo
- Meeting with Francophone Directors of Schools and Universities
- Meeting with Students from Senghor University
- Meeting with VIP African Journalists Delegation
- Regional Action on Climate Change and Future Earth (RACC-FE) Experts
- Scientific Committees
- Startup Weekend Alexandria – Women Edition
- TWAS-ARO 12th Annual Meeting
- Youth for Change – Final Reporting
- Youth for Change – Progress Meeting
- Youth Vision for a Better Future – Focus Group Discussion
- Youth Visions for Peace – Public Debate



Performances

- 14th International Summer Festival
 - *Akl and Ali Baba*
 - Asayel Folklore Troupe (Palestine)
 - Ganoub el-Wadi Troupe for Nubian and Sudanese Dance
 - Kathakali Folk Dance
- Alexandria International Book Fair – Children's Ballet Performance
- Arts School Ballet Performance



- Dance Performance:
 - *Alef Layena* (Perspectives)
 - Alexandria Folkloric Dance Troupe
 - *Cactus Flower*
 - *The Little Prince*
- Daycare's End of Summer Program
- Metropolitan Opera House in New York
 - *Der Rosenkavalier* (R. Strauss)
 - *Don Giovanni* (W.A. Mozart)
 - *Eugene Onegin* (Tchaikovsky)
 - *Idomeneo* (W.A. Mozart)
 - *L'Amour de Loin* (Kaija Saariaho)
 - *La Traviata* (G. Verdi)
 - *Roméo et Juliette* (C. Gounod)
 - *Rusalka* (A. Dvořák)
 - *Tristan und Isolde* (R. Wagner)
 - Musical: *Tram Elraml*
- Palestinian Folkloric Dance in Celebration of Land Day
- Storytelling: Izzzzzz Show
- The National Troupe and Military Music (Palestine)
- The Rashid Association Ballet Performance



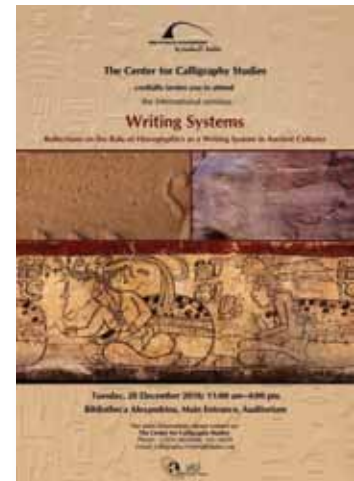
Presentations

- Anglophone Preparatory Schools Competition
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina ICT Sector Orientation Session
- Cosmopolitan Alexandria Presentation
- Culturama at Fayoum University
- El-Mo'ez Street Panorama Show
- English Language Sessions
- Outreach Programs: Book Mobile
- Promo about the CAF activities on TV5 Monde Moyen Orient
- The Story of a Song:
 - Charles Aznavour
 - Dalida
 - Farid Al-Atrash
 - Frank Sinatra
 - Sayed Darwish
 - The Patriotic Song



Reading Activities

- Alexandria International Book Fair
 - Storytelling for Children
 - Storytelling Session about Thalassemia
 - Storytelling Session for Youth
- Arabic Play Reading
 - *A View from the Bridge* by Arthur Miller
 - Selected Poems by Fadwa Tuqan
 - Selected Poems by Ghada Al-Samman
 - Selected Poems by Soad Es-sobah
- English Play Reading
 - *Caesar and Cleopatra* by Bernard Shaw
 - *The Lower Depths* by Maxim Gorky
 - *The Zoo Story* by Edward Albee
- English Poetry Reading
 - Selected Poems by Carol Ann Duffy
 - Selected Poems by Constantine Cavafy
 - Selected Poems by Pablo Neruda
- Free Reading Day
- Poetry Reading Session: Selected Poems by Constantine Cavafy
- Reading Activities 2017
 - *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw
 - *Pygmalion* by Tawfik El Hakim (Arabic)
 - Selected Poems by William Shakespeare
 - *A'shtar Min Iblis* by Mahmoud Taymour (Arabic)
 - *Umm Ratiba* by Yusuf Sibai
 - *Uncle Vanya* by Anton Chekhov
- World Reading Day – American Council



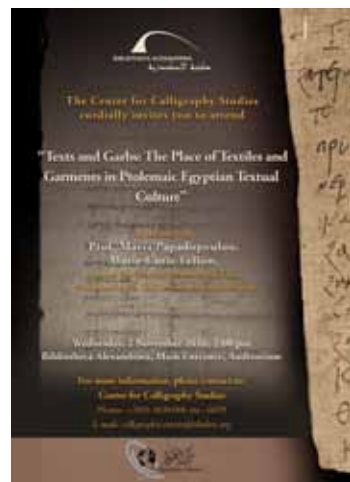
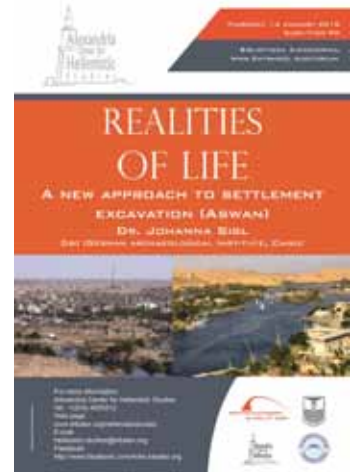
Round Table Discussions

- Alexandria International Book Fair – Round Table Discussion on the Writings of Young Creators
- Book Club
 - *A Book of Scientific Curiosities*, by Cyril Aydon
 - *Dialogue of Civilizations*, by Roger Garaudy
 - *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*, by Karen Blumenthal

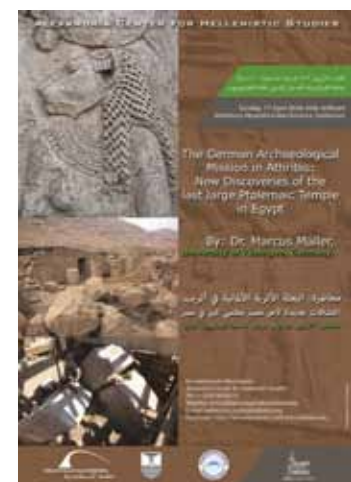
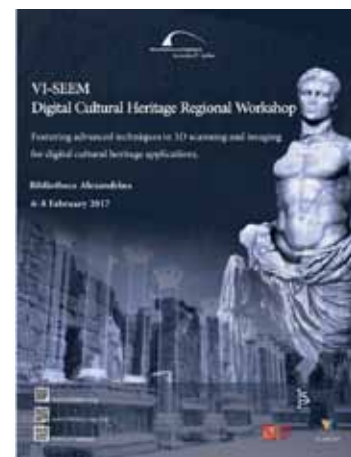
- *The Nightingale's Prayer*, by Taha Hussein
 - *The Prince*, by Niccolò Machiavelli
 - *The Rebel*, by Albert Camus
 - *The Seven Pillars of the Egyptian Identity*, by Milad Hanna
 - *The Sinners*, by Yusuf Idris
 - *This is Biology: The Science of the Living World*, by Ernst Mayr
- Book Discussion: Reinhard Kleist: *An Olympic Dream*
 - Discussion of the 33rd Issue of *Marased Series*
 - Empowering Women to Counter Violent Extremism
 - Women and Household Safety

Seminars

- 199 Facts about Saladin
- A Syrian Night
- A View of Chinese Literature
- Abdeen Palace
- Accessories in Egypt
- Aesthetic Values in the Historic Cairo and the Role of Cultural Coordination
- Al Toyoor Al Mohagera (IFLA-CASL)
- Alexandria International Book Fair
 - 3rd Creative Egypt Conference: Damietta
 - 999 Congratulations
 - A Call for Optimism and Self-Realization
 - A Call to Live
 - Abdel Alim al-Kabbany: A Poet in the Memory of History
 - Academics Between Science and Creativity
 - Addiction Is a Challenge Threatening Society
 - Alexandria Radio: A Journey of Creativity
 - Arab Media Code of Honor: Challenges and Aspirations
 - Arabic Poetry Diwan
 - Children's Book: *Egypt, The Land of the Nile*
 - Creativity in All Forms of Art
 - Deciphering the Rosetta Stone: The Emergence of Egyptology
 - Diaries of a Prosecutor
 - Discover Your Evil Character



- Egypt Can
- Egyptian Civil Society: Prospects and Threats
- Electronic Media: Challenges against Extremism
- Enriching Endangered Crafts: Porcelain and Pottery
- Etiquette Regulates Behavior and Engineers Ethics
- Experiences in Arabic Creativity with Renowned Author Mohamed Salmawy
- Experiences in Arabic Creativity with Saudi Author Mohammed Al Mzini
- Experiences in Arabic Creativity: The Experience of Kuwaiti Writer Fatma Youssef al-Ali
- Extremism and Terrorism and How to Combat Them
- Films of Musical Joy: Past and Present
- Forgotten Arabic Songs
- From One to Ten
- Hadith Manuscripts at the BA
- Healing through Art
- Information Systems and Their Role in Managing Major Organizations
- Institutional Excellence in Pre-University Education
- Islamic Porcelain Collection at Azov History, Archaeology and Paleontology Museum in Russia
- Italians and the Mosques of Alexandria: Mediterranean Heritage
- Living in Egypt: Shubra as a Case in Point
- Launch of Starthub
- Medals and Decorations: A History Not for Sale
- My Poem in the Melody of Time
- Nafsana
- Novels from Female Perspectives
- Oman: The Image of the Tale and the Tale of the Image
- Open Discussion with Author Hussein Nouh
- Open Discussion with Author Omar Taher
- Palestine is Our Compass
- Paper Heritage Activities at the Italian-Egyptian Center for the Preservation of Historical Photographs
- Parallel Poetic Forms
- Poetry Evening
- Private Sector Media and Its Role in Building the Nation
- Radio Drama Scriptwriting



- Regional Creativity on the Coast of Alexandria
- Re-reading History
- Rovereto Civic Museum, Italy
- Sawsan Badr: The Superstar of All Generations
- Second Alexandria International Festival for Arabic Poetry
- Selfie
- Singing in Alexandria: Past and Present
- Storytelling Session for Youths
- Tagalyat Roh
- Terrorism in Sinai: Challenges and Obstacles
- The Cultural Scene Between Alexandria and Centralized Cairo
- The Cycle of Life and the Role of Women
- The Egyptian Identity in Coptic Art and Its Influence on Contemporary Art
- The Future of Arab Theater
- The Future of Specialized Journalism
- The Influence of the Media on Public Opinion
- The Italians of Alexandria
- The Lebanese in Egypt
- The Literature of Islamic Egypt in the Memory of Arab Literature
- The Mosques of Egypt
- The Preliminary Stages of Filmmaking
- The Role and Significance of Speech Recognition in Society
- The Role of the Theater House in Cultural Life and the Theatrical Performance Masr Beina Kolena
- The Role of Translation in the Dissemination of Culture
- The Story of an Athletics Champion Who Fought Against Cancer
- The Wonders of the Energy of Egyptians
- The Writing of Life: An In-depth Reading of the Creator's Environment in Alexandria
- The Youthful Music of the Seventies: A Big Step Towards the Future
- Treaty of Rome's 60th Anniversary
- Two Creators at Home
- Unfolding the Mysteries of Papyri: From Meaning to Significance



- Unmentionables in Poetry: The Subconscious and the Consciousness of the Creator and the Reader
- Up-and-coming Poets in Alexandria
- Wanas el-Kotob
- Women and Poetry
- You are the Project: Discover Your Inner Brand
- Youth Comedy in Egyptian Drama
- Youths and International Prizes
- Youths in Egyptian Drama
- Antiquities and National Security
- Applied Arts Designed and Made in Egypt
- Arabic Manuscripts and Digitization
- Arabic Poetry Diwan
- Azof Museum and Islamic Art
- Book Signing: *Diwan El Ghalaba*
- Book Signing: *Love in Paris*
- Cairo's Urban Heritage
- Connecting with Target Audiences via Social Media and Information Technology
- Consumer Protection Agency and Its Effective Role in Society
- Cultural Issues and Her Majesty
- Discussing the 20th Issue of Awarak Series
- Dr. Tawheed Abdelrahman Book Signing
- Education Without Borders
- Electric Week
- Etlala Literary Forum
 - A Gentleman Prefers Lost Causes
 - An Author's Biography
 - Author Jilane Salah Discusses Her Collection: *Hakaza Taklmt La Lopa*
 - Author Mark Amgad Discusses his Collection: *Matahet El General: The General's Maze*
 - Book Club
 - Book Fair: Literary and Cultural Books
 - Cinema Around the World
 - Folkloric Dances From Around the World
 - For the Love of Wadih Sa'adeh: His Poetry and Life
 - Literature and Philosophy: Literary Texts Intermixed with Philosophy



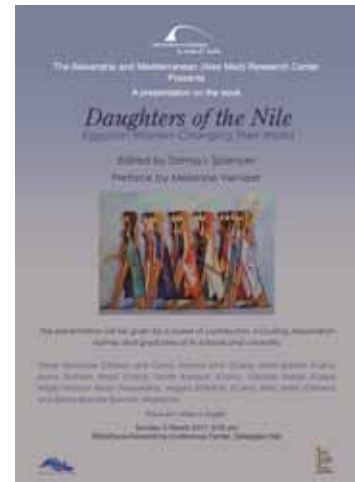
- Reading and Discussing Attendees' Creative Writing Work
- Readings and Discussions of Participants' Works
- Selections of World Literature
- The World Sings
- Under Review: Discussion with Writer and Critic Lana Abd Alrahman
- Why God? The Concept of God Throughout History
- Exxon Mobil Oil and Grease
- Falsification of Historical Documents
- Faten Hamama: The Lady of the Arab Screen
- Fourth Generation Wars and their Effect on Egyptian National Security
- Greek and Latin Writings and Inscriptions: Research Papers Presented to Prof. Mustafa Al-Abbadi
- Hassan Fthy's Architecture: A Different Perspective
- How to make Agriculture Climate Smart in Egypt?
- Human Trafficking: International Day for Combating Trafficking in Persons
- Image of the Other World
- Important Premarital Skills
- Interpreting Jewish Tombstones
- Introducing the Science Olympiad
- Islamic Arts
- Islamic Niches
- Judging Committee Distributes Appreciation Certificates to the Participants of the "People in My Country" Competition
- Kuwait Islamic Arts Center Experience in Sponsoring Handicrafts
- Launch of Starthub
- Literature, Heritage, and Society
- Management: Between Theory and Practice
- Medicine and Magic in Ancient Egypt
- Museums as Representatives of Life
- Narrative Review
 - *Al Fasl w Al Wasl* by Said Salem
 - *Arabic Fantasy Novels Until the 7th Hijri Century* by Dr. Ahmed Farah
 - *Areeg Al Ramad* by Amal Rifaat
 - *Awda'a Moharrama* by Sinawi Abdallah Al-Salayma
 - *Bayad Sakhen* by Dr. Sohair Almosadfa



- *Eka'at min Graneet* by Iman El Zayat
- *Fatma Tae'sh Al Helm* by Mohamed Abbas Ali
- *Fe Mamar Al Fe'ran* by Ahmed Khaled Tawfik
- *Gonelat Kasera Tohafhef* by Iman Atef
- *Hollanda La Tomter Ratban* by Alaa Aljaber
- *Ibn Al Kepteya* by Walid Alaa Eldin
- *Imra'a La Tatol Men Al Shebak* by Sohair Shoukry
- *Kedeisa* by Haggag Oddoul
- *Kol Man A'leha Khan* by El-Sayed Hafez
- Ramadan Al Maseehy and El Baba Mat
- Read My Work and I Will Read Yours
- Read Your Story and Acquire Recitation Skills
- Shadw Al Bara'a and Ma Lan Takoloh Shahrazad
- Shortstory Collection *Al So'loum wal Khatema* by Ahmed Helmy
- *W Lei Bain Al Dolo'e Lahm w Dam* by Gamal Hassan
- *Wagba Asha'a Lazeza* by Mohamed Ragab Abdo
- *Yahood Al Iskandrya* by Mostafa Nasr
- *Rayat Al Mawta* by Hany Elkot
- Seminar by Ammar Ali Hassan
- *Venus w Meem Al Mozakar* by Heba Farouk
- *Dominoes* by Nahed Salah
- Non-Violent Communication
- Our Beautiful Language and Present Issues: A Commemoration Ceremony of Poet Farouk Shousha
- Pediatric Oncology: Road of the Challenge
- Photography with Mustafa Acharhabbi
- Poetry Day
- Public Debate: Youth Visions for Peace
- Readings of the Works of Contemporary Women
- Renewing Religion Discourse
- Research Methodology for the Study of Ancient Egyptian Inscriptions
- Restoration Strategies: Between the Past and the Present
- Science and Robot Olympics
- Secrets of Heritage of Nubia
- Secrets of Still Nature Photography
- Shifts the Nation-States and Power
- Startup Weekend Alexandria – Women Edition



- Still Life Photography: Various Applications of Photographing Products
- Street Photography as a Theater of Life
- Sufi Poetry in the life of Magdi El Naggar
- The Children and Grandchildren of Intellectual Giants
- The Future of Architectural Education in Egypt
- The Future of the European Union (EU)
- The Hassan Fathi Award for Architecture 2016
- The Heroes of the October War
- The Impact of Climate Change on the Ancient Egyptian Civilization from a Geological Perspective
- The Initiative to Launch a Campaign of 100,000 Books for Iraq
- The Medical Career Path: The Lost Horizon
- The Nubian Water Wheel
- The Press and the Media: Between the Government's Control and the Power of Wealth
- The Psychology of Corruption
- The Relationship Between the Photograph and Cinema
- The Role of Civil Society Institutions in the Preservation of Monuments
- The Role of the Central Administration for Ports in Protecting Antiquities Against Smuggling
- The Street: A Storytelling Pianola
- The Way Forward for an Egyptian Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty
- Toward a Better Photograph
- Traditional Egyptian Dishes
- Utilizing ICT for Effective Marketing
- Water Day Celebration
- Writing Systems: Reflections on the Role of Hieroglyphics as a Writing System in Ancient Cultures

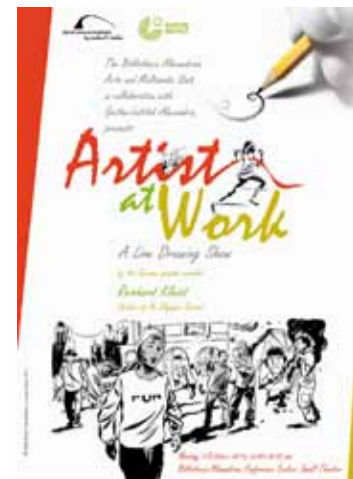
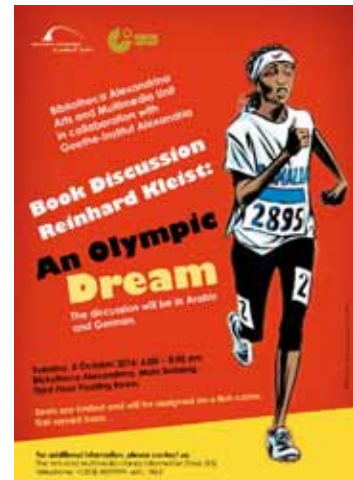


Shows

- Al-Wahag Troupe and the Alexandria Folklore Troupe
- Planetarium Shows
- Wonders of Science

Theater

- 1984
- 14th International Summer Festival
 - *Eid Melad Marionette*
 - *The Accident*
 - *The Star of the Orient* (Sweden) – Theatrical Performance for Children
 - *Till We Prove the Opposite*
- *Akl wa Ali Baba*
- Alexandria International Book Fair Theatrical Performances
 - *Noubat Kalam* – A Poetic Theatrical Performance
 - *Ahwal Shakhsya* (Personal Status)
 - *Ala Bab al-Waly*
- Alexandria International Festival For Contemporary Theater
- Alexandria University, Faculty of Arts, Theater Department Graduation Projects 2016
- *Alkhandak*
- *Blood Wedding*
- *Desire Under the Elm Trees*
- *In Egypt's Name*
- *Images of Truth*
- *Jacket Pocket*
- *Lais Ella!*
- *Page 13*
- *Picnic on the Battlefield*
- *Rihana Puppet Show*
- *Secret Session*
- *Sefr El-Soukot*
- *Storytelling: I Invite You to Sujood*
- *Takhreef Thona'ay*
- *The Basement*
- *The Box*
- *The Experiment*
- *The Fire*
- *The Gentleman Caller*
- *The Night of the Disappearance of the Eagle*
- Theater 3x10
- *Tsetse* – Arts Education Section: BA Children's Theater Group



- Theater without Funding Festival
 - *Late at Night* (Morocco)
 - *Pygmalion* (Bulgaria)
 - *River of Fear* (Tunisia)
 - *The Psycho* (Bahrain)
- *Triangle Sonata*
- *Wall of China*
- *Woman in the Dunes*

Training Courses

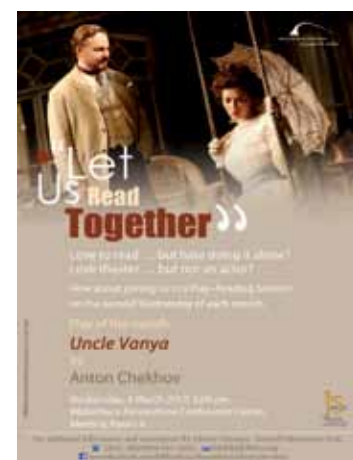
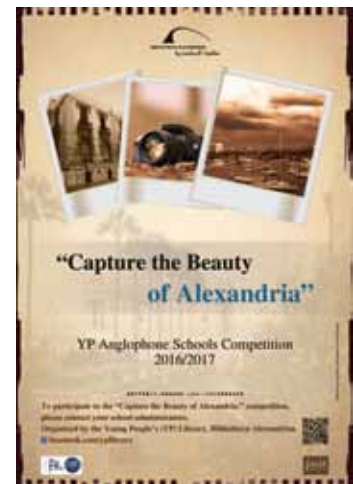
- Arts Education Section: Piano Masterclass – Johanna Horny
- Conservation and Restoration of Manuscripts and Printed Collections
- Course for the Students of the Applied Languages Program, Faculty of Arts
- Dewey Decimal Classification
- Leaf Casting and Fiber Manufacturing
- Museum Internship
- Restoration Training
- Taha Hussein Library – Educational Rehabilitation Program
- The Establishment of Human Rights Principles for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS 2016
- The Regional Training Program on Risk Assessment Courses
- Training Program for Francophone Egyptian Universities Students
- Training Program for Francophone Egyptian Universities Teachers
- Women in Business Program (WiB): Keys to Financial Management



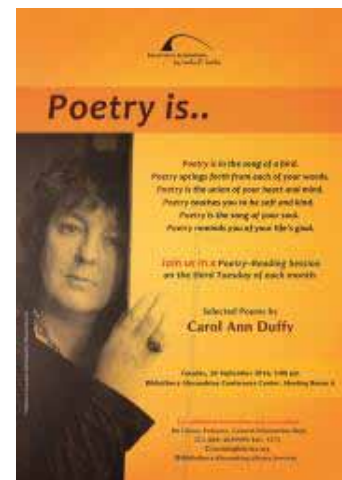
Workshops

- 57357 Hospital Visit
- 6 Missions to Find a Job
- Ahlan Ramadan
- Alexandria International Book Fair
 - Literary Criticism
 - Literary Writing
 - Porcelain and Pottery

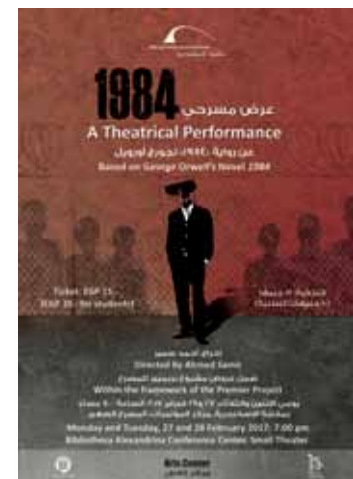
- Poster Design
- Screenwriting
- Very Short Story
- Alexandria Youth Music
- All That Is Delicious: Cooking in Ancient Egypt
- Android Development
- Anthropological Readings in the Contemporary World: Pressure, Stability, and Change
- Antiquities Museum Summer Program
- Arab Deaf Week: Health and Safety
- Arabic Calligraphy
- Arabic Calligraphy Workshop for Children and Youth
- Arabic Diacritization
- Arabic Manuscript Day Celebration for School Students
- Arabic Manuscript Scripts: An Advanced Course by Prof. Nassar Mansour
- Arabic Manuscripts and Scripts
- Arabic Maqam
- Archaeological Skeletal Remains: Between Site and Lab
- Artist at Work: A Live Drawing Show
- Artistic Workshops for Schools
- Arts School Mid-Year Program
- Arts School Summer Program
- Be Creative
- Big Read 2016
 - Drama
 - Music
 - Think and Express Yourself
 - Writing
- Caricature Drawing
- Ceramics
- Child and Adolescent Creative Unit Summer Program
- Children's Library Summer Program
- Children's Library End of Summer Celebrations: Children Got Talent
- Cinema
- Computer for Beginners
- Copper Accessories



- Create and Share on the Internet
- Creation of Big Heads
- Creative Writing Workshop from a Female Perspective
- Creativity for Peace Workshop for Children and Young People
- Crochet
- Drawing for Kids
- Drawing Workshop
- Education Without Borders
- Egypt Food Defense
- Electronic Resources (Advanced)
- E-Marketing and Social Media Management
- Encephalon Project
- Environmental Awareness
- Explore the World of Manuscripts
- Fanous Ramadan
- Fashion Design
- Film Music as Collective Improvisation – Cinema Workshop
- Flute
- Futures Studies in Post-Normal Times: A Hands-On Workshop
- Gene Editing and Research Methodology
- Good Use of Time: The Five-Minute Activities to Learn All Levels of the English Language
- Handmade Carpets
- Handmade Kilim
- Home Theater
- Hospital Visits: Art Therapy Workshops
- HR Course
- Humanitarian Peace from a Non-Violent Communication Perspective
- IFLA Global Vision Workshop for MENA Region
- IFLA International Advocacy Program (IAP): Role of Libraries in Development Based on the UN 2030 Agenda
- Information for All
- International Librarianship Training Program
- International Museum Day
- International Museum Week 2017
- Internet Advanced
- Introduction to Arabic Heritage and Its Translation
- Introductory Course in Critical Editing of Poetry Manuscripts
- Islamic Culture Course



- Islamic Ornaments
- Learning and Teaching French with TV5MONDE
- Leather Making
- Let's Speak French Together: Let's Discover the BA
- Lycée Français Workshop in Maadi
- Manuscript Cataloguing Course
- Manuscript Critical Editing
- Manuscript Museum Celebration in Collaboration with Ayady Hospital for Cancer Treatment
- Manuscript Museum Mid-Year Activities 2017
- Manuscript Tales
- Mat Weaving
- Micro-Mosaic Jewelry
- Mosaic
- Museum Display Technologies
- Narrative Review: The Ten Commandments for Writing in Arabic
- New Year Decorations Workshop for Children
- Non-Violent Communication
- Origami
- Oud
- Painting and Mosaic for People with Disabilities
- Paper-Making Day: How Arabs Made Paper
- Paper-Making Day: Paper Journey
- Photography
- Piano Masterclass Under the Supervision of Johanna Horny
- Piolet Project
- Portrait Mosaic
- Presentation Skills
- Promoting Awareness Against Human Trafficking
- PSC Mid-Year Program
- PSC School Year Program
- PSC Summer Program
- Puppet Marionette
- Readings and Translations in Futuristic Studies
- School Visits – Indoor
- Scriptwriting Workshop with Mariam Naoum
- Sculpture
- Series of Presentations on Ancient Egyptian Civilization for Children's Library
- Shipbuilding Workshop: Historical Ships



- Short Story Writing
- Societal Participation in Recapturing the Past: Documentaries, Heritage, Literature, and Society
- Startup Weekend Alexandria – Women Edition
- Stress Management Using Role-Playing Games
- Summer Workshops for Children and Youths
- Sustainable Development Course
- Suzanne Spahi Miniature Mosaic
- Taha Hussein Library – Outreach Program: Let's Create
- Taha Hussein Library Mid-Year Program
- Taha Hussein Library Summer Program
 - Sea World
 - Welcome Ramadan
- Tea Party Etiquette for Children
- Technology Author
- Tell Me Ten Words on the Web in Caricature
- Tell Me Ten Words on the Web in Slam
- Tell Me Ten Words on the Web on Stage
- The Antiquities Museum Summer Program
- The Art of Patchwork
- The Best Thing I Have Done in My Life: Learn About the United States of America Exchange Program
- The Children's Library Mid-Year Program 2017
- The Fifth Delta Survey
- The Heritage Workshop for Children and Young People
- The Sixth Workshop on Underwater Archaeological Excavation for Children
- Theater
- Theatrical Improvisation
- Tiffany Mosaic
- Tiffany Workshop by Saad Romany
- Towards a Better Educator
- Universal Children's Day
- Violin
- Virtual Museums
- Vi-Seem Digital Cultural Heritage
- Web 2.0
- Workshops Ministry of the Environment (Schools)
- World Cancer Day



- Writing the Maya Glyph
- Writing the Mediterranean: Twitterature #migration
- Young Craftsman Program
- Young People’s Library Mid-Year Program
- Young People’s Library Summer Program
- Young People’s Library Talent Show







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Statistical Snapshots

LIBRARY SECTOR

Main Library Memberships

General Public	7,965
Children (6–11 years old)	3,416
Young People (12–16 years old)	2,448
Blind and Visually Impaired	154
Special Needs	227
BA Information for Africa (BAIFA) Members	300
Total	14,510

International Librarianship Training Program

Courses	Participants
Machine Readable Cataloguing (MARC 21)	30
Dewey Decimal Classification	15
The Role of Libraries Within the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda	41
Subjective Cataloguing	38
Total	124

Library Services*

Services	Number
Questions Answered by Librarians	171,682
Ready Reference Questions	14,857
Questions Related to Computer Usage	809
Bibliographical Search Requests	75,888
Database Search Requests	5
Article Delivery Requests	93
Closed Stacks Requests	47,999
Number of Photocopied Pages	1,122,246
Computer Reservations	55,440
Study Room Reservations	12,619
Research Appointments	0
Bibliographies Issued	379,392

* Main Library and Arts and Multimedia Library.

Library Educational Outreach Program

Teaching and Parenting Program (YP Library)	1,640
Students (YP)	400
Students (CH)	120
Academic Staff	91
University Students	1,209
School teachers (Towards Advanced Education)	263
Total	3,723

Information Literacy Courses BA Library Learning Center

Courses	Participants
Information for All	26
Electronic Resources (Advanced)	16
Web 2.0	18
Internet Advanced	32
Computer for Beginners	15
Total	107

Donations

Material Type	No. of Items Donated	% Items
Books	83,826	89.9%
Multimedia	2,401	2.6%
Periodicals	6,887	7.4%
Other	92	0.1%
Total	93,206	100.0%

Acquisitions – Monographs

Language	Total Value in EGP	% Value	Total Items	% Items
Arabic	50,055,022.00	5.30%	346	46.50%
English	891,998,061.00	94.70%	398	53.50%
Total	942,053,083.00	100.00%	744	100.00%

Acquisitions – Serials

Language	Total Value in EGP	% Value	Total Items	% Items
Arabic	29,703.91	53.29%	102	79.69%
English	27,449.50	32.61%	18	14.06%
Other	27,011.00	32.09%	8	6.25%
Total	84,164.41	100.00%	128	100.00%

BA Collection (Volume Count)

Volumes in Open Stacks	314,678
Volumes in Closed Stacks (including the Books of the KIT Collection)	576,172
Volumes under Processing (including the French Collection)	483,549
Nobel and Shadi Abdel Salam Collection	4,517
Specialized Libraries Collections (including Multimedia Materials)	118,239
Maps	7,740
BA Information for Africa (BAIFA) Resources	9,980
Depository Collection	31,364
Digital Collection (books available in digital format only)	10,016
Print Scholarly Journals (including Depository Periodicals)	8,356
Daily Newspapers/Magazine Titles	92
Map Library Collection (Atlases and Cartography Books)	5,700
Online Databases (including Depository Databases)	65
Electronic Journals (Unique Titles)	113,003
Electronic Books	194,095
Manuscripts	5,260
Rare Collection	16,172
Special Collection	87,907
Microfilm	110,590
Periodicals (Special Collection)	790
Total	2,098,285

Electronic Resource Usage

Sessions/Logins	161,580
Searches/Browses	848,863
Full Text Retrievals	122,064
Abstract Retrievals	16,790
Links to External Full Text	1,569
Retrievals (Full Texts and Abstracts)	138,863

Users of the BA Specialized Libraries

Taha Hussein Library	1,512
Young People's Library	20,395
Children's Library	26,702
Special Needs	14,400
Nobel Section (Visitors)	35

Digital Arabic Talking Book

Books	21 Done
Pages	2,136 Pages
Recording Hours	148 Hours
Total Production	198 Done Books

Circulation

Circulated Children's Books	7,899
Circulated Young People's Books	4,634

E-Learning Services

Courses	Total Participants
Information for all (Arabic and English)	21
Reference (Arabic and English)	16
Internet Advanced	11
OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog)	5
Citation (Arabic and English)	11
BA Orientation (Arabic and English)	28
EKB Orientation (Arabic)	21
BAIFA Orientation (English and French)	7
How to use Moodle (English)	7
Effective Presentations (English, part one)	2
Web 2.0 (French)	3
IFLA International Advocacy Program	34
Cell Press Authoring and Researcher Engagement Webinar	12
Total	178

*The subscriptions to a total of four electronic resource databases have been discontinued after they have been provided through the new national Egyptian consortium (The Egyptian Knowledge Bank).

MANUSCRIPT MUSEUM

Cataloging and Processing Activities

Activity	Number
Cataloging and Processing of Books	6,060
Cataloging and Processing of Periodicals	2 titles (7 issues)
Cataloging and Processing of Articles	0
Microform Manuscript Transformation	2,963
Original Manuscript Digitization*	468
Manuscript Exchange**	249
Uploaded Manuscripts on Manuscripts Electronic Archiving System	381
Manuscript Restoration	38
Rare Books and Maps Restoration	269
Restoration Training	6
Mounts and enclosures	11
Manuscripts Chemical Treatment	32
Rare Books and Maps Chemical Treatment	215
Chemical Treatment Training	0
Activities and workshops	44

* 468 Titles (The Digital Manuscripts Archive has reached a total of 4,238 manuscripts, including 6,262 titles).

** The 100,000 Mss Project has reached a total of 110,976 manuscripts.

Visits

Manuscript and Rare Books Exhibition Museum	16,609
Rare Books and Special Collections Reading Room	3,049
Sadat Museum	80,000

MANUSCRIPTS CENTER

Cataloging and Processing Activities

Activity	Number
Microform Manuscripts Cataloging	1,494
Microfilmed Manuscripts Cataloging Data Revision	1,160
Data Entry of Microfilmed Manuscripts on Local Microform Database	
Data Revision of Microform Manuscripts on Local Microform Database	
Cataloging of Original Manuscripts	250
Cataloging Data Revision of Original Manuscripts	633
Data Entry of Original Manuscripts on Internal Database	150

Visits

Manuscript Reading Room	700 visitors
Microfilm Reading Room	863

TV STUDIO DEPARTMENT

Video Shooting

Events Documented	128
Digitized Tapes in Different Formats	705
Number of Hours of Digitized Tapes in Different Formats	1,315
Number of Webcasting Requests	19
Number of DVD Conversion Requests	114

Photography

Events Documented	459
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Cataloguing and Archiving

Tapes Archived	705
Hours Archived	910
Photos Archived	42,806
Videos Archived	915

BA YouTube Channel

Subscribers	10,613	
Views	1,049,260	
Videos uploaded	190	
Shares (videos to be shared)	8,448	
Top Geographies (Watch Time): 6,938,895 minutes	Egypt	51%
	Saudi Arabia	7.8%
	United States	4%
	Morocco	5.4%
	Tunisia	3.5%

Productions

Episodes of the "BA Agenda" Weekly Program	38
Courses, Documentaries, Short Movies, and Promos	16

DIGITAL LAB

Digitization

		Arabic	Latin	Total
Digitized and Processed	Books	8,446	6,061	14,507
	Pages	2,818,084	1,523,566	4,341,650
OCRed	Books	9,306	6,348	15,654
	Pages	3,208,808	1,729,329	4,938,137

Newspapers

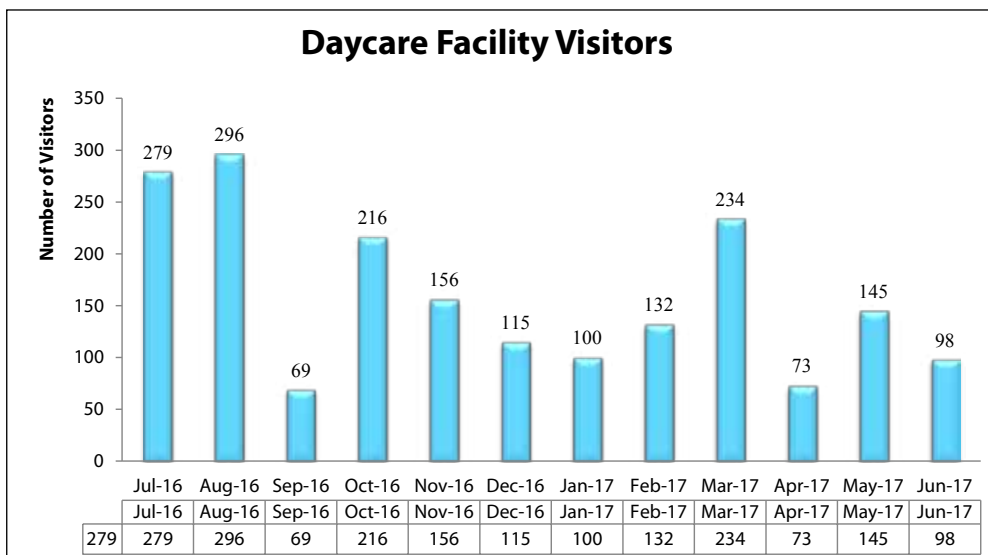
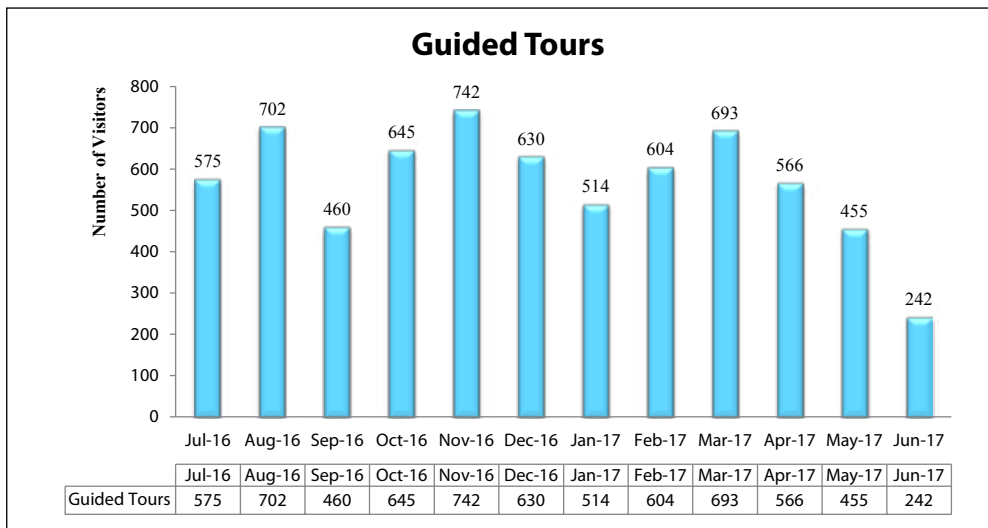
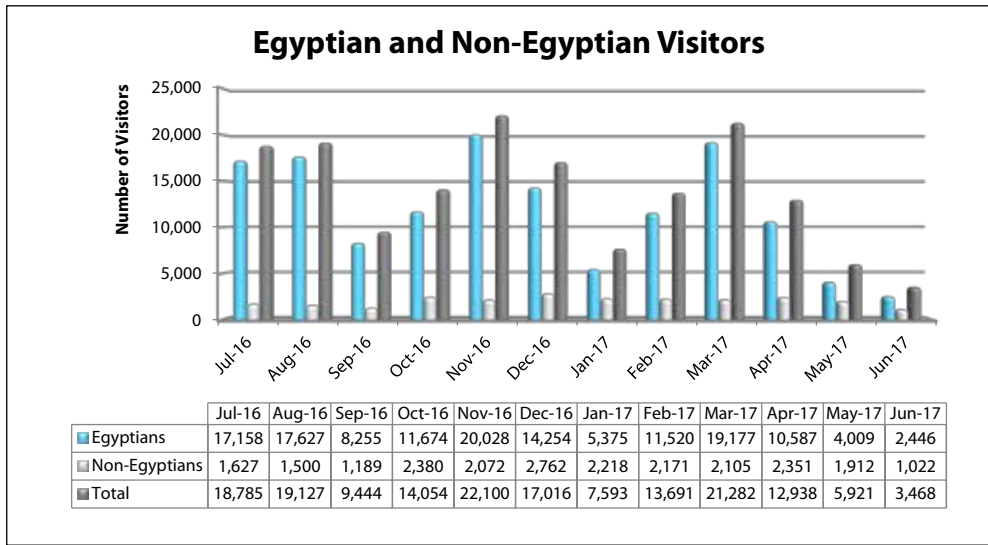
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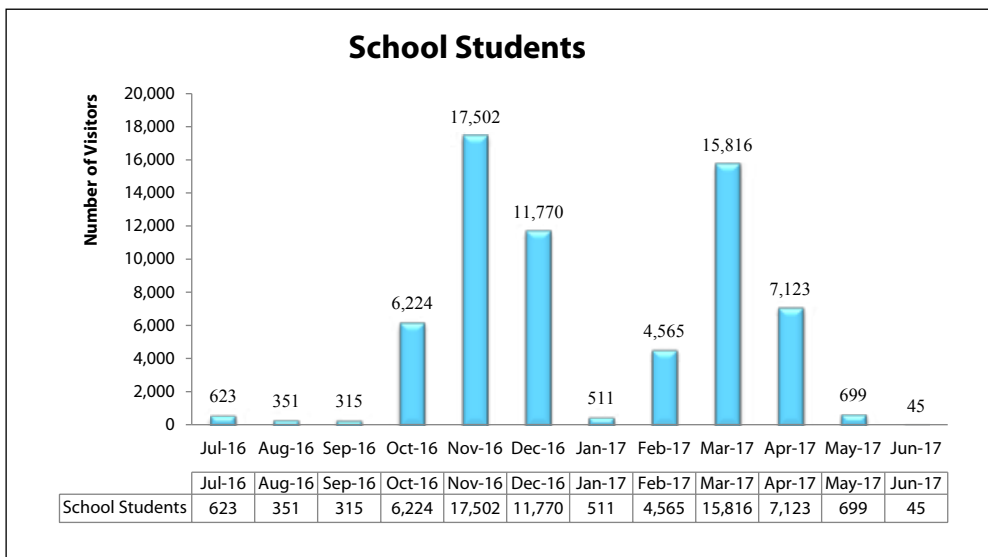
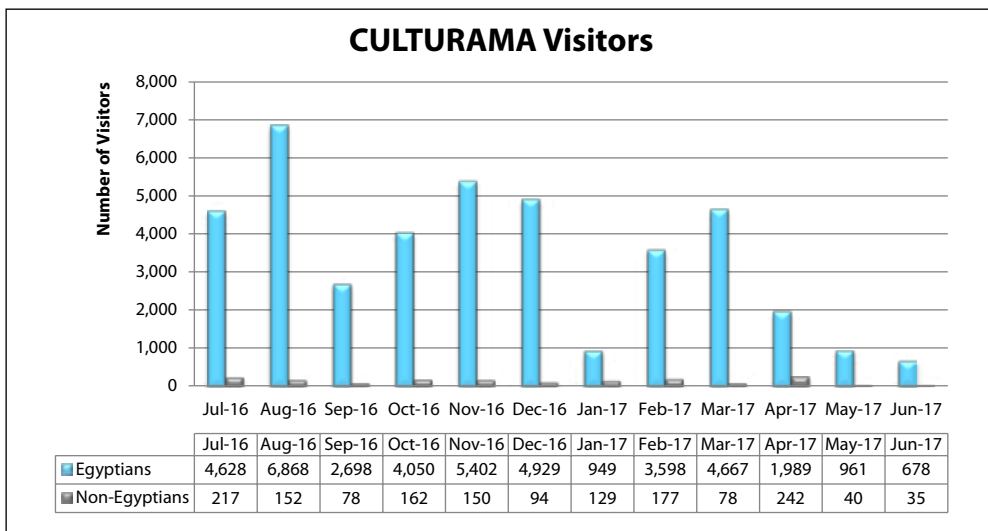
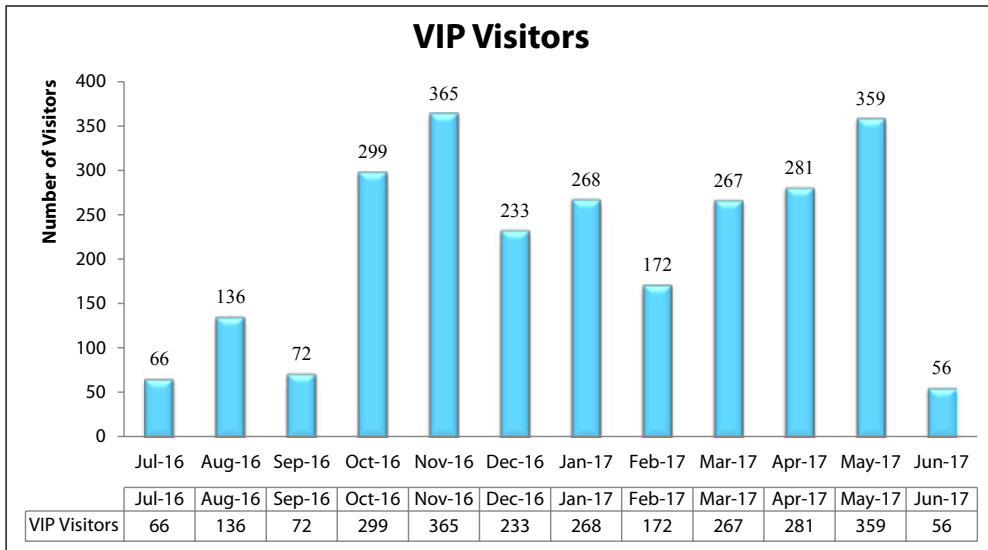
Special Projects

Digitization	Pages*	28,643
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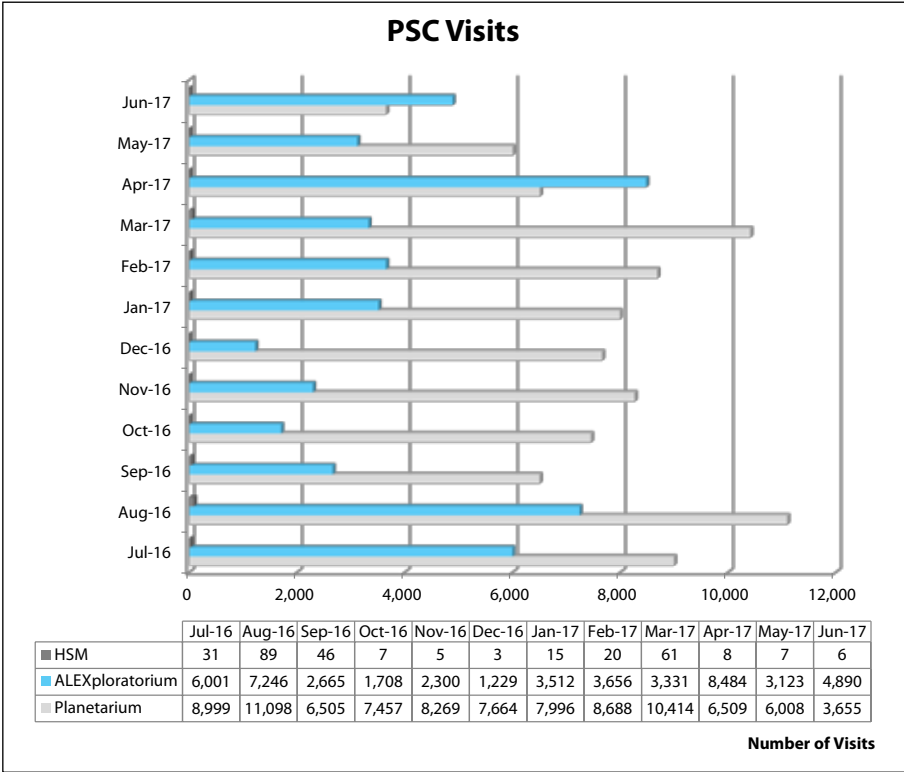
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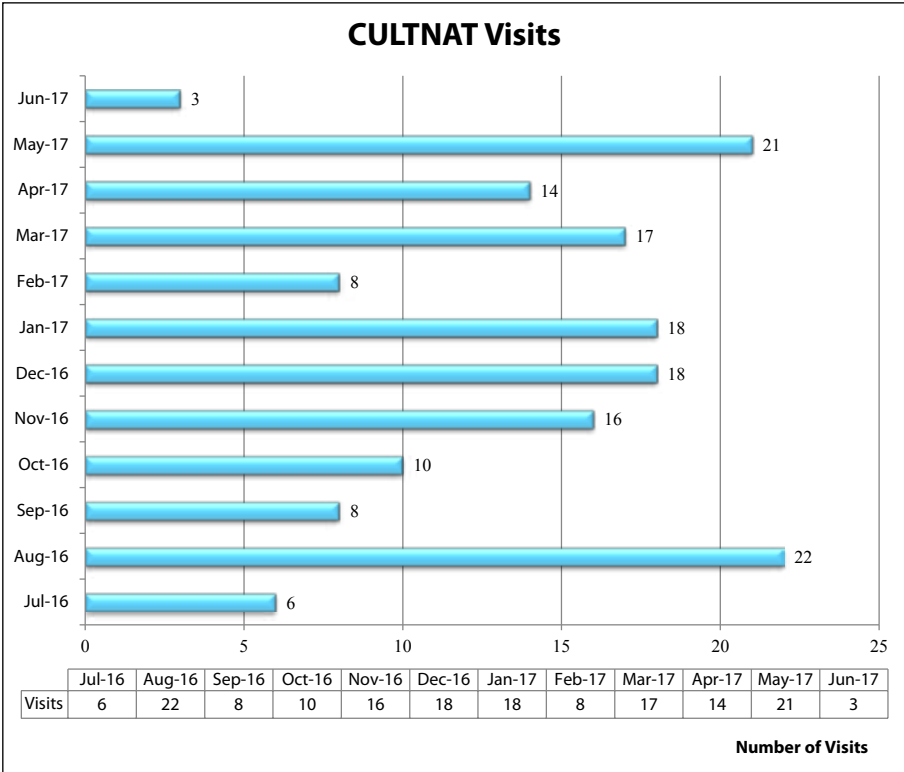




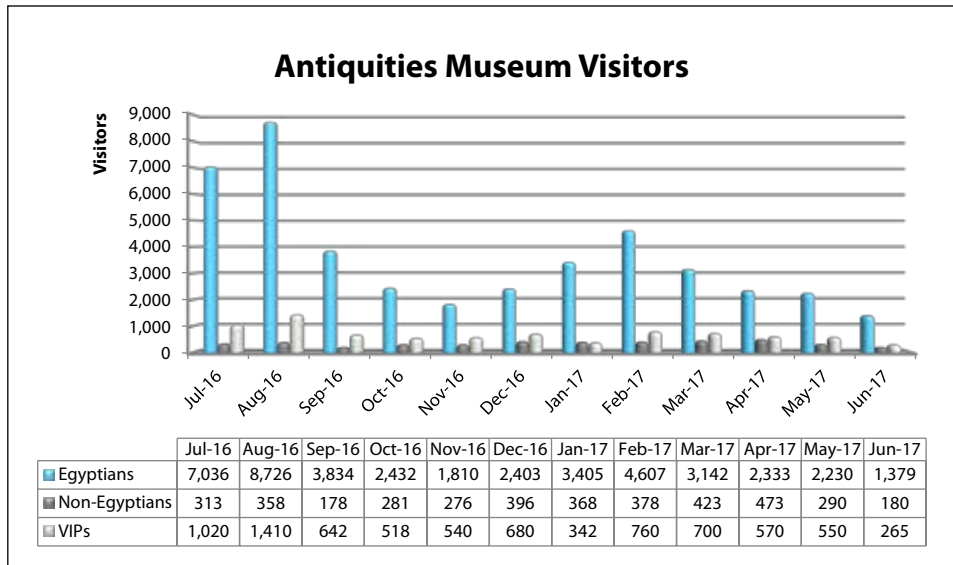
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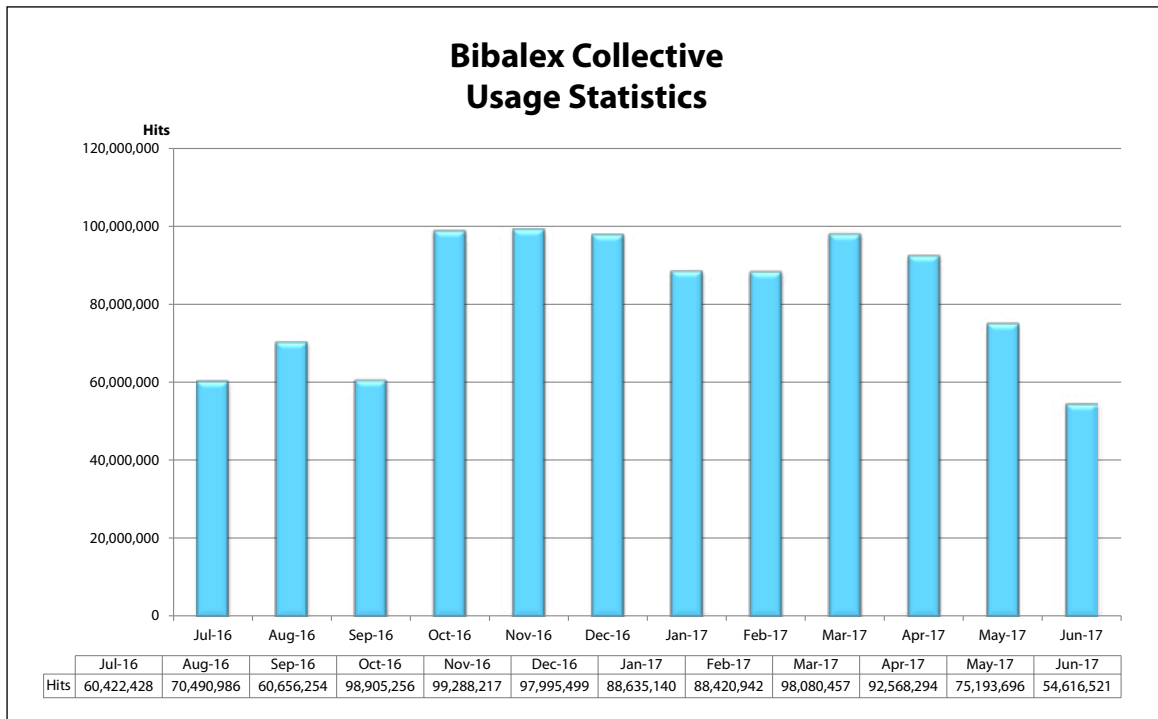
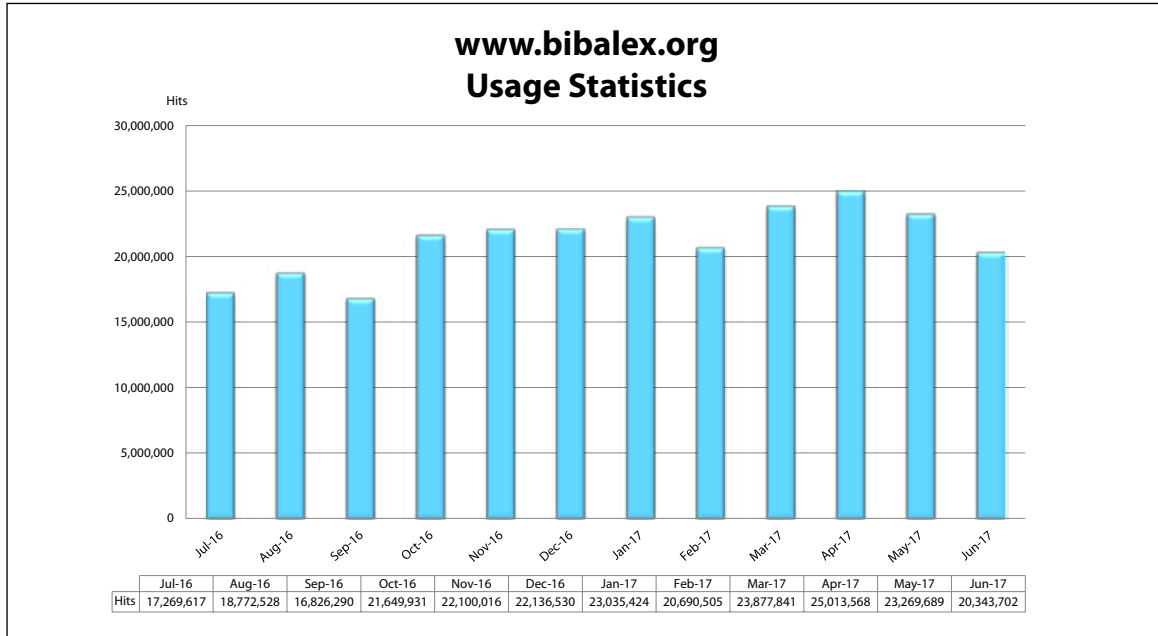
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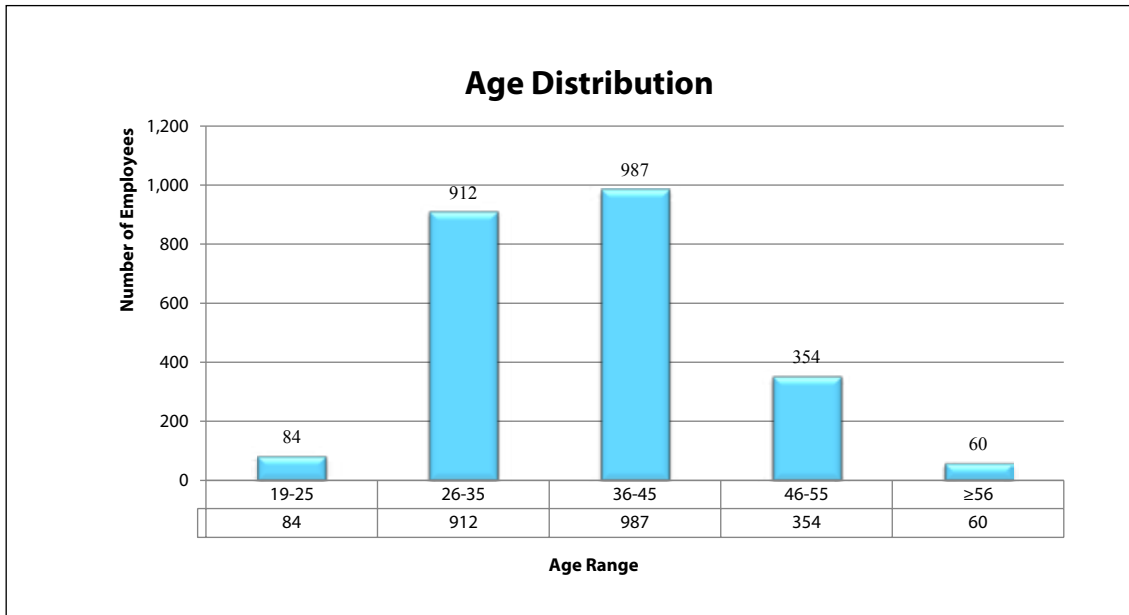
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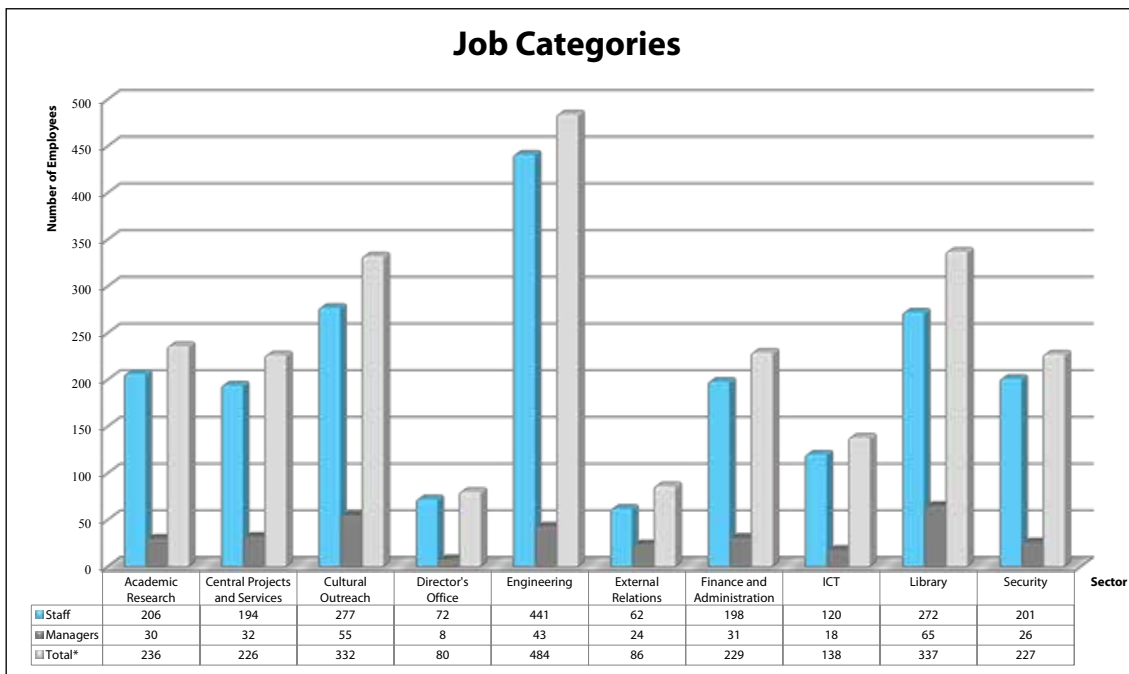
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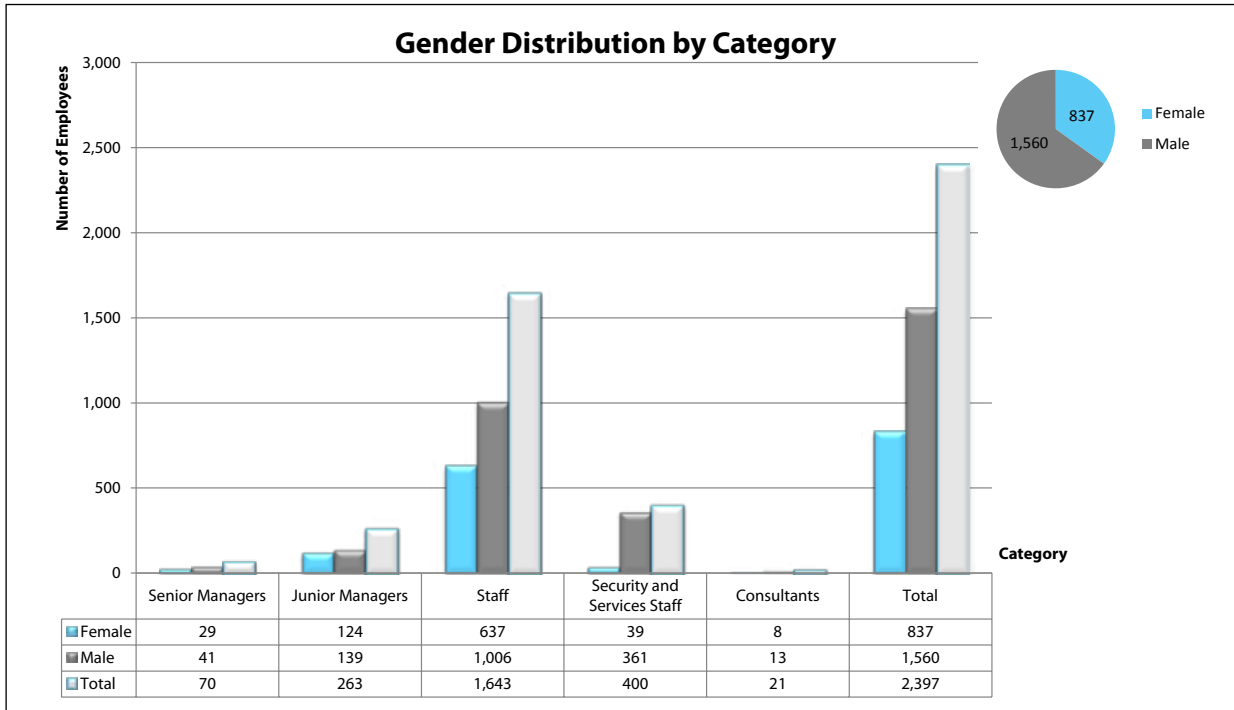
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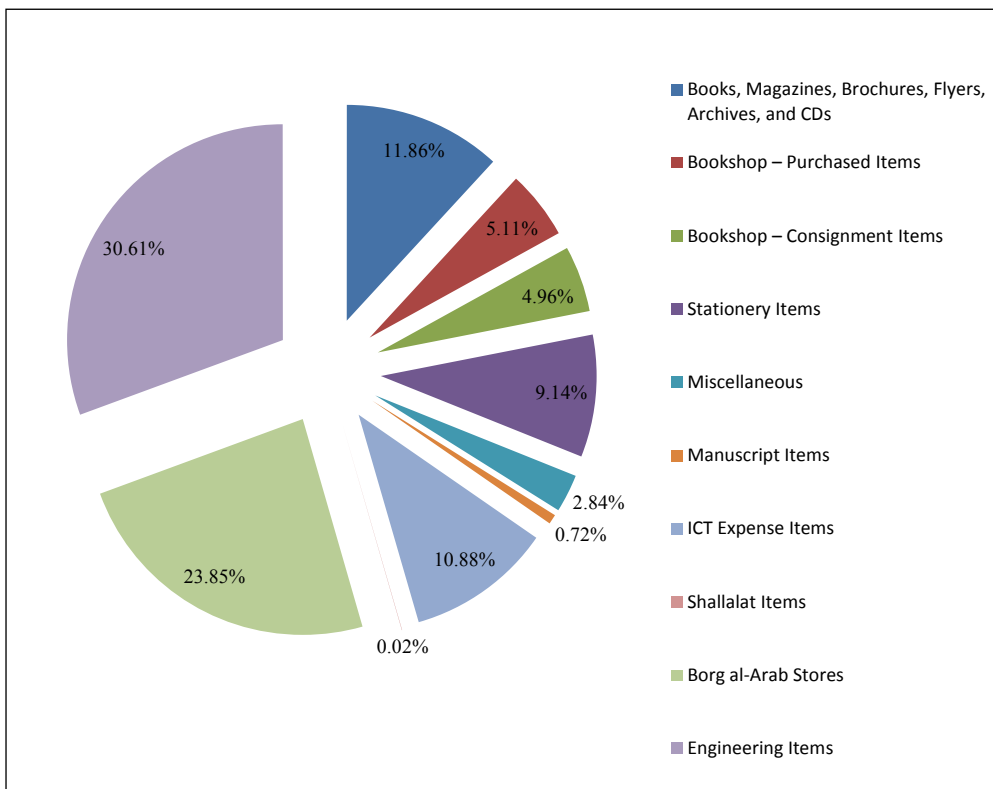
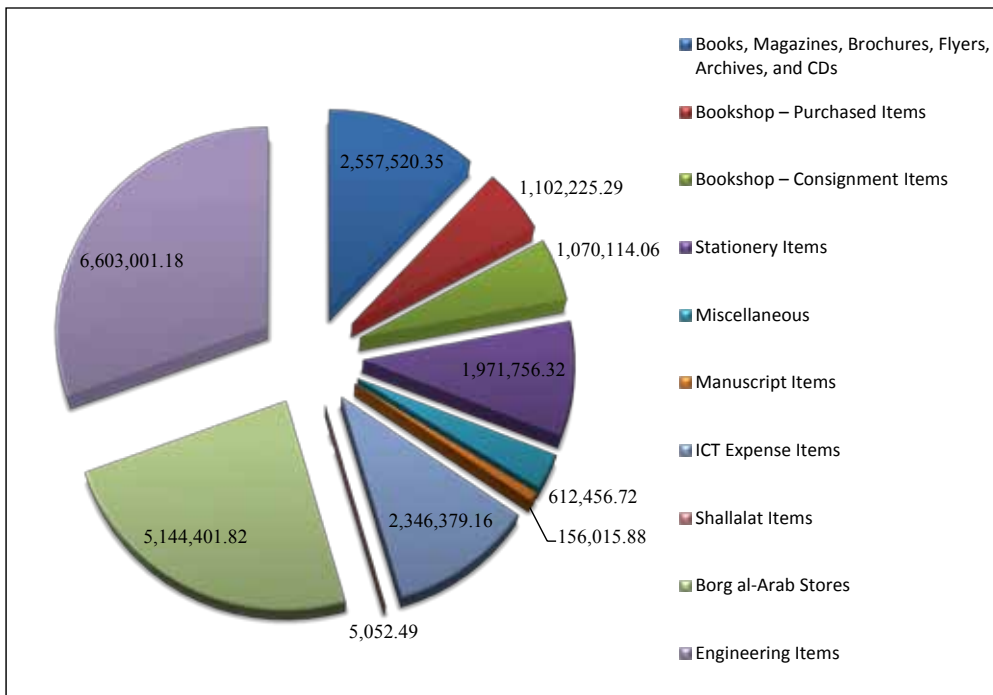
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Sameh Shoukry

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Egypt

Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, graduated from the Faculty of Law, Ein Shams University in 1975. Ever since he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1976 as an attaché, he assumed a number of diplomatic posts. In 1978, he became the Third Secretary at the Egyptian Embassy in London. He then became the Second Secretary to the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1982, and he served as the First Secretary at the Egyptian Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1984. From 1988 to 1990, he served as the Counselor to the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. From 1990 to 1994, he became part of Egypt's Permanent Mission to the United Nations. In 1994, he was the Director of the Department of the United States and Canada at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in 1995, he became Secretary for Information to the Egyptian Presidency. Sameh Shoukry received his first ambassadorship in 1999 when he became Ambassador and Egypt's representative to the international organizations in Vienna. From 2003 to 2004, he served as an Assistant Foreign Minister and Chief of Protocol in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He then served as an Assistant Foreign Minister and Cabinet Chief for the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2004 to 2005. From 2005 to 2008, he was an Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva. From 2008 to 2012, he served as Egypt's Ambassador to the United States of America. He was Sherpa to the Seoul Nuclear Security Summit in 2012 and was Sherpa to the Hague Nuclear Security Summit in 2014. Shoukry became the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs in June 2014.



Khaled Abdel Ghaffar

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Egypt

Khaled Abdel Ghaffar obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Dentistry from the University of Ain Shams in 1984, a Master's Degree in antibodies of dental viruses in 1989, and a PhD in the clinical, biological, and immunological properties in cases of rapid inflammation in 1995. He was the Chief of the Oral Medicine, Diagnosis, and Radiology Department at the Faculty of Dentistry in 2009. He was later appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, the Vice President of Ain Shams University for Graduate Affairs and Research, then finally as the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. He also worked as a visiting professor at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Georgia and the University of Houston, Texas, USA. He was granted numerous scientific awards, such as the First Prize for Best Research at the convention of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) and the State Encouragement Prize in Medical Science. He has also published 20 researches in international periodicals and magazines.



Helmy El-Namnam

Minister of Culture

Egypt

Helmy El-Namnam, Egyptian Minister of Culture, graduated from the Philosophy Department, Faculty of Arts in 1982. Upon graduation, he commenced his professional career at Dar El-Hilal until he was appointed as Editor-in-Chief of one of its publications, *Al-Musawar* magazine, and became Chairman of the Board of Dar El-Hilal in 2011.

El-Namnam previously occupied several posts, such as the Director of Egyptian National Library and Archives, the Deputy Head of the General Egyptian Book Organization in 2009, a Member of the Supreme Council of Culture's Publishing Department, and the Editor-in-Chief of *El-Moheet* magazine. He is also a researcher and a historian with several enlightening works in his repertoire.



Mohamed Sultan

Governor of Alexandria

Egypt

Mohamed Sultan, Governor of Alexandria, obtained a number of academic degrees, including a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from Cairo University in 1994, an MA in Orthopaedic Surgery from Cairo University in 1999, a graduate diploma in hospital management from Ain Shams University in 2001, a Total Quality Management (TQM) diploma in the field of health care from the American University in Cairo (AUC) in 2002, and a diploma in institutional development from the University of Queensland, Australia in 2013. Sultan held many senior positions, including the Vice President of Nasser Institute For Research and Treatment, the Director of the Oncology Center from 2001 to 2006, the Director General of Emergency Medicine at the Ministry of Health from 2006 to 2007, the Head of the Health and Medical Services Department from 2007 to 2010, and the Deputy Director of the Egyptian Ambulance Authority until 2011 before he served as its Director from 2011 to 2013. He also served as the Head of the Secretariat of Specialized Medical Centers from 2013 to 2014 and was also the Head of the Health and Population Sector at the Ministry of Health until he was appointed as the Governor of Beheira in February 2015. He participated in drafting a future plan and formulating a decree-law to merge the ambulance facilities and the emergency medicine units throughout the governorates of Egypt under the umbrella of the Egyptian Ambulance Authority Services.



Essam El-Kurdi

President of Alexandria University

Egypt

Essam El-Kurdi is the President of Alexandria University and a Professor of Structural Analysis at the Department of Structural Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University. He obtained his BE in Civil Engineering, with honors, from Alexandria University in 1981 and was appointed as a teaching assistant the same year. He then obtained an MSc in Civil Engineering from Alexandria University in 1985 and obtained a PhD in the same field from Northeastern University, USA, in 1992. He has had a significant role in enriching the educational and cultural scene in Egypt. He also represented Egypt in several international assemblies, as he served as a Cultural Councilor and a Director of Cultural Relations in the USA and Canada. Additionally, he served as the Secretary General of the Education Development Fund at the Egyptian Cabinet of Ministers. He served as the Vice-President of Alexandria University, for Community Development and Environmental Affairs, for a year before being appointed as its president in November 2016.

Individual Members



Ismail Serageldin

Egypt

Member as of 2018

Dr. Ismail Serageldin is the Founding Director of the BA, the new Library of Alexandria, inaugurated in 2002. He is currently a BA Emeritus Librarian and a member of the BA Board of Trustees (BoT). He is advisor to the Egyptian Prime Minister in matters concerning culture, science, and museums. He serves as Chair and Member of a number of advisory committees for academic, research, scientific, and international institutions, including as co-Chair of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC). Dr. Serageldin was also appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee of the World Social Science Report in 2013 and 2016 and of the UNESCO-supported World Water Scenarios in 2013, a member of the Executive Council of the Encyclopedia of Life in 2010, and the Chair of the Executive Council of the World Digital Library in 2010. He has held several other international posts; he was the Vice President of the World Bank from 1993 to 2000; the Co-Chair of the African Union’s high level panel for Biotechnology in 2006 and again for Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) from 2012 to 2013; and a member of the ICANN Panel for the review of the internet future in 2013.

Dr. Serageldin has received numerous awards. He is the first recipient of the Grameen Foundation (USA) Award for a lifetime commitment to combating poverty, awarded in 1999; the recipient of the Pablo Neruda Medal of Honor, awarded by the Government of Chile, 2004; the Bajaj Award for promoting Gandhian values outside India, 2006; the Order of the Rising Sun – Gold and Silver Star, awarded by the Emperor of Japan, 2008; the Champion of Youth Award by the World Youth Congress, Quebec, 2008; the Knight of the French Legion of Honor, awarded by the President of France, 2008; the Swaminathan Award for Environmental Protection, Chennai, India, 2010; the Millennium Excellence Award for Lifetime Africa Achievement Prize, awarded by the Excellence Awards Foundation, Ghana, 2010; the Public Welfare Medal, awarded by the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, 2011; the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters, awarded by the government of France, 2011; the Nizami Ganjavi Gold Medal of the Republic of Azerbaijan, awarded by Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, 2015; the “Dostlug” Order (Order of Friendship) of Azerbaijan, awarded by the President of Azerbaijan, 2015; the Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation Award, 2016; and the Honorary Sign of the President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 2016.

Dr. Serageldin has lectured widely around the world. He delivered the Mandela Lecture in Johannesburg in 2011, the Nexus Lecture in the Netherlands in 2011, and the Keynote Address to the First International Summit of the Book in Washington, DC in 2012. He was appointed as a Distinguished Professor at Wageningen University and at the Collège de France. He has published over 100 books and monographs and

over 500 papers on a variety of topics, including biotechnology, rural development, sustainability, and the value of science to society. He has hosted a cultural program on television in Egypt (over 130 episodes) and developed a TV Science Series in Arabic and English. He holds a BSc in Engineering from Cairo University and an MSc and a PhD from Harvard University, and he has also received 38 honorary doctorates.



Justin Lin

China

Member as of 2018

Justin Yifu Lin received his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1986. He served as the Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank—the first economist from a developing country to hold said posts—from June 2008 to June 2012. Prior to assuming said positions, Mr. Lin served for 15 years as the Founding Director of and a Professor at the China Centre for Economic Research (CCER) at Peking University. He has authored 18 books, including *The China Miracle: Development Strategy and Economic Reform*; *Economic Development and Transition: Thought, Strategy, and Viability*; and *Demystifying the Chinese Economy*. He has published more than 100 articles in refereed international journals and collected volumes on history, development, and transition. Mr. Lin is a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy and a fellow of the World Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. In 2007, he gave the Marshall Lectures at Cambridge and, in 2011, the Simon Kuznets Lecture at Yale and the UNU Wider Annual Lecture in Mozambique—the first ever to be held in a developing country.



Mikhail Piotrovsky

Russia

Member as of 2018

Mikhail Piotrovsky is the Director of the State Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg. He attended Cairo University from 1965 to 1966 and graduated with honors from the Oriental Faculty of Leningrad State University, specializing in Arabic Studies, in 1967. He was a research assistant at the Leningrad branch of the Institute for Oriental Studies from 1967 until 1991. Dr. Piotrovsky is an academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a member of the Russian Academy of Arts, President of the Union of Museums in Russia, the President of the Worldwide Club of St. Petersburg, and the Chairman of the board of the European University in St. Petersburg. He has received various national and international awards, including the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau (1996); the Russian Order of Honor (1997); the French Order of the Legion d'Honneur (1998, 2004); the Swedish Order of the Northern Star (1999); the Order of Merit to Italian Republic (2000, 2004); the Order of Saint Mesrop, Armenian Apostle Church (2000); the Order of Yaroslav the Wise, Ukraine (2003); the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (2004); the Order of Service to the Fatherland, Russia (2004); the Presidential Prize in the Field of Art and Literature, Russia (2003); the Order of Honor Al-Fahr, the Council of Muftis of Russia (2005); the Order of the Finish Lion (2005); the Order of Sun, Japan (2007); the Silver Medal of Amsterdam (2009); Woodrow Wilson Award, USA (2009); and the Order of the Crown, Kingdom of Belgium (2011). In 2011, Dr. Piotrovsky was awarded the title of Honored Citizen of Saint Petersburg.



Gordon Conway

United Kingdom

Member as of 2017

Sir Gordon Conway is an agricultural ecologist and a former President of the Royal Geographical Society. He studied at Bangor University in Wales, the University of Cambridge, and the University of the West Indies in Trinidad, before going on to pursue a PhD in Agricultural Ecology at the University of California, Davis.

Throughout the 1960s, Conway worked in Malaysia developing agricultural programs in integrated pest management. In 1970, he returned to England to become a Professor of environmental technology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. While at Imperial College, he also established the university's Centre for Environmental Technology in 1976.

Following his work at Imperial College, Conway worked for a number of organizations, including the Ford Foundation and the World Bank. He was also the Director of the Sustainable Agriculture Program at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

Conway became the President of the Rockefeller Foundation (RF), where he worked to extend the benefits of the "Green Revolution" to Africa, from 1998 to 2004. He was appointed as Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department for International Development (DFID) and President of the Royal Geographical Society in the UK from 2004 to 2009.

He is the author of numerous books and papers in the field of sustainable agriculture.



Zlatko Lagumdžija

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Member as of 2017

Zlatko Lagumdžija obtained his BSc, MA, and PhD in the fields of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Sarajevo University in 1977, 1980, and 1988 respectively. He belongs to the first generation of computer scientists who were educated and trained in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). From 1988 to 1989, he joined the Fulbright Professorial Research and Teaching Program at the University of Arizona. He has been a professor at the Faculty of Business and Economics and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Sarajevo University, since 1989. He assumed several positions in the government of BiH, including Prime Minister and Acting Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs in various periods between 1992 and 2015.

Lagumdžija was the President of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) of BiH from 1997 to 2014. He was a member of the Presidency of the Party of European Socialists (PES) from 2010 to 2016. He was elected as a member of the BiH Parliament six times from 1996 to 2010. He has been a member of Club of Madrid since 2005, a member of the World Academy of Arts and Sciences since 2006, and the President of the Governing Board of Bosnia Institute since 2005. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Nizami International Center and a member of numerous International Missions and Commissions in different parts of the World.

Lagumdžija is the founder of the Center for Management and Information Technology in Sarajevo, and he has been its director since 1995. He also founded the Management and Information Technologies Department at the Faculty of Economics, Sarajevo University, and he has been the

department's Head since 1994. His teaching and research interests include Decision Support Systems, Competitiveness and Information Technologies, Shared Society and Sustainable Development, and Managing Transition and Leading Change. He has numerous lectures, books, as well as research papers and publications on these topics.



Mohamed Salmawy
Egypt
Member as of 2017

Mohamed Salmawy is a leading Egyptian novelist, playwright, editor, poet, journalist, and political commentator. From 2005 to 2015, he served as the President of the Egyptian Writers Union and Secretary General of the General Union of Arab Writers. He earned a BA in English Literature from Cairo University and a Higher Diploma in Shakespearean Theater from the University of Oxford, England. He also obtained an MA in Mass Communication from the American University in Cairo.

Salmawy was appointed as a teacher of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts, Cairo University, in 1966. He worked at *Al-Ahram* newspaper as an Editor of Foreign Affairs in 1970, and in 1988, he was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Culture for External Relations. He was appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of *Al-Ahram Weekly* newspaper in 1991 and was later appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of *Al-Ahram Hebdo* newspaper. He was also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of *Al-Masry Al-Youm* (Egypt Independent) newspaper, and then became the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper in 2014.

Salmawy received several prestigious awards, including the French Order of Arts and Letters in 1995, the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic in 2006, the Order of the Crown of the Royal Belgian King Albert II in 2008, and the State Merit Award for Literature in 2012.

Among his most famous novels is the *Butterfly Wings*, which was recognized as a prophetic novel of the Egyptian revolution in 2011 and an extended allegory of Egypt's modern experience of authoritarian rule and explores the fractures and challenges of a society at the moment of revolutionary transformation.



Rosalía A. Serrano
Ecuador
Member as of 2017

Rosalía Arteaga Serrano served as the first female Vice President and constitutional President of Ecuador from 1996 to 1998. She is the former Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, and she also served as the Deputy Minister of Culture and Minister of Education.

Serrano is a lawyer, doctor of jurisprudence, and has a degree in journalism and an MA in anthropology. She was a member of the Editorial Board of the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Director of Natura Regional Foundation until 2007.

She served as a member of the Executive Council of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE, the center's Spanish acronym) in Costa Rica until 2012.

She is currently a member of the World Academy of Art and Science; a board member of the PanAmazonia Foundation, Manaus, Brazil; the President of the Advisory Board of FIDAL Foundation; and the Executive President of AS Productions.

Serrano is a professor *honoris causa* of the University of Tarapoto, Peru, and she has received several awards and honors, including the Benigno Malo award, Cuenca State University; the Blue Castle Award, Tarija, Bolivia; the Decoration of Rio Branco, in the rank of Grand Cross, Brazil; and the Green Prize of the Americas, Brazil. She has numerous published books of essays and literary works, such as *Hours* and *The Trees of Cuenca*. Her poems and stories appear in anthologies circulating in Peru, Argentina, Uruguay, Spain, and Ecuador.



Petar Stoyanov

Bulgaria

Member as of 2017

Petar Stoyanov is a Bulgarian politician who was democratically elected as the second President of the Republic of Bulgaria, serving from 1997 to 2002. He won the 1996 presidential election as a candidate of the Union of Democratic Forces (UDF).

From 1992 to 1993, Stoyanov was the Deputy Minister of Justice in the first non-communist UDF government of Bulgaria since 1944. In 1994, as the holder of a Doctorate in Law, he was elected as a member of the 37th National Assembly in Bulgaria, and he was elected as the deputy chairman of the UDF in 1995. In 2002, he founded the Petar Stoyanov Centre for Political Dialogue in Sofia. He was involved in different international organizations; he was a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, the European Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission, and the International Advisory Board of the American Bar Association. He currently serves as an honorary co-chair of the World Justice Project, and a board member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center.

Since 2009, Stoyanov has been the founder and President of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation, CGDC, in Vienna. He has also won numerous awards, including the Anti-Defamation League's Courage to Care Award and the Annual Award of the Association of the Russian Lawyers.



Kjell Magne Bondevik

Norway

Member as of 2016

Kjell Magne Bondevik is the founder and President of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, and he has held this position since the opening of the center in August 2005. He is also a Theological Candidate and an ordained priest in the Lutheran Church of Norway. He was appointed a special humanitarian envoy for the Horn of Africa by the United Nations Secretary-General from February 2006 to August 2007.

He served as the Prime Minister of Norway from 1997 to 2000 and from 2001 to 2005. He was also the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1989 to 1990, and the Minister of Church and Education from 1983 to 1986. Bondevik was a member of Stortinget (the Parliament) from 1973 to 2005, representing the Christian Democratic Party, and he was the party's parliamentary leader from 1981 to 1983, 1986 to 1989, 1993 to 1997, and from 2000 to 2001. He was also the Christian Democratic Party leader from 1983 to 1995.

Bondevik is an honorary doctor of Law at Suffolk University in Boston, USA; an honorary doctor of Politics at Wonkwang University in Seoul, Republic of Korea; an honorary doctor of Philosophy at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Republic of Korea; and an honorary professor at the Gumiljov University in

Astana, Kazakhstan. Bondevik is the bearer of the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav, the Grand Cross of Latvia's Terra Marina Order, the Grand Cross of Italy's Order of Merit, the Grand Cross of Portugal's Order of Merit, and the Grand Cross of Guatemala's Order of the Quetzal.



Farouk El-Okdah
Egypt
Member as of 2016

Farouk El-Okdah was the Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt from 2003 to 2013. He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce in 1965 and a Master's Degree in Accounting in 1975 from Cairo University. He received an MBA in 1981 and a PhD in 1983 from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

He has extensive banking experience. In 2003, he was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Bank of Egypt. From 1983 to 2002, he worked with the Irving Trust Company, which later became the Bank of New York, where he was the Assistant Vice President for the Middle East Division and later Vice President and Africa District Manager.

From 1997 to 2002, he was the Managing Director of the International Company for Leasing (INCOLEASE). From 1978 to 1982, he was the Instructor of Accounting and Finance at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania that nominated him in 1978 to serve as a Consultant for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group.

El-Okdah has been a Member of the Board of Directors of Egypt Air since 1998. He served as an Advisor to the Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) from 1998 to 2001. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Egyptian Banks.



Rexhep Meidani
Albania
Member as of 2016

Rexhep Meidani was the President of Albania from 1997 to 2002. He has been a member of the Academy of Sciences in Albania since 2003 and a foreign member of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts since 2015.

He was the Chairman of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Albania from 1991 to 1992. He also served as the Chairman of the Board of the Albanian Center for Human Rights from 1994 to 1996. He was the General Secretary of the Socialist Party from 1996 to 1997, and he became the Deputy of Parliament in July 1997. He was also a member of the Albanian Committee for Understanding and Cooperation in the Balkans from 1986 to 1990; Virtual Embassy (ICDC) in Latin America (Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina) in 2006; and was the co-leader of the mission in the International Observer Delegation to the Palestinian Legislative Council Elections (Jerusalem, Palestine), 2006.

Meidani has a distinguished teaching career; he taught, lectured, and conducted research in different universities and institutions in Albania and other countries, such as France, Italy, Germany, and the United Kingdom. He has received numerous general and academic awards, including the Great Cross of Salvation, Greece in 1998; the National Order "Golden Star of Romania" (Ordinul National "Steaua Romanici" in Grand de Colan), Bucharest, Romani in 1999; the Golden Key of the City Worcester,

Massachusetts, USA; the Jan Masaryk Medal, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic in 2001; and the Chancellor's International Medallion of Distinction, New Orleans University, New Orleans, USA in 2002.



Amr Moussa

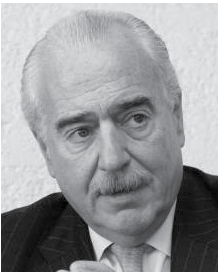
Egypt

Member as of 2016

Amr Moussa is an Egyptian politician and diplomat who served for more than a decade as Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs, from 1991 to 2001, and was the Secretary-General of the Arab League from 2001 to 2011. In September 2013, he was elected the President of the Committee of 50—a diverse group of Egyptians who convened to amend Egypt's 2012 constitution. He was a candidate in the 2012 presidential election and founder of Egypt's Conference Party.

As the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Moussa launched the Arab League Peace Initiative to address and resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. Moussa was also appointed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to the UN High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Moussa joined Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs soon after graduating from Cairo University in 1957 and held many important posts over the decades, including serving as Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations and to India. He has been awarded the Order of the Nile by the Egyptian government and has received high decorations from the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Qatar, Jordan, and Sudan.



Andrés Pastrana

Colombia

Member as of 2016

Andrés Pastrana was the President of Colombia from 1998 to 2002. He received a degree in Law at the Our Lady of the Rosary University, Bogotá in 1977, and he attended Harvard University as a 1978 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Fellow.

He founded the New Democratic Force movement in 1991 and succeeded in winning a seat in the Colombian Senate. He served in the Senate until 1993. In 1998, he was elected the President of Colombia for a four-year term. After his presidential tenure, he served from 2005 to 2006 as the Colombian Ambassador to the United States.

Pastrana entered politics in 1982, gaining a seat in the local Bogotá Council until 1986. From 1984 to 1985, he served as the President of the City Council of Bogotá. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Mayor of Bogotá. He was also the President of the American Section of the International Union of Local Authorities from 1988 to 1989.

In 1978, Pastrana co-founded and directed the *Guión Review*, and in 1979, he founded the *Hoy* television news program. He is the Honorary President of the Union of Latin American Parties (UPLA).



Boris Tadić

Serbia

Member as of 2016

Boris Tadić was the President of Serbia from 2004 to 2012. He graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, majoring in Social Psychology. He received an Honorary Doctorate from the Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University in 2009.

Tadić began his political career as a student at the University of Belgrade, joining Serbia's anti-communist dissident movement of the 1980s. After graduating from the University of Belgrade, he taught psychology and worked as a military clinical psychologist. In 1997, he founded the Centre for the Development of Democracy and Political Skills—an NGO specializing in political and civil education.

In 2004, Tadić was chosen as the new leader of Serbia's Democratic Party. Later that year, he won the general presidential elections. As the President of Serbia, Tadić led the movement for a "new Serbia" and revitalized Serbia's role internationally. He was re-elected for a *de facto* second term in 2008. He resigned in 2012 in order to trigger an early election. Prior to his presidency, Tadić served as the last Minister of Telecommunications for the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and as the first Minister of Defense for Serbia and Montenegro.



Emil Constantinescu

Romania

Member as of 2015

Emil Constantinescu, Romanian professor and politician, served as the third President of Romania from 1996 to 2000. He was the first non-communist President after Ceausescu. Although he was not in power when Romania became a Member of NATO and the EU, his presidency was vital for laying the groundwork of Romania's accession.

Constantinescu received a degree in law in 1960, a degree in geology in 1966, and a doctorate in geology and geography from the University of Bucharest, in 1979.

Constantinescu became a highly-esteemed academic whilst at the university. He has lectured widely at some of the most important universities in the world and has received various global awards for his contributions to the field of geology.

In 1990, Constantinescu was named Prorector of the University of Bucharest and became its Rector from 1992 to 1996. He became the Leader of the Romanian Democratic Convention (RDC) in 1992. He presided the international commission for supervising the parliamentary elections in Senegal in 2001. He later founded and led the People's Action party.

Constantinescu is the President of the Association of Citizenship Education and the Romanian Foundation for Democracy. He is also the Founding President of the Institute for Regional Cooperation and Conflict Prevention (INCOR) and a Board of Trustees Member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center.



Tarja Halonen
Finland
Member as of 2015

Tarja Halonen, a distinguished Finnish lawyer, was the 11th President of Finland, serving from 2000 to 2012. She is the first female to hold the office. Halonen had previously been a Member of the Finnish Parliament until her election as President. Halonen served in the Finnish Parliament for six terms, from 1979 to 2000, representing the constituency of Helsinki. She also had a long career in the City Council of Helsinki, serving there from 1977 to 1996.

Halonen is a graduate of the University of Helsinki, where she studied law from 1963 to 1968. She was active in Student Politics and served as the Social Affairs Secretary and Organization Secretary of the National Union of Students from 1969 to 1970. In 1971, she joined the Social Democratic Party and worked as a lawyer in the Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions until she was elected as a parliament member in 1979.

Halonen is a Member of the Council of Women World Leaders, and in 2009, Forbes named her among the 100 Most Powerful Women in the world.



Wim Kok
The Netherlands
Member as of 2015

Wim Kok was elected Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs of the Netherlands in 1994, and was reelected for a second term in 1998. He held the two positions until 2002. After having stepped down as Prime Minister, he served as a supervisory board member in a large number of companies, such as ING Group, TNT, and KLM, and as a member of the boards of trustees of a large number of national and international nonprofit organizations. He also served as a non-executive director at the Royal Dutch Shell company. From 1989 to 1994, he served as the Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister. He was also the President of Club de Madrid from 2009 to 2013.

In 1986, he became both a member of the Lower House of Parliament and the leader of the Labor Party (PvdA).

From 1986 to 1989, he was the leader of the opposition in the Dutch Parliament. He was the Deputy Chairman of the Socioeconomic Council (SER) and the Chairman of the employee's representatives in the Foundation of Labor. From 1985 to 1986, he was a visiting lecturer at the Institute of Social Studies and an advisor to the President of the European Commission.

Kok is the recipient of an honorary degree from the Nijenrode University, Breukelen, the Netherlands, and an honorary degree from the Westfälische Wilhelms Universität, Münster, Germany. He graduated from the Nijenrode Business School in the Netherlands in 1958. He was appointed as Minister of State in 2003.



Alexander Likhotal

Russia

Member as of 2015

Alexander Likhotal has been the President of the Green Cross International since 2000. He is a Member of the Club of Rome, a Counselor at the World Future Council, and serves as an Advisor to the Club of Madrid.

After obtaining a PhD in Political Science and History from the Moscow Institute of International Relations in 1975, Likhotal started his academic career as a Lecturer at the Moscow State Institute for International Affairs, and later became a Senior Research Fellow at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR. In 1988, he became a Professor of Political Sciences and International Relations at the Diplomatic Academy and Vice-Rector of the Academy. He was appointed as a Deputy Spokesman and Advisor to the President of the USSR in 1991. He remained with President Gorbachev, after his resignation, as his advisor and spokesman and worked at the Gorbachev Foundation as the International and Media Director.

He was a Research Associate at the Institute of European Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow from 1992 to 1997; Associate Editor of Security Dialogue Journal, Oslo, Norway from 1994 to 2000; and Visiting Professor at the Northeastern University, Boston, USA from 1996 to 1998.



Jorge F. Quiroga

Bolivia

Member as of 2015

Jorge F. Quiroga was the President of Bolivia from 2001 to 2002, and he has been the Leader of Opposition since 2014. He holds a BS, Summa Cum Laude, in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA from St. Edwards's University, Texas.

His previous posts in the public sector include: the Leader of Opposition from 2006 to 2010, a Woodrow Wilson Scholar from 2002 to 2003, the Vice-President and President of the Congress from 1997 to 2001, the Minister of Finance in 1992, the Vice Minister of Planning for Public Investment and International Cooperation from 1990 to 1992, and several consulting jobs. He also held several posts in the private sector, including the Vice-President, board member, and shareholder of a large private bank in La Paz from 1993 to 1997; in the mining sector in Bolivia from 1989 to 1990; a Systems Engineer with IBM in Texas from 1981 to 1988; and a university calculus Teaching Assistant from 1980 to 1981. He currently holds various posts in the private sector and in many international organizations, such as the Vice-President of Club of Madrid; and posts in the Global Adaptation Institute and the Foro Iberoamericano. He has been the president of FUNDEMOS, a Bolivian public policy foundation, since 2002.

Quiroga's expertise spans in various fields, including management of international aid and cooperation for developing countries; macroeconomic policy; programs to reduce drug trafficking and cocaine production; and Latin American public policy, trade, economics, finance and banking, integration, politics, as well as development issues.



Prince Turki Al Faisal

*Kingdom of Saudi
Arabia*

Member as of 2014

HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud was born on 15 February 1945 in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. He began his schooling at the Model School in Taif and went on to obtain his high school diploma at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. He then completed his studies at Georgetown University, where he later became a distinguished visiting professor.

His Royal Highness was appointed as an Advisor at the Royal Court in 1973. In 1977, he was appointed as the Director General (with the rank of a Minister) of the General Intelligence Directorate (GID), Saudi Arabia's main foreign intelligence service, and served as the head of the GID until August 2001. In October 2002, he was appointed as the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. He served in that position until July 2005 when he was appointed as the Ambassador to the United States until 2007. A founder and trustee of the King Faisal Foundation, he is also the Chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. Additionally, he is a trustee of the Oxford Islamic Center, Oxford University, and the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) at Georgetown University. He received an honorary PhD in Law in 2010 from the University of Ulster in Ireland and an honorary PhD in International Politics in 2011 from the University of Hankuk, Korea.

Prince Al Faisal is an active participant in the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting, the Global Economic Symposium, and the Clinton Global Initiative's Annual Meeting. He is also a member of the Board of the Beirut Institute, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Council for Arab and International Relations, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Munich Security Conference. In September 2015, the University of Rome 'Tor Vergata' appointed him as an honorary professor and the Fondazione Mediterraneo in Naples, Italy, granted him the Mediterranean Award for Diplomacy in 2015.



Nadia Makram Ebeid

Egypt

Member as of 2014

Nadia Makram Ebeid is the Executive Director of the Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)—an international diplomatic position that she assumed in January 2004. Prior to that, she was the first Special Peace Envoy of the Secretary General of the Arab League. She was formerly Egypt's first Minister of the Environment, who headed the newly created Ministry in 1997 for a period of five years, and the first female minister to hold this position in the Arab World. One of her most notable achievements was declaring the River Nile free from polluted industrial wastewater discharge.

Ebeid has a long-standing professional record with the United Nations in the field of international development cooperation, and she is a visiting professor at George Washington University, USA. She is also the chairperson and a board member of various prestigious institutions. She has also received more than fifty international and national awards.



Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu

Turkey

Member as of 2014

Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu is a Turkish academician and diplomat. He is a member of the Turkish Parliament and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and he was the 9th Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) from 2004 to 2013.

Being at the helm of the second largest and sole intergovernmental international organization representing the whole Muslim world (57 countries), İhsanoğlu took major steps bringing about a significant shift of paradigm in the OIC. He was the founding Director General of the Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) in Istanbul for 25 years, and the first professor and founding Head of the Department of History of Science at Istanbul University. He has also taught and lectured in many leading universities in Europe and the USA, and he has published books, articles, and papers in different languages on science, the history of science, and relations between the Muslim world and the Western world. He was awarded medals by kings and presidents, and he has received honorary doctorates from a number of universities around the world. İhsanoğlu was also a presidential candidate in the 2014 elections in Turkey and won 38.5 % of the total vote.



Magdi Yacoub

Egypt

Member as of 2014

Sir Magdi Yacoub is the Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London and Founder and Director of Research at the Harefield Heart Science Centre (Magdi Yacoub Institute). He graduated from Cairo University Medical School in 1957, trained in London, and held an Assistant Professorship at the University of Chicago.

Sir Yacoub is also the Founder and Director of the Magdi Yacoub Research Network, which has created the Qatar Cardiovascular Research Center in collaboration with Qatar Foundation and Hamad Medical Corporation. He has been a British Health Foundation Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery for over 20 years. He was the Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Harefield Hospital from 1969 to 2001 and Royal Brompton Hospital from 1986 to 2001.

He was knighted for his services in medicine and surgery in 1991, and he was awarded Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 1998 and Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1999. He was presented with a lifetime outstanding achievement award in recognition of his contribution to medicine by the Secretary of State for Health in the same year. He has an active interest in global healthcare delivery with particular focus on developing programs in Egypt, the Gulf Region, Mozambique, Ethiopia, and Jamaica. He is the Founder and President of the Chain of Hope charity for treating children with correctable cardiac conditions from war-torn and developing countries, and establishing training and research programs in local cardiac units.

ADVISORY BOARD



Fayza Aboul Naga
Egypt

Fayza Aboul Naga has been the National Security Advisor to the Egyptian President since November 2014. She was the first female Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Egypt and the Arab World in 2001. In 2004, she was appointed as the Egyptian Minister of International Cooperation.

Before joining the Egyptian Cabinet of Ministers, she was a Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations in Geneva from 1999 to 2001; Deputy Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for African Affairs from 1997 to 1999; and Political Advisor and Special Assistant to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Boutros Boutros Ghali, from 1992 to 1996.

She is a member of a number of policy-making ministerial committees. She is also a member of the Policy Advisory Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Aboul Naga obtained a Diploma in Public Administration from the Institut International de l'Administration Publique of Paris in 1977, and a Master's degree in Political Sciences from the University of Geneva in 1989.



Ahmed K. Aboulmagd
Egypt

Ahmed Kamal Aboulmagd is an Egyptian constitutional lawyer, politician, and Islamic scholar. He is considered to have made significant contributions to modern Islamic philosophy.

He is a Professor of Law at Cairo University, Egypt; a practicing lawyer in the fields of constitutional and administrative law; a member of the Royal Moroccan Academy; a Member of the Islamic Research Academy at Al-Azhar; and a Member of the National Council for Women.

He is the former Vice-President of the National Council for Human Rights in Egypt and the former Minister of Information.

In 2001, he co-authored a document, endorsed by the UN General Assembly, titled *Crossing the Divide: Dialogue among Civilizations*. He wrote several books and articles on legal philosophy, constitutional law, and Islamic reforms, including *Dialogue Not Confrontation* and *A Contemporary Islamic Viewpoint*.



Martti Ahtisaari
Finland

Martti Ahtisaari was the President of Finland from 1994 to 2000. He is a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and a United Nations diplomat and mediator. Upon leaving the office, he founded an organization known as Crisis Management Initiative, which he currently chairs. Over the past 30 years, he worked with the UN on a variety of issues, including Horn of Africa, Iraq, Kosovo and Namibia. He serves on the boards of many international councils and foundations.

In October 2008, Martti Ahtisaari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was also awarded an honorary degree by University College, London; the 2007 UNESCO Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize; and the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding in recognition of his work as a peacemaker in 2000. He graduated from the University of Oulu, Finland, in 1959.



Abdelatif Al-Hamad
Kuwait

Abdelatif Al-Hamad graduated from Claremont College with Honors in 1960 and the Harvard International Affairs Program in 1962. Following his studies in the USA, he served as a member of the Kuwaiti delegation to the United Nations during its application for admission in 1962.

Since the early 1960s, he has been highly active in promoting economic and social development, particularly in the Arab world. In this capacity, he has held several important posts, including the Director of the South and Arabian Gulf Society from 1963 to 1981; the Director of the Assistance Authority for the Gulf and Southern Arabia from 1967 to 1981; the Chairman of the United Bank of Kuwait from 1966 to 1981; and the Executive Director of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development from 1972 to 1981.

He was the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Planning of Kuwait from 1981 to 1983. He also served as a member of numerous commissions and boards, including the Brandt Commission from 1977 to 1980; the United Nations Committee for Development Planning as a member and as the chairman from 1982 to 1991; the South Commission, from 1987 to 1989; and the Commission on Global Governance in 1992. He was also the Deputy Chairman of the International Institute for Environment and Development from 1976 to 1989. He has recently arranged the printing of the CGG report, *Our Global Neighborhood*, in Arabic.

Al-Hamad is currently the Director General and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development; a member of the International Finance Cooperation (IFC) Banking Advisory Board Group (World Bank); a member of the board of the Kuwait Investment Authority; a trustee of the Arab Planning Institute; the chairman of the Development Committee Task Force on Multilateral Development Banks; and a member of the Board of Directors of BlackRock.



Sheikh Sultan Al-Qasimi
United Arab Emirates

His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Qasimi has been the Ruler of Sharjah and its dependencies since 1972. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering from Cairo University, Egypt; a PhD with Distinction in History from the University of Exeter, UK; and a PhD in Political Geography from Durham University, UK.

He is also a Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates, the President of the American University of Sharjah, and the President of the University of Sharjah. He served as the UAE Minister of Education during 1971/1972.

His Highness is known throughout the region as a firm believer in the significant role arts and culture play in connecting the minds and souls of people of the world. Toward this aim, he initiated the touring Sharjah Cultural Festivals, which bring aspects of Arab and Islamic arts and culture to cities around the world.

His Highness has placed great emphasis on nurturing civic awareness, participation, and social responsibilities and has encouraged the establishment of many non-governmental organizations to promote social interactions between the communities and the government. His Highness has authored a number of important scholarly texts as well as plays, which have been translated into many languages. His Highness is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees from universities around the world. He has served as Honorary President of various organizations and associations, and is the recipient of numerous awards and medals.



Assia BenSalah Alaoui
Morocco

Assia BenSalah Alaoui is the Ambassador-at-Large of His Majesty the King of Morocco. She is a world renowned specialist in international economic law, and an expert on food security, strategic studies and the Mediterranean area.

Assia BenSalah Alaoui serves on a variety of committees for Near-Eastern peace and on a number of boards of trustees of international organizations and think-tanks.

Alaoui was a Professor of International Law and Director of Studies at the Centre for Strategic Studies at University Mohammed V in Rabat. She has written extensively on diverse topics. She wrote a number of publications, including *Climate Change and Arab Food Security* (2010) and *Global Security, the Financial Crises and Food Security* (2009).



Bruce Alberts
USA

Bruce Alberts was awarded the United States National Medal of Science in 2014. He has served as Editor-in-Chief of *Science* from 2008 to 2013 and as one of President Obama's first three United States Science Envoys from 2009 to 2011. From 2000 to 2009, he served as the co-chair of the InterAcademy Council, an organization in Amsterdam established to provide scientific advice to the world and governed by the presidents of 15 national academies of sciences.

Alberts holds the Chancellor's Leadership Chair in Biochemistry and Biophysics for Science and Education at the University of California, San Francisco, to which he returned after serving two six-year terms as the president of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS).

Alberts is noted as one of the original authors of *The Molecular Biology of the Cell*, a preeminent textbook in the field, now in its sixth edition. He has earned many honors and awards, including 16 honorary degrees.

He currently serves on the advisory boards of more than 20 nonprofit institutions, including the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Strategic Education Research Partnership (SERP).



Mehriban Aliyeva
Azerbaijan

Mehriban Aliyeva is Azerbaijan's First Lady and a qualified doctor. She heads the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, established in May 2004. She has been a Member of the Political Board of New Azerbaijan Party since 2004 and Deputy Chairperson of the party since 2013.

In 2006, she became the Goodwill Ambassador of ISESCO and Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO for Oral and Musical Traditions in 2004. She founded *Azerbaijan-IRS* magazine in 1996, published in three languages (Azerbaijani, English, and Russian), to promote the Azerbaijani culture.

She received numerous awards, including the Officer Class of the National Order of Legion of Honor, France (2010); the Grand Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Polish Republic (2009); the Heydar Aliyev Prize (2009); and the World Health Organization Prize (2007). Aliyeva obtained a PhD in Philosophy in 2005.



Lourdes Arizpe
Mexico

Lourdes Arizpe is a social anthropologist. She is currently a Professor-Researcher at the Regional Center for Multidisciplinary Research, of the National University of Mexico.

She is a Member of the Committee for the Development Policy of the Economic and Social Council at the UN and Coordinator of the Research Planning Committee, and she has been President of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development since 2006.

Lourdes Arizpe has held several notable international positions, and received numerous international awards. She has a biennial award in her name in the American Anthropological Association.

She is the author of many research books and member of editorial boards of several professional journals in Colombia, Mexico, UK, and USA.

She obtained an MA in Anthropology from the National School of Social Anthropology and History in 1970, followed by a PhD in Social Anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1975.



Hanan Ashrawi
Palestine

Hanan Ashrawi is a Palestinian legislator, an activist, and a scholar. She is the Founder and Chairperson of MIFTAH. She is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Palestine Studies.

She was a Member of the Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad's Third Way Party. She was the Palestinian Authority Minister of Higher Education and Research from 1996 to 1998. She headed the Preparatory Committee of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights in Jerusalem from 1993 to 1995. She served as the Official Spokesperson and Member of the Leadership/Guidance Committee and Executive Committee of the Palestinian Delegation to the Middle East Peace Process from 1991 to 1993.

She is the recipient of numerous international peace, human rights, and democracy awards; and honorary degrees.

Ashrawi obtained her BA and MA degrees in Literature from the American University of Beirut. She obtained a PhD in Medieval and Comparative Literature from the University of Virginia.



Jacques Attali

France

Jacques Attali is a French professor and writer. He is an Honorary Member of the Council of State in France. He is currently the CEO of A&A, an international consulting firm based in Paris specializing in new technologies; and President of PlaNet Finance. He is an Editorialist for the *L'Express* magazine.

He was a Member of the Universal Academy of Cultures.

During the period from 1991 to 1993, he founded and became first President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London. He was the Special Advisor to the President of the Republic from 1981 to 1991. He founded Action Against Hunger in 1980, and the European program Eurêka.

He has received honorary doctorates from several foreign universities. He has written more than 50 books that have been translated into more than twenty languages.

Attali has a Doctorate in Economics and is a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique, Ecole des Mines, Institut d'Etudes Politiques and Ecole Nationale d'Administration.



Hossam Badrawi

Egypt

Hossam Badrawi is an eminent Egyptian physician and a well-known politician. He chaired the OB/GYN department in Cairo University's Medical School in 2009/2010. He is a trailblazer of the private health care sector with his distinguished vision for health care financing, management, and provision.

He chairs the Badrawi Foundation for Education and Development, a non-profit family foundation working for human development in Egypt. He initiated, and is Honorary Chair of ENCC. He currently serves on the boards, committees, and councils of numerous institutions and non-profit organizations. He chaired the PNoWB/MENA chapter, an initiative developed with the World Bank from 2003 to 2006. He also chaired the Egyptian Parliament Committee that legislated the law of establishing the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Law No. 1 of 2001.

Badrawi is considered a leader of education reform in Egypt. In 2007, he received an honorary PhD in Science from Sunderland University, UK, and an honorary fellowship from the Cardiff Metropolitan University in Wales, UK, in 2014, for his outstanding work in higher education in the Middle East.



Rahma Bourqia

Morocco

Rahma Bourqia is the first woman to have assumed the presidency of a Moroccan University and to be appointed in the Royaume Academy of her country.

Bourqia is an expert on women's rights in Morocco and the Arab World and a Visiting Professor in numerous American, European, and Arab universities. She is the Director of the National Authority of Evaluation of Education, Training and Scientific System at the Higher Council for Education since 2004.

She is a Member of numerous boards, committees, and commissions. She has received several awards, including the Decoration of the Royal Throne in 2006; the Middle East Award, Population Council, North Africa and East Asia Regional Office in 1990; and the Malcolm Kerr Award for Best Dissertation, the American Association of Middle East Studies in 1988. Bourqia published many works and articles on Morocco as a State, Moroccan culture and history, and women and youth. She has obtained a Doctorate in Sociology from Manchester University.



Margaret Catley-Carlson
Canada

Margaret Catley-Carlson, a Canadian civil servant, is the Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Water Security, the Foresight Advisory Committee for Group Suez Environment, the Canadian Water Network, the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board, the Rosenberg Forum, and Patron of the Global Water Partnership. She is also Board Chair of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, Board Member of the International Fertilizer Development Council, and Member of the Advisory Council of the World Food Prize and the Syngenta Foundation. She has chaired CABI and the Board of the ICARDA. In 1984, she was appointed to the Board of Governors of the IDRC. She received a BA the University of British Columbia in 1966.



Michael M. Cernea
USA/Romania

Michael M. Cernea is a Research Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs at George Washington University. He has a PhD in sociology and social philosophy, has taught and lectured at US, European, and Asian universities; and was appointed as an Honorary Professor of Resettlement and Social Sciences at Hohai University in Nanjing, China.

He served for nearly two decades as the World Bank's Senior Adviser for Sociology and Social Policy, and on CGIAR's Science Council and Technical Advisory Committee from 1998 to 2003.

In 1991, Cernea was elected to the Academy of Sciences, Romania. He is the recipient of the Solon T. Kimball Award for Public Policy and Applied Anthropology from the American Anthropological Association and the Bronislaw Malinowski Prize from the international Society for Applied Anthropology.

He has written and edited numerous books and studies on development, social change, population resettlement, social forestry, grassroots organizations, and participation.



Farouk El-Baz

Egypt

Farouk El-Baz is a research professor and the Director of the Center for Remote Sensing at Boston University. He obtained a PhD in geology from the University of Missouri in 1964, after conducting research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

From 1967 to 1972, El-Baz joined NASA's Apollo program as the supervisor of the Lunar Science Planning, the secretary of the Apollo Landing Site Selection Committee, the chairman of the Astronaut Training Group, and the principal investigator for Visual Observations and Photography. From 1973 until 1982, he established and directed the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. He was also selected by NASA as the principal investigator for Earth Observations and Photography on the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. He became the Vice-President for Science and Technology at Itek Optical Systems, until he joined Boston University in 1986.

El-Baz served as the Science Advisor to the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat from 1978 to 1981. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Geological Society of America (GSA) Foundation, a member of the Lunar Nomenclature Group of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and the US National Academy of Engineering, the Chair of the US National Committee for the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), and the President of the Arab Society of Desert Research. He received numerous honors and awards, including NASA's Apollo Achievement Award and exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal, the Nevada Medal, and the Egyptian Order of Merit (First Class).



Adel El-Beltagy

Egypt

Adel El-Beltagy, Chair of the BA Executive Committee, is currently the Chair of the International Dryland Development Commission (IDDC). He is also a professor at the Arid Land Agricultural Graduate Studies and Research Institute (ALARI) at Ain Shams University, Cairo, a board member of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), and a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS).

El-Beltagy is the former Egyptian Minister of Agriculture. Additionally, he chaired a number of national and international organizations, including the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) from 2006 to 2010, the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), and the Scientific/Technical Council of the International Sahara and Sahel Observatory (SSO) from 1993 to 2002.

El-Beltagy was the Vice Chair of the Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust (GCDT) from 2007 to 2011, a member of the FAO High-Level Committee addressing the implementation of the UN millennium development goals (MDGs) from 2006 to 2011, and a board member of the UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Board from 2004 to 2005. He was also a member of the CGIAR Change Steering Team from 2007 to 2008, and a council member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) from 2006 to 2011.

He is also a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences of Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, and Russia. He received numerous honors and awards, such as the Golden Medal of CIHEAM in 2015 and the Sultan Qaboos 'First Class' Order for Culture, Sciences, and Arts in 2009. He has also authored and co-authored numerous scientific publications.



Hisham El-Sherif

Egypt

Hisham El-Sherif is a leading authority on Telecommunications and IT in Egypt, the Middle East, and the developing world. He is currently the Chairman of IT Investments, Founder and Chairman of Nile Online, and a Commissioner of the Washington-based Global Information Infrastructure Commission. He has been a Professor at the American University in Cairo since 1991.

He co-founded the Egyptian Cabinet IDSC in 1985, and chaired its Advisory Board until 1999. He has also served as Chairman and Member on a number of boards, including the Advisory Board of the Egyptian Museum, Egypt Internet Society, the Children with Special Needs Initiative, and the US-Egypt President's Council.

He has received several awards, including the First Order Medal of Science and Arts in 1999, the World First Prize in Information Systems from SIM in 1988, and the French Knighthood in 1991. El-Sherif obtained his PhD in Business and Engineering from MIT.



Nina V. Fedoroff

USA

Nina V. Fedoroff, a geneticist and molecular biologist, is the Willaman Professor of Life Sciences and Evan Pugh Professor of Biology at the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

In 2007, she was appointed the Science and Technology Advisor to the US Secretary of State. In 2003, she became a Member of the External Faculty and Science Steering Committee of the Santa Fe Institute.

Fedoroff is a Member of numerous scientific academies and a number of editorial boards, as well as international scientific boards and councils, including *the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Science Magazine*, *Gene Journal*, and *the Plant Journal*.

She was honored as an Outstanding Contemporary Woman Scientist by the New York Academy of Sciences in 1992. She has published a number of books and papers in scientific journals. Fedoroff received her PhD in Molecular Biology from the Rockefeller University in 1972.

She also co-chairs the European Union's High-Level Panel on Dialogue between Cultures and Peoples in the Euro-Mediterranean Area, and she edited the *Prodi Report* in 2003.



Vigdís Finnbogadóttir
Iceland

Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, the fourth President of the Republic of Iceland who served from 1980 to 1996, was the first female in the world to be elected as a constitutional Head of State. She studied literature and theatre in Paris and in Copenhagen. Prior to becoming President, she was the Artistic Director of the Reykjavík Theatre Company (Leikfélag Reykjavíkur), later the City Theatre from 1972 to 1980.

She is currently a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, a Member of the Club of Madrid, and an Honorary Member of the Women's Rights Association in Iceland.

She was one of the founders of Save the Children Association in Iceland, the first Chair of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) at UNESCO from 1997 to 2001, and the Founding Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders in 1996.

Finnbogadóttir has received many honors and awards, and honorary doctorates from various universities in the world.



Walter Fust
Switzerland

Walter Fust has been the President of Globethics.net since 2008, and he is the Chairman of the board of the Global Crop Z Trust and of the African Innovation Foundation. He is a member of UN CEPA and a board member of different philanthropic foundations. Fust joined the Swiss Diplomatic Service in 1975. He also served as the CEO/Director-General of the Global Humanitarian Forum, Geneva, from 2008 to 2010; the Chairman of the International Programme for the Development of Communication Council, UNESCO, from 2008 to 2010; a member of the Advisory Board of the UN ECOSOC, from 2005 to 2007; the Head of SDC from 1993 to 2008; and the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Interior from 1990 to 1993. He was a member of the International Forum of Federations, Ottawa; and a member of IRGC, Geneva. Fust has received numerous international honors and awards. He studied at St. Gallen University and obtained an MA in Political Science.



Hans-Peter Geh
Germany

Hans-Peter Geh is the President of the European Foundation for Library Cooperation and Emeritus Director of the Württembergische State and University Library in Stuttgart. He is also a Member of the International Commission for the Revival of the Ancient Library of Alexandria.

Geh held numerous positions in German libraries, literary associations and institutions, as well as international organizations. He served as President of IFLA from 1985 to 1991. He also served as a co-editor of national and international journals.

Geh studied history, political science, and English literature at the Universities of Frankfurt am Main and Bristol. He received his library education and training at the City and University Library of Frankfurt am Main and at the College of Librarianship in Cologne.



Hans van Ginkel
Netherlands

Hans van Ginkel was the Rector Magnificus of Utrecht University from 1986 to 1997. He was also the Rector of the United Nations University and Under Secretary-General of the UN in Tokyo from 1997 to 2007. He is currently an honorary professor of Human Geography and Planning at Utrecht University, the Netherlands; Chair of the Board of the German Center for Development Research (ZEF, Bonn); Chair of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Social Studies (ISS), The Hague; and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Graduate School on Sustainable Development, Kyoto University. He worked individually and with UNESCO on several initiatives on Higher Education, Sustainable Human Development, and Sustainable Urban Futures.

He is also a member of the Academia Europea, a fellow of TWAS (The World Academy of Science for the promotion of science and technology in the developing countries), and a former member of the Social Science Council of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

Van Ginkel has received 5 honorary doctorates, has been a Knight in the Order of the Netherlands' Lion since 1994, and he received the Order of the Rising Sun, Grand Cordon, Japan, in 2007. He received the medal of the Chamber of Commerce of Utrecht, 1993, and the Golden Medal of the City of Utrecht, 1997, for his contributions to the preparation of the physical infrastructure plan for the central part of the Netherlands.



Susan A. Greenfield
United Kingdom

Baroness Susan A. Greenfield, CBE and FRCP, is a research scientist, author, and broadcaster based in Oxford. She has held research fellowships in the Department of Physiology, Oxford; the Collège de France, Paris; and NYU Medical Center, New York. Since then, she has been awarded 32 Honorary Degrees from British and international universities. In 2000, she was elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians. Further international recognition of her work include the 'Golden Plate Award' in 2003 from the Academy of Achievement, Washington; the National Order of the Legion of Honor in 2003 from the French Government; and the 2010 Australian Medical Research Society Medal.

She has recently held a Visiting Professorship at the Medical School, University of Melbourne, Australia for the month of November 2014, 2015, and 2016.

She currently holds a Senior Research Fellowship at Lincoln College, Oxford University. She is the founder and CEO of a biotech company (www.neuro-bio.com), which is developing a novel anti-Alzheimer drug based on her research exploring novel brain mechanisms linked to neurodegeneration.



Vartan Gregorian

*Islamic Republic of
Iran*

Vartan Gregorian has been the President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York since 1997. He is on the advisory board of USC Center on Public Diplomacy and the Brookings Doha Center. He is also a Member of the Editorial Board of the Encyclopedia Britannica and numerous other international foundations.

He was the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania in 1974; and the provost in 1978. From 1981 to 1989, he was the President of the New York Public Library. In 1989, he was appointed President of Brown University, where he served until 1997. He has also authored, among other works, *The Emergence of Modern Afghanistan*, *The Road to Home: My Life and Times*, and *Islam: A Mosaic, Not a Monolith*.

Gregorian obtained his PhD in History and Humanities from Stanford University in 1964. He is a recipient of numerous fellowships and many civic and academic honors, including over sixty honorary degrees.



Mohamed H.A. Hassan

Sudan

Mohamed Hag Ali Hassan is the President of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP), Chairman of the Council of the United Nations University (UNU), and President of the Sudanese National Academy of Sciences (SNAS). He also serves on a number of boards of international organizations, including the Council of Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum, Japan; the Board of the International Science Programme, Sweden; the Board of the Science Initiative Group (SIG), USA; and the International Advisory Board of the Centre for International Development (ZEF), Germany. After obtaining his DPhil in Mathematics from the University of Oxford, he returned to Sudan and became a professor at the University of Khartoum and was later appointed as the dean of the School of Mathematical Sciences.

Hassan has a long list of publications in theoretical plasma physics, fusion energy, and the physics of wind erosion and dust and sand transport in dry lands. He also published several articles on science and technology in the developing world. He was a founding executive director of TWAS, the president of the African Academy of Sciences, and the chairman of the Honorary Presidential Advisory Council for Science and Technology, Nigeria. He has received several honors, including Comendator, Grand Cross, and National Order of Scientific Merit, Brazil, and Officer, Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

He is a member of several merit-based academies of science, including, TWAS, the African Academy of Sciences; the Islamic World Academy of Sciences; Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales; Académie Royale des Sciences d'Outre-Mer, Belgium; the Pakistan Academy of Sciences; the Academy of Sciences of Lebanon; the Cuban Academy of Sciences; and the Academy of Sciences of South Africa.



Jean-Noël Jeanneney
France

Jean-Noël Jeanneney is a French historian and politician. He taught contemporary history at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris from 1977 to 2011. He was the President of both Radio France and Radio France Internationale, and he served twice as Secretary of State in François Mitterrand's government. He headed the committee for the celebration of the bicentennial of the French Revolution, and he was the Chairman of the National Library of France between March 2002 and April 2007.

Jeanneney has many published works, including *L'Histoire va-t-elle plus vite ? : Variations sur un vertige*, 2001; *Clemenceau : portrait d'un homme libre*, 2005; *Quand Google défie l'Europe : plaidoyer pour un sursaut*, 2005; a play titled *L'un de nous deux*, 2009; *Jours de guerre: 1914–1918*, 2013; and *L'Histoire, la liberté, l'action*, 2013.



Tahar Ben Jelloun
Morocco/France

Tahar Ben Jelloun is a Moroccan poet and writer. Although his native language is Arabic, he is one of the greatest contemporary writers in the French language.

He received numerous awards for his works, including the Prix Goncourt for his novel, *La nuit sacrée*, in 1987; the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award for his novel, *The Blinding Absence of Light* in July 2004; the *Prix Ulysse* for the entirety of his work in 2005; and a special prize for "Peace and Friendship between People" in 2006. In February 2008, Nicolas Sarkozy awarded him the Cross of Grand Officer of the Légion d'Honneur. He received his Doctorate in Social Psychiatry in 1975.

His novels *L'enfant de sable* and *La nuit sacrée* were translated into 43 languages. *Le racisme expliqué à ma fille* has been translated into 33 languages.



Yolanda Kakabadse
Ecuador

Yolanda Kakabadse served as the Minister of Environment for the Republic of Ecuador from 1998 until 2000. She was the NGO Liaison Officer for the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development (the Rio Earth Summit) in 1992, coordinating the participation of civil society organizations in the conference. She was also the President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) from 1996 to 2004.

In 1979, she was appointed as the Executive Director of Fundacion Natura in Quito, where she worked until 1990. In 1993, she founded Fundacion Futuro Latinoamericano. She served as its Executive President until 2007, and she is currently its senior adviser. She also chaired the Scientific and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) from 2005 to 2008. Kakabadse has been the President of WWF International since January 2010.



Michael Keller

USA

Michael Keller is the Ida M. Green University Librarian at Stanford University and the Director of Academic Information Resources. He is the founder of HighWire Press and the publisher of the Stanford University Press. He has been a guest professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences and a Senior Presidential Fellow of the Council on Library and Information Resources. He is a member of the Committee on Research Integrity of the National Research Council and the National Academy of Sciences. He had also previously served on two other NRC committees. He is the co-founder and was co-Chair of the Preservation and Archiving Special Interest Group, which is co-sponsored and operated by Sun Microsystems and Stanford University, from 2007 to 2012. He was the Chairman of the External Advisory Board of the Research Library, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and he chaired the Executive Committee of the National Digital Library Federation.

Keller is currently the Chair of the consortium of the International Image Interoperability Framework. He is an elected Lifetime Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a Sarum Canon and was awarded the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana of the Republic of Estonia.

He has served on numerous profit and not for profit boards in the USA and internationally, including that of his alma mater, Hamilton College, where he obtained his BA in 1967. He obtained his MA in 1970 and his MLS in 1972 from the State University of New York.



Kiyoshi Kurokawa

Japan

Kiyoshi Kurokawa, MD, graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo. He was a professor of medicine at the School of Medicine of UCLA and the University of Tokyo. He was also the Dean of the School of Medicine at Tokai University, the President of the Science Council of Japan, a Science Advisor to the Prime Minister, a WHO Commissioner, and the Chairman of Fukushima Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission (NAIIC).

Kurokawa is an adjunct professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; the Chairman, Health and Global Policy Institute and Global Health Innovative Technology Fund; and a member of the World Dementia Council.



Julia Marton-Lefèvre

Hungary

Julia Marton-Lefèvre is a member of a number of boards focused on environment, development, education, and good governance. She chairs the Executive Committee of the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement and the Advisory Board of the Sustainable Biosphere Partnership. Her other board memberships include the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Oxford University's James Martin School, the Global Institute of Sustainability (Arizona State University), the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Bioversity International, the Turkana Basin Institute, and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI).

Her past positions include the Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Rector of the UN-affiliated University for Peace, and the Executive Director of LEAD International and of the International Council for Science. Marton-Lefèvre is a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur of France, Chevalier dans l'Ordre de Saint-Charles of Monaco, and a recipient of awards from Hungary and the Republic of Korea. She is the Edward P. Bass Distinguished Visiting Environmental Scholar at Yale University and a member of the World Academy of Art and Science and the World Future Council.



Luis Monreal
Spain

Luis Monreal is the General Manager of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture. He is a conservation specialist, art historian, and archeologist. He assumed many posts throughout his career, including Secretary-General of the International Council of Museums ICOM from 1974 to 1985; Director of the Getty Conservation Institute in Los Angeles, from 1985 to 1990; Director General of La Caixa Foundation in Barcelona, from 1990 to 2001; and was a member of various archeological missions in Nubia, Sudan, Egypt and Morocco. Monreal is the author of several books and numerous articles on art and archeology. He is a board member of the Gala-Salvador Dalí Foundation (Spain), a member of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts (Barcelona, Spain), Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (France) and Gran Cruz de Isabel la Católica (Spain).



Mounir Neamatalla
Egypt

Mounir Neamatalla is an Egyptian environmentalist. He is the Founder and President of EQI, a private consulting firm established in 1981 providing services in three core areas: Policy and Governance, Environment and Natural Resources, and Enterprise Development and Finance of SMEs. Five services are provided in support of these three areas, namely: Socioeconomic Research, Management Advisory Services, Environmental Management and Design, Agricultural Resource Management, and Media and Communication. EQI's mission is to contribute to the growth and development of Africa and the Middle East through sustainable improvements in the living conditions of the peoples of the Region. Neamatalla obtained a Bachelor and a Master's degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1970 and 1971, respectively. He obtained his PhD in Environmental Health and Quality Management from Columbia University, New York, 1976.



Kazuo Ogoura

Japan

Kazuo Ogoura has been the President of the Japan Foundation since October 2003. Since 1962, he has held several posts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, including the Director General of the Cultural Affairs Department, the Director General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, and the Deputy Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

He served as Japanese Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Vietnam from 1994 to 1995, South Korea from 1997 to 1999, and France from 1999 to 2002. Following his retirement in November 2002, he served as a Visiting Researcher at the National Institute for Research Advancement and an Invited Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University.

His publications, in Japanese, include *Rebellion against Globalism* (2004); *Shigeru Yoshida Searches His Own Heart* (2003); *Dignity of China, Pride of Japan* (2001); and *Enlai Zhou in Paris* (1992).

He graduated from the Faculty of Law, Tokyo University, in 1962 and from the Faculty of Economics, Cambridge University, in 1964.



Roelof Rabbinge

Netherlands

Roelof Rabbinge is a University Professor Emeritus in Sustainable Development and Food Security at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Rabbinge was the Chair of the Inter-Academy Panel on Food Security and Agricultural Productivity in Africa and a member of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He served in different posts in Academia, cooperative private companies, and in politics. He holds degrees in phytopathology, entomology, theoretical production ecology, and philosophy of science from Wageningen University. He is currently a Special Envoy for Food Security in the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs and Foreign Affairs.



Bruno Racine

France

Bruno Racine is a French senior official and writer. He became the President of the French National Library from April 2007 until 2016.

He joined the Cour des Comptes, the French national audit jurisdiction, in 1979, before being appointed in 1986 to the Cabinet of then Prime Minister Jacques Chirac. From 1988 to 1993, he was Director of Cultural Affairs of the city of Paris. In 1993, he headed the Centre d'Analyse et de Prévision at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before joining the Cabinet of then Prime Minister Alain Juppé.

Racine headed the French Academy at the Villa Médicis in Rome from 1997 to 2002, before being appointed Chairman of the Pompidou Centre, from 2002 to 2007. In 2011, he was elected Chairman of the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL).

A distinguished author, Racine has written many books. In 2008, he was awarded the Officer of the Legion of Honor merit.



Mamphela Ramphele
South Africa

Mamphela Ramphele is a South African academic, businesswoman, and medical doctor who was an anti-apartheid activist. She is the Executive Chair of Letsema Circle, and Chair of Convenors of the Dinokeng Scenarios. She was recently appointed Chair of the Technology and Innovation Agency.

She was the former Managing Director of the World Bank from 2000 to 2004, and Co-Chair on GCIM from 2004 to 2005. In 1996, she became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, becoming the first black female to hold this position at a South African University.

She is the author of many important titles on critical socio-economic issues in South Africa. She has received numerous prestigious national and international awards, including numerous honorary doctorates.

Ramphele holds a PhD in Social Anthropology, University of Cape Town; a BCom degree in Administration, University of South Africa; and diplomas in Tropical Health and Hygiene and Public Health, University of Witwatersrand.



Ghassan Salamé
Lebanon

Ghassan Salamé is the Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) and a professor of International Relations at Sciences-Po in Paris and at Columbia University, New York. He studied Law at Saint Joseph's University and Paris University. He obtained a PhD in Humanities and a PhD in Political Sciences from Paris University.

Salamé was the Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General, from 2003 to 2006, and a Political Advisor to the UN Mission in Iraq in 2003. He was Lebanon's Minister of Culture from 2000 to 2003, the Chairman and Spokesman of the Organization Committee for the Arab Summit in March 2002, and of the Francophone Summit in October 2002 in Beirut.

He presently serves on the board of the International Crisis Group (Brussels) and sits on the boards of numerous international institutes and non-profit organizations. He is the founding Chairman of the Arab Fund for Arts and Culture.

He is the author of many books. His essays have been published in *Foreign Policy*, *Revue française de science politique*, *European Journal of International Affairs*, *The Middle East Journal*, and other international journals.



Rhonda Roland Shearer
USA

Rhonda Roland Shearer is an American sculptor, scholar, and journalist who has pioneered the development of both digital publishing and interdisciplinary scholarship. She has been a co-principal investigator for NASA's *Astrobiology Magazine* since 2005 (Astrobio.net); the Director of the Art Science Research Laboratory (co-founded with the late Stephen Jay Gould), New York City, since 1996; and the publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the *Media Ethics* online news journal (iMediaEthics.org) since 2004.

Shearer was an Associate of Harvard University's Department of Psychology from 1998 to 2000 and an Adjunct Lecturer at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa from 2010 to 2013.

Her interdisciplinary research has resulted in more than 200 articles, reports, and lectures at leading universities on the historical importance of new geometries in the history of art and science, and on news media ethics. Shearer held numerous solo exhibitions between 1986 and 1994 at museums and at the Wildenstein Gallery in New York and London.



Adele Simmons

USA

Adele Simmons is the President of the Global Philanthropy Partnership. She coordinated efforts to develop Midwest strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, co-chaired the taskforce that developed the 2010 Climate Action Plan for the City of Chicago, and is a member of the task force that prepared, and is implementing, Sustainable Chicago 2015. She works with the Urban Sustainability Director's Network, which includes sustainability officers from 124 cities in the US and Canada. Simmons is currently on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Field Museum, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the Union of Concerned Scientists, CERES, the Synergos Institute, the American Prospect, the Weil Foundation, and the Environmental Defense Action Fund. She promotes global giving by helping strengthen the infrastructure that assists global donors. She is also the editor of *Global Giving Matters* for Synergos. Simmons was the President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation between 1989 and 1999. She has served on several commissions, including President Bush's Commission on Sustainable Development, the Commission on Global Governance, the World Economic Forum's Global Redesign Initiative, and the UN High Level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development. She also served as a member of the board of Marsh and McLennan, Inc. from 1977 to 2015. She served as the President of Hampshire College, a Dean and Senior Officer at Princeton and Tufts universities and was a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers. She obtained her BA from Harvard and PhD from Oxford. She has lived in Mauritius, Kenya and Tunisia, where she served as *The Economist* correspondent for North Africa.



Nicéphore D. Soglo

Benin

Nicéphore Dieudonné Soglo was the President of the Republic of Benin from 1991 to 1996. He thus became the first democratically elected civilian leader of a nation in the history of the entire African continent. He played an active role in international affairs as the Chairman of ECOWAS.

In 2002, he was elected Mayor of Cotonou and was re-elected in 2008. During a 15-year tenure, starting from 1963, in the Benin Ministry of Finance, he rose to the position of Minister of Economy and Finance. He later became the Executive Director of the Central Bank of West African States, then the Executive Director of the Board of the World Bank in 1979, and he launched the bank's efforts to promote economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

He also played a major role in the creation of African Development Banks. Soglo was educated in France where he graduated from the École Normale d'Administration and obtained degrees in French literature and in private and public law.



Wole Soyinka
Nigeria

Akinwande Oluwole "Wole" Soyinka, is a Nigerian writer, poet, and playwright. In 1986, he became the first African writer to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Soyinka is currently the Elias Ghanem Professor of Creative Writing at the English Department of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the President's Marymount Institute Professor in Residence at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, USA.

In 1994, he was the designated Goodwill Ambassador of the UNESCO for the promotion of African culture, human rights, freedom of expression, media, and communication.



Gunnar Stålsett
Norway

Gunnar Stålsett is a Norwegian theologian and politician. He was the leader of the Centre Party from 1977 to 1979, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation from 1985 to 1993, and Bishop of Oslo in the Church of Norway from 1998 to 2005.

He is the Honorary President of Religions for Peace and a former member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

He also received the Niwano Peace Prize in 2013 in appreciation of his global efforts in the fields of peace and human rights.



M.S. Swaminathan
India

Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan, an agriculture scientist, is known as the "Father of the Green Revolution in India". He has been described by the United Nations Environment Programme as "the Father of Economic Ecology". He was listed in *TIME* magazine's 1999 list of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20th century.

He currently holds the UNESCO Chair in Ecotechnology at the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India.

Swaminathan is a Fellow of various leading scientific academies in India and around the world, including the Royal Society of London. He is the recipient of numerous national and international awards and distinctions, and he has received many honorary doctorate degrees from universities around the world.



Kazuo Takahashi

Japan

Kazuo Takahashi is currently the President of Liberal Arts 21 and the Vice President of the Japan Association of Kyosei Studies. He served as a professor at the Division of International Studies, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. He was formerly the Director of the International Development Research Institute of the Foundation of Advanced Studies on International Development in Tokyo and a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo, Japan.

Takahashi served on various committees of the Japanese Government and international bodies, including the International Advisory Group for the World Bank, the World Commission on Water for the 21st Century, the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare, and the Earth Council and Club of Tokyo.



Leila Takla

Egypt

Leila Takla, is an Egyptian Professor of Law and Management and a Legal Consultant. She is the first female to be elected President of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Egyptian Parliament, the first Arab female elected to the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the first female ever to be elected as the Chairperson of one of the Union's sessions.

She was elected for three terms as the President of the Board of Trustees of the UN Technical Cooperation Programs. She is also a member of numerous national and international boards and committees.

She authored a number of books, and she is a writer and political analyst for the *Al-Ahram Daily* newspaper.



Prince El Hassan bin Talal

Jordan

HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal is currently working with American NGOs on a program titled "Partners in Humanity", ultimately aiming to improve understanding and build positive relationships between the Muslim World and the United States.

In March 2009, HRH chaired the Integrity Council for the Global Commons. In June 2003, HRH was elected as one of the Independent Eminent Experts group, appointed by the UN Secretary-General, to implement the Declaration and Program of Action of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance that took place in Durban, South Africa.

HRH chairs, and is a member of, a number of international committees and organizations. HRH served as Chairman of the Policy Advisory Commission for WIPO from 1999 to 2002 and was a member of the South Centre Board from 2001 to 2006.

HRH has received numerous national and international medals, awards, and honorary degrees. HRH also wrote several books.

HRH obtained a BA in Oriental Studies followed by an MA from the University of Oxford.



Carl Tham

Sweden

Carl Tham was the Swedish Ambassador to Germany from 2002 to 2006, and he was a member of the Swedish parliament from 1976 to 1982. He held several positions in the Swedish government through the years, including the Minister of Energy from 1978 to 1979 and the Minister of Education and Science from 1994 to 1998.

Tham was the Director-General of the SIDA for more than ten years, and he served on many public commissions and committees. He was the Chairman of the board of the Swedish Institute of Future Studies in Stockholm from 1999 to 2006. He was also a member of the task force on higher education convened by UNESCO and the World Bank, the co-Chairman of the Independent International Commission of Kosovo.

He was awarded the United Student Unions of Sweden (SFS) Equality Award for his work on gender equality in Swedish universities.



Marianna Vardinoyannis

Greece

Marianna Vardinoyannis is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador promoting programs for the protection of children; founder and President of the Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation; and founder and President of the Elpida Association of Friends of Children with Cancer. Inspired by motherhood, she has built up an extensive record of humanitarian work for the benefit of children and disadvantaged social groups in Greece and abroad. She has also worked on issues of peace, education, health, and cultural heritage. She is a board member of the Mentor International against drugs, the Light from Africa Foundation, and other organizations. Vardinoyannis has supported many educational institutions in the USA and in Europe, and she funded the establishment of the Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies at the BA.

She supports UNESCO programs for education and culture in several parts of the world as well as at schools in Greece. For about 25 years, she has been fighting against childhood cancer through the Elpida Association; more than 780 children from Greece and the Mediterranean region have been cured of cancer. She holds a BA in History of Art and in Economics; MPhil in Archaeology; and Honorary Doctorates in Law, Philosophy, and Human Studies.



Vaira Viķe-Freiberga

Latvia

Vaira Viķe-Freiberga is the President of Club of Madrid and the former President of Latvia from 1999 to 2007. She was instrumental in achieving membership in the EU and NATO for her country and was a Special Envoy on the UN reform.

She has published extensively, and she is in great demand as a speaker. She is a member, board member, or patron of 30 international organizations, including the World Leadership Alliance, the Board of Trustees of the Nizami Ganjavi International Centre (co-Chair), the European Council on Foreign Relations, as well as five academies. She chaired the High-Level Group on Freedom and Pluralism of Media in the EU in 2011/2012. In 2015, she was a member of two High-level groups on European security and defense.

Viķe-Freiberga is currently a member of the High-level Independent Team of Advisors to the UN Economic and Social Council Dialogue Process on UN development.



William Wulf

USA

William Wulf is a university professor and AT&T professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the Department of Computer Science, the University of Virginia. He is also a member of numerous national and international academies and societies.

He held several posts throughout his career, including President of the National Academy of Engineering in 1997 and Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation from 1988 to 1990. In 1981, he founded Tartan Laboratories and was the Chair and Chief Executive Officer until 1988. He became an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in 1968, then was appointed as an Associate Professor in 1973 and a Professor in 1975.

Wulf has a Bachelor in Engineering Physics and a Master's in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois. He obtained a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Virginia in 1968.



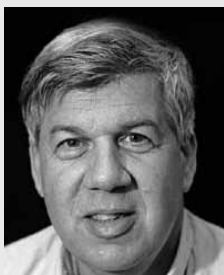
Federico M. Zaragoza

Spain

Federico Mayor Zaragoza is a Spanish scholar and politician. He is currently the Chairman of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, which he created in 1999. He has been a professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology since 1963, and he was the former Rector of the University of Granada from 1968 to 1971. In 2005, the UN Secretary-General named him co-Chair of the High Level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations; a post he held until November 2006 when the Group presented its final report in Istanbul.

Zaragoza has held several other notable positions, including the Director-General of UNESCO, from 1987 to 1999; a member of the European Parliament, as of 1987; the Minister of Education and Science, from 1981 to 1982; and the Deputy Director-General of UNESCO in 1978. In addition to numerous scientific publications, he has published several poetry collections and essay collections.

IN MEMORIAM



Stephen Jay Gould
USA
(1941–2002)

Stephen Jay Gould was an active Founding Member of the Board of Trustees of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and was deeply committed to the ideals of rationality and ecumenism.

He was a prolific writer and producer of scientific ideas, many that challenged theories about the mechanisms by which life has evolved and continues to evolve.

He was one of the most well-known writers in science and among the few practicing scientists who had a continuing string of bestsellers on science for the general public, while remaining actively engaged with the most serious aspects of the advancement of science.



Abd Al-Aziz Hegazy
Egypt
(1923–2014)

Abd Al-Aziz Hegazy, former Egyptian Prime Minister, was a certified public accountant, auditor, and management consultant in Egypt and the Arab World.

He was a Visiting Professor at Ain Shams University and a Member of the Advisory Council of a number of private universities. He was a Member of the Governing Board of the Center for Global Energy Studies in London and the Chairman of a number of cultural forums in Egypt and Jordan. He served as the Chairman of the NGOs Union in Egypt.

He was the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, Economy, and Foreign Trade in 1974; the Minister of Treasury, Finance, and Management Development from 1968 to 1973; and the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Ein Shams University from 1966 to 1968.

He had received a number of national and international awards. He is the author and co-author of a number of publications in the fields of economics and finance.

Hegazy obtained his PhD in Commerce from the University of Birmingham, UK, in 1951.



Anne-Marie Lizin
Belgium
(1949–2015)

Anne-Marie Lizin was the first female President of the Belgian Senate. Throughout her career, she assumed many posts in the Belgian Senate, including Quaestor from 2007 to 2009, President from 2004 to 2007, Directly Elected Member in 1999 and 2003, and Appointed Senator from 1995 to 1999. She was also a Member of the Chamber of Representatives from 1991 to 1995, State Secretary for European Affairs from 1988 to 1992, and Mayor of Huy from 1983 to 2009. She also served on the assemblies, boards, and committees of several international institutions.

She received numerous awards, including the Grand-Croix de l'Ordre de Léopold II (2007); Héros de la Liberté, Hungary (2006); Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur, France (2005); and Commandeur de l'Ordre de Léopold (2003).

She graduated in Economics from the Université de Liège in 1971.



Umberto Eco
Italy
(1932–2016)

Umberto Eco was an Italian medievalist, semiotician, philosopher, literary critic, and novelist. He was the President of the Scuola Superiore di Studi Umanistici, University of Bologna, and an Honorary Fellow of Kellogg College, University of Oxford. He was voted 2nd in *Prospect* magazine's 2005 global poll of the world's top 100 intellectuals.

He had written over 25 published novels, including *The Name of the Rose* (1980) and *Foucault's Pendulum* (1988). He also wrote academic texts, children's books, and many essays. He co-founded *Versus: Quaderni di studi semiotici* (VS), an influential semiotic journal. He had a number of honorary doctorates from Universities around the world and 16 literary awards and decorations.

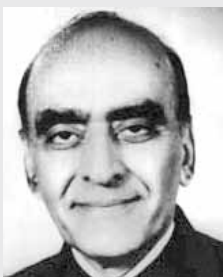


Ahmed Zewail
Egypt
(1946–2016)

Ahmed Zewail was the Linus Pauling Chair Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He was the Director of the Moore Foundation's Center for Physical Biology at Caltech.

He served on President Obama's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and as the President's Science Envoy to the Middle East. He was an elected Member of numerous international academies and learned societies. He was the Director of the National Science Foundation's LMS and was awarded the 1999 Nobel Prize for his pioneering developments in femtoscience.

He was a Founding Member of the BA Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2005. Zewail obtained a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and a postdoctoral (IBM) fellowship from the University of California, Berkeley.



Moeen Qureshi
Pakistan
(1930–2016)

Moeen Qureshi was an economist, political figure, and the Chairman and Managing Partner of EMP Global LLC. He served on several corporate and public service boards. He was the Acting Prime Minister of Pakistan for a period in 1993. He also assumed several positions at the World Bank, first as a Senior Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer of the Bank from 1980 to 1987, then a Senior Vice-President for Operations from 1987 to 1991. He was the Vice-President of the International Finance Corporation from 1974 to 1977, and its Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer from 1977 to 1981. He also worked with the International Monetary Fund from 1958 to 1970. He chaired and was an advisor to several international institutions, commissions, and committees dealing with international and public affairs. Qureshi obtained a Bachelor and an MA in Economics, University of Punjab, and a PhD in Economics, Indiana University.



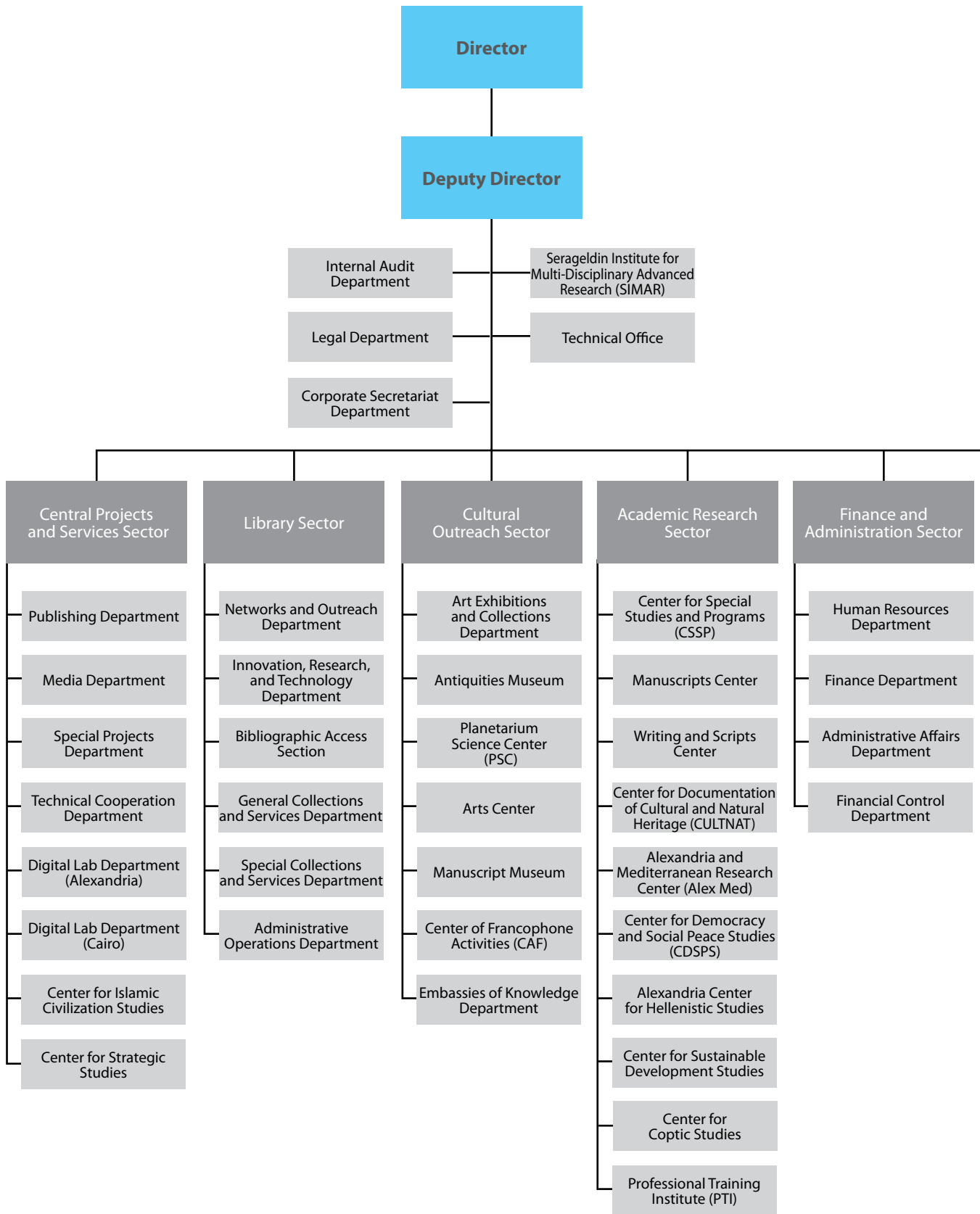


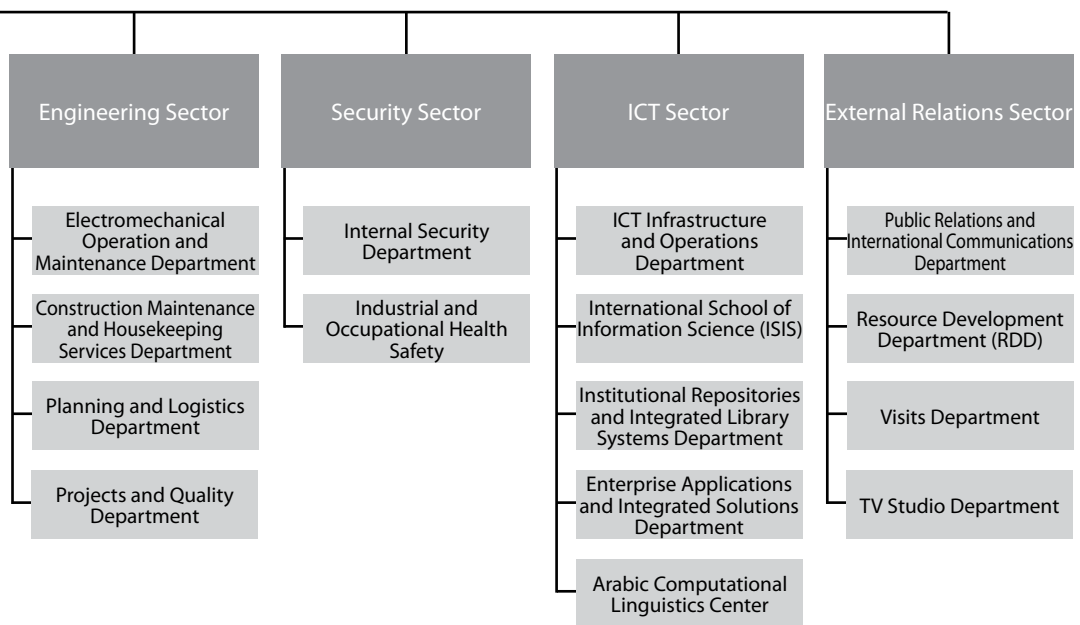
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BA Organization Charts

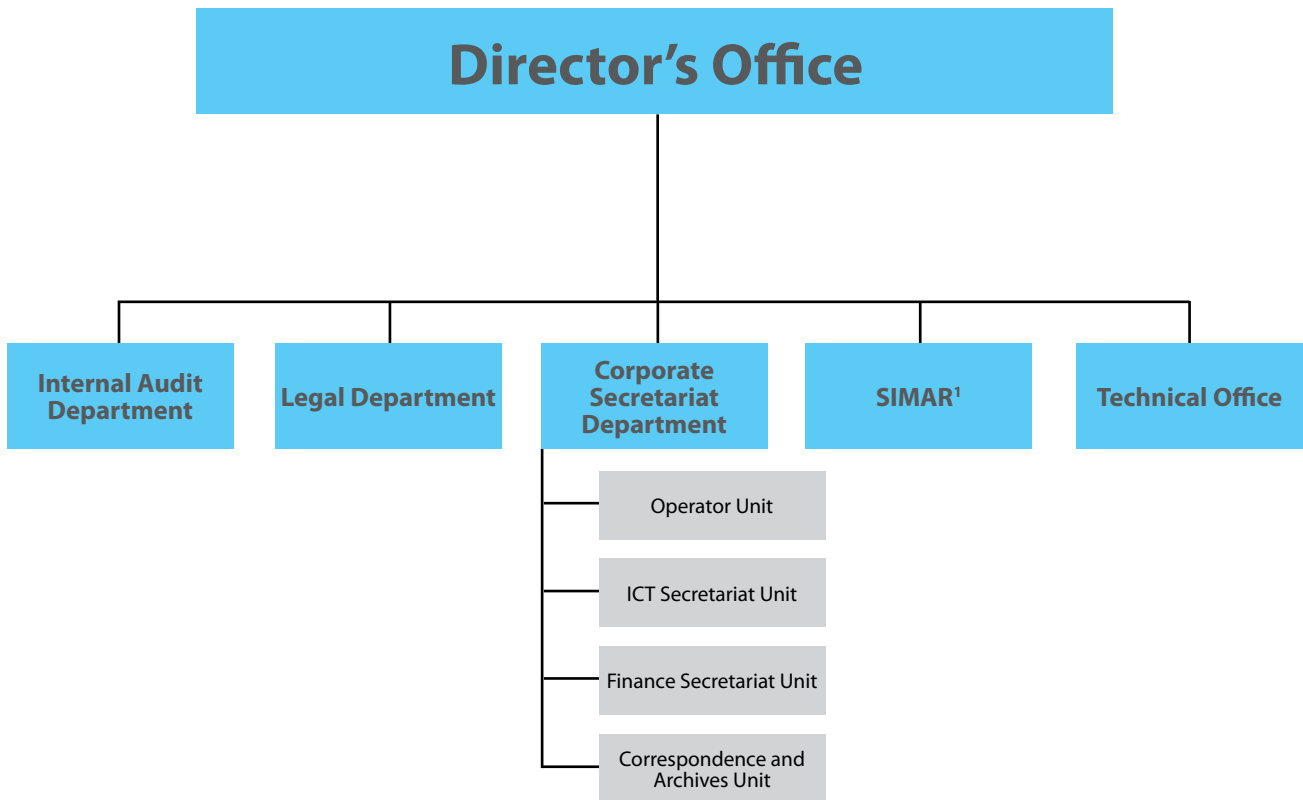
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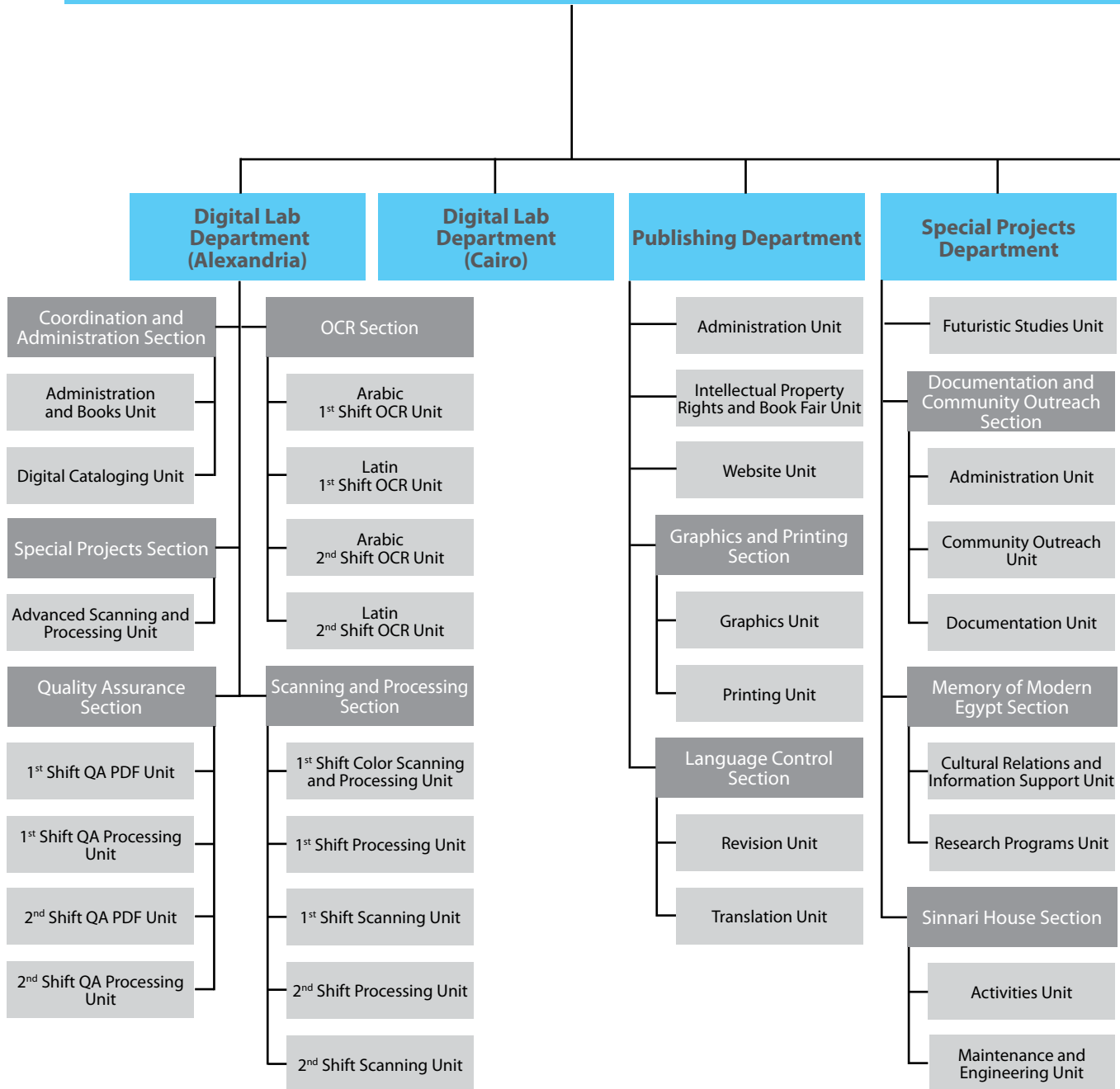
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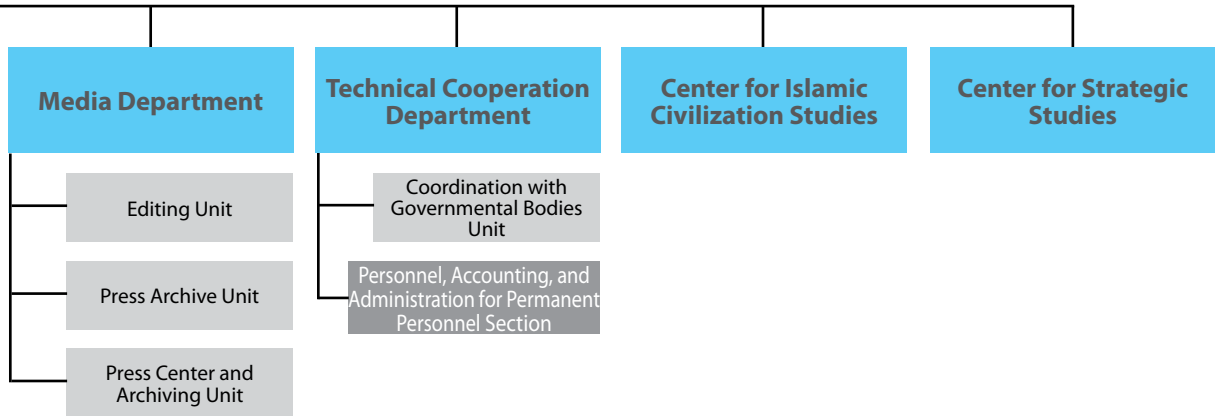
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- **Security Sector**
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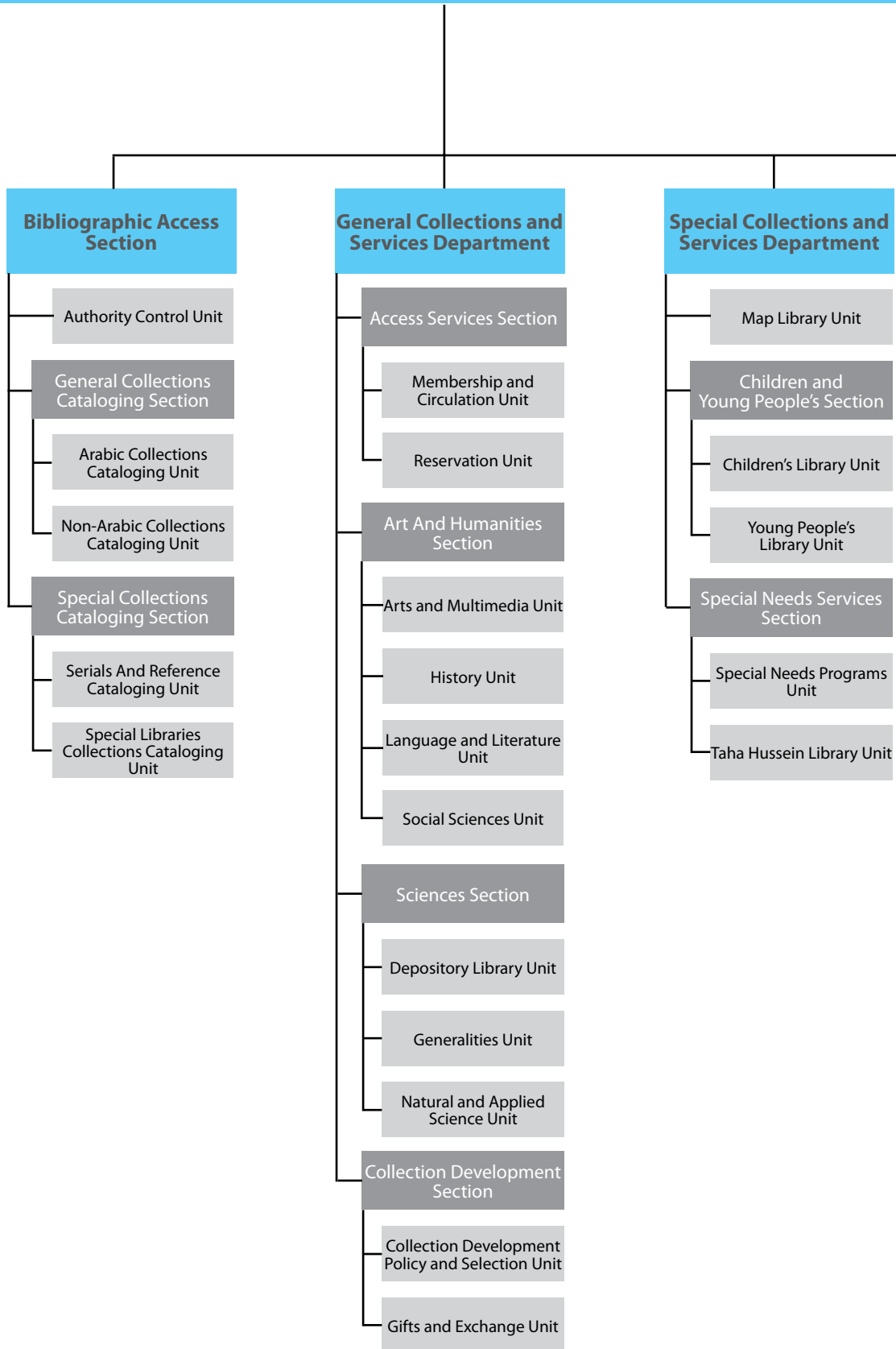
¹ **SIMAR:** Serageldin Institute for Multi-Disciplinary Advanced Research

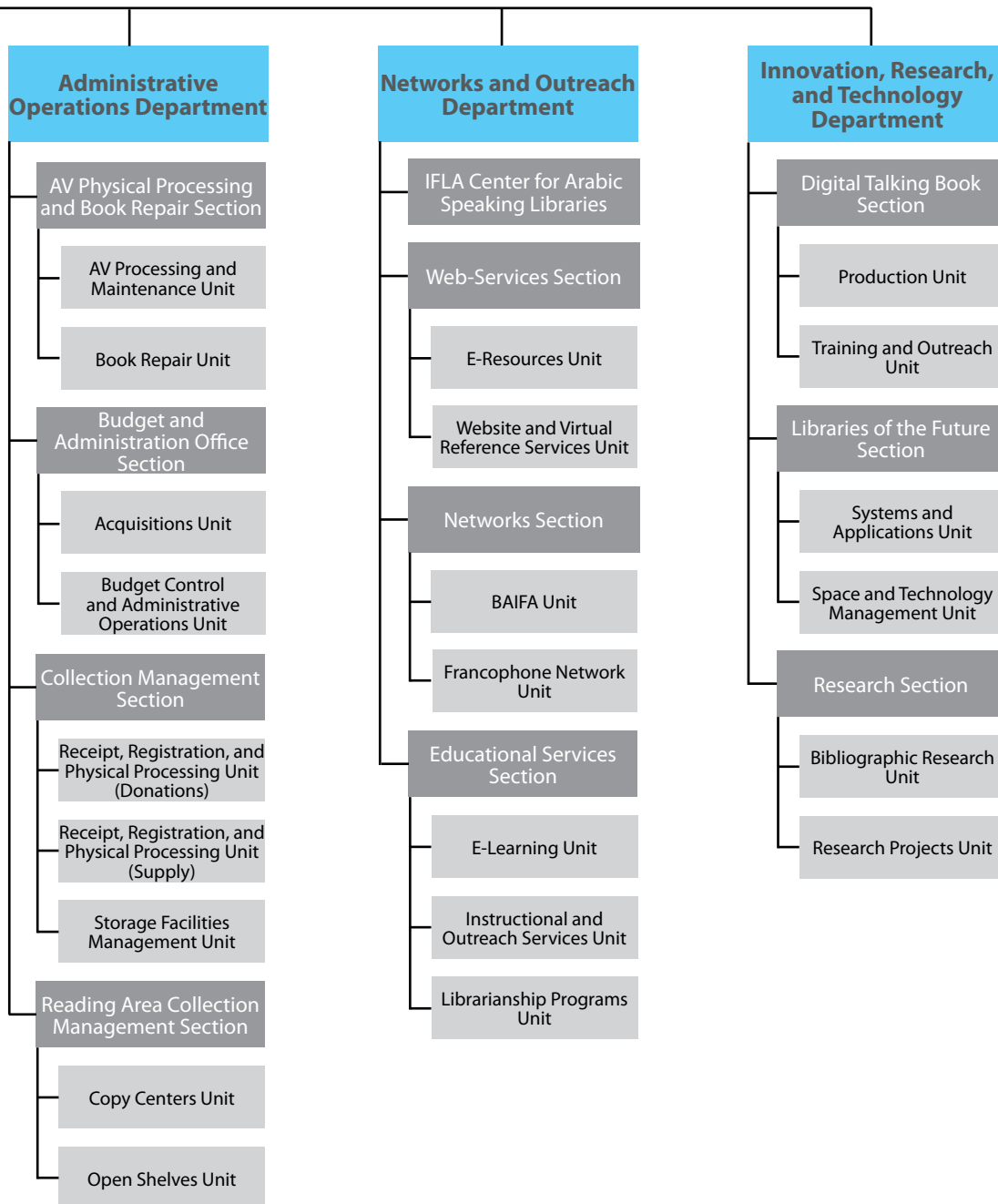
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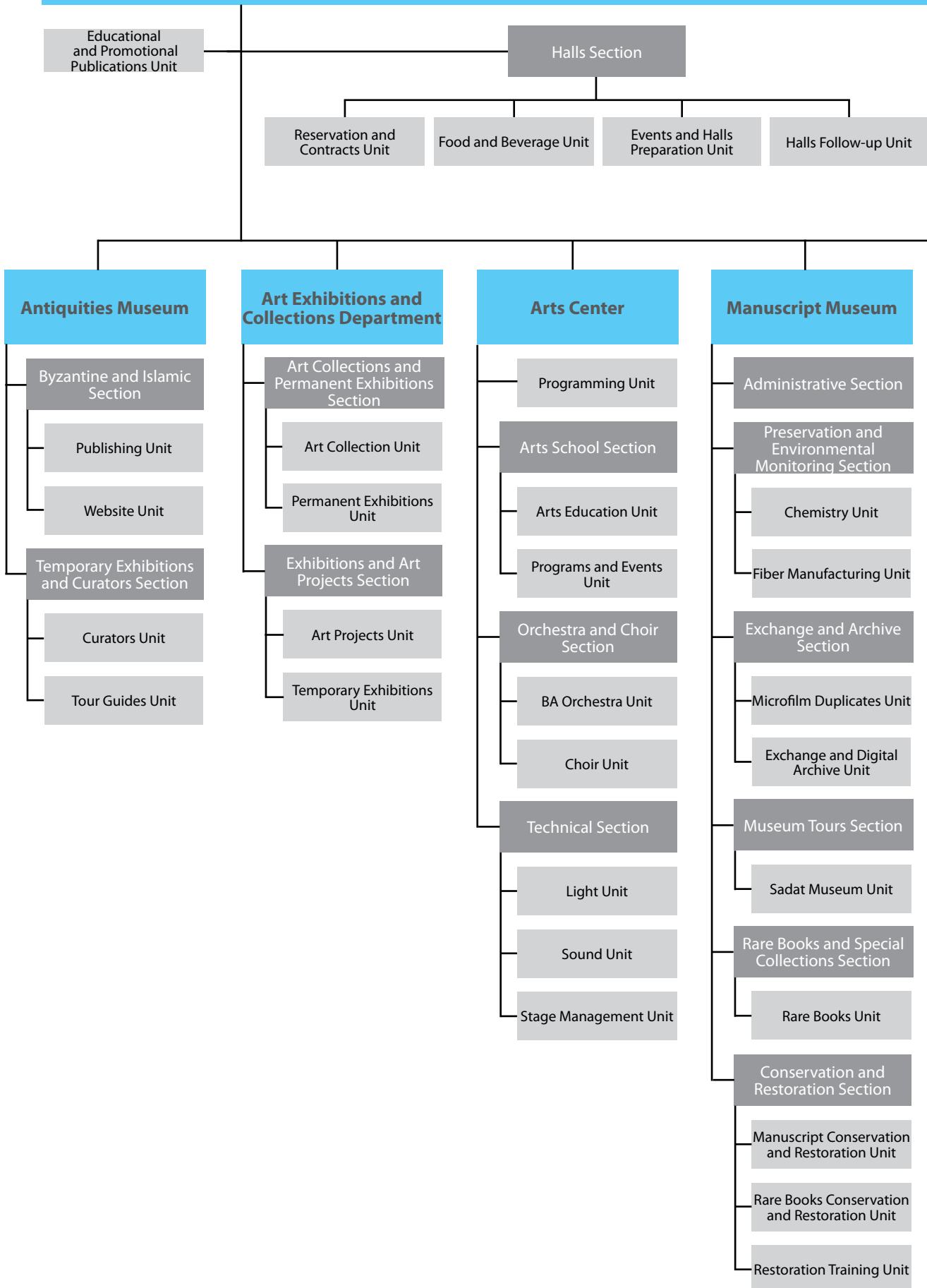


Library Sector





Cultural Outreach Sector





Planetarium Science Center (PSC)

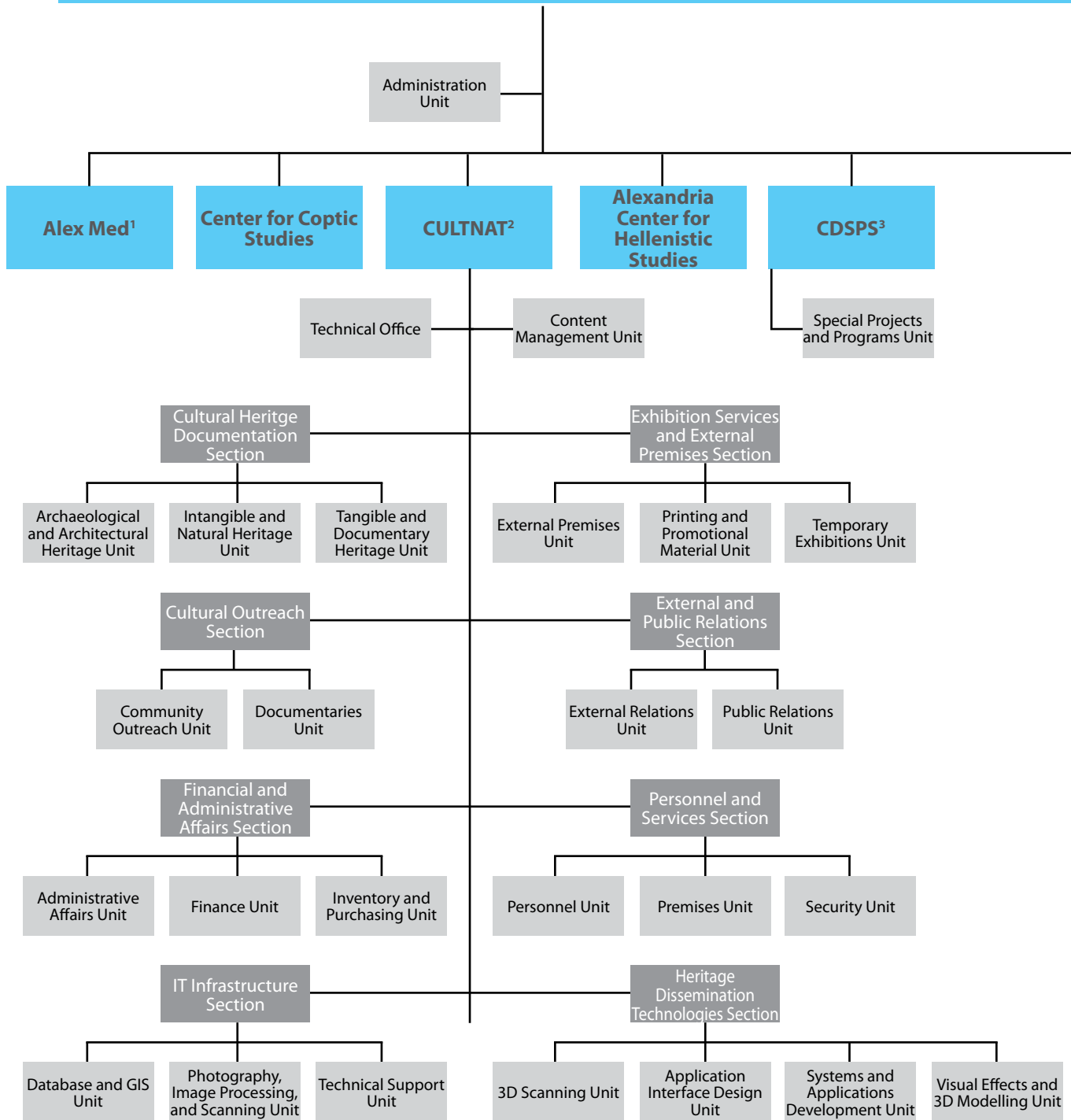
- Marketing and Fundraising Unit
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- Planetarium Theater Section
 - Planetarium Programs and Shows Unit
 - Show Production Unit
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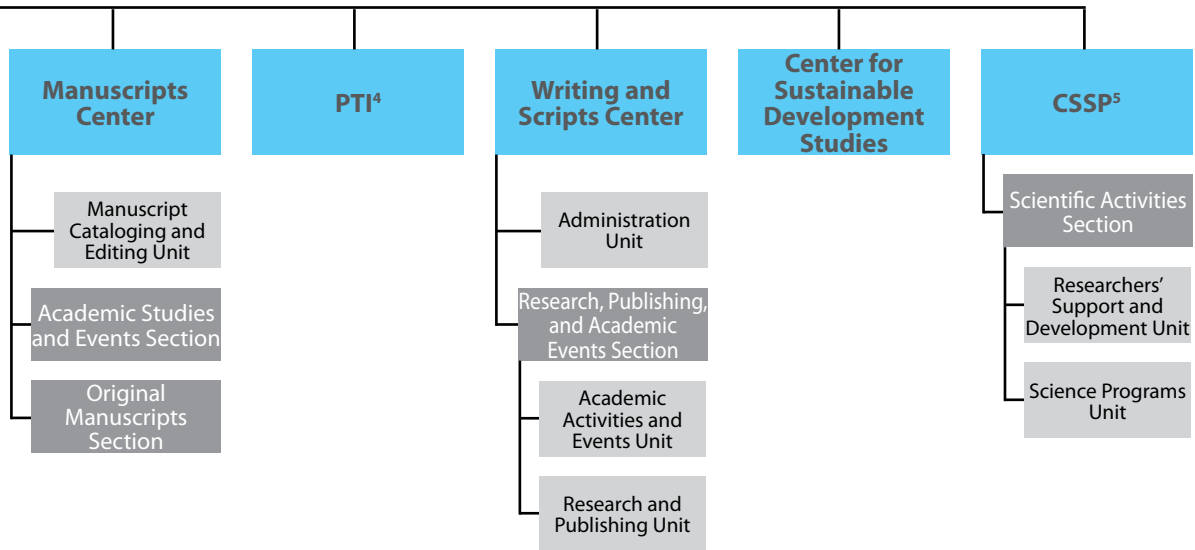
Academic Research Sector



¹ **Alex Med:** Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center

² **CULTNAT:** Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage

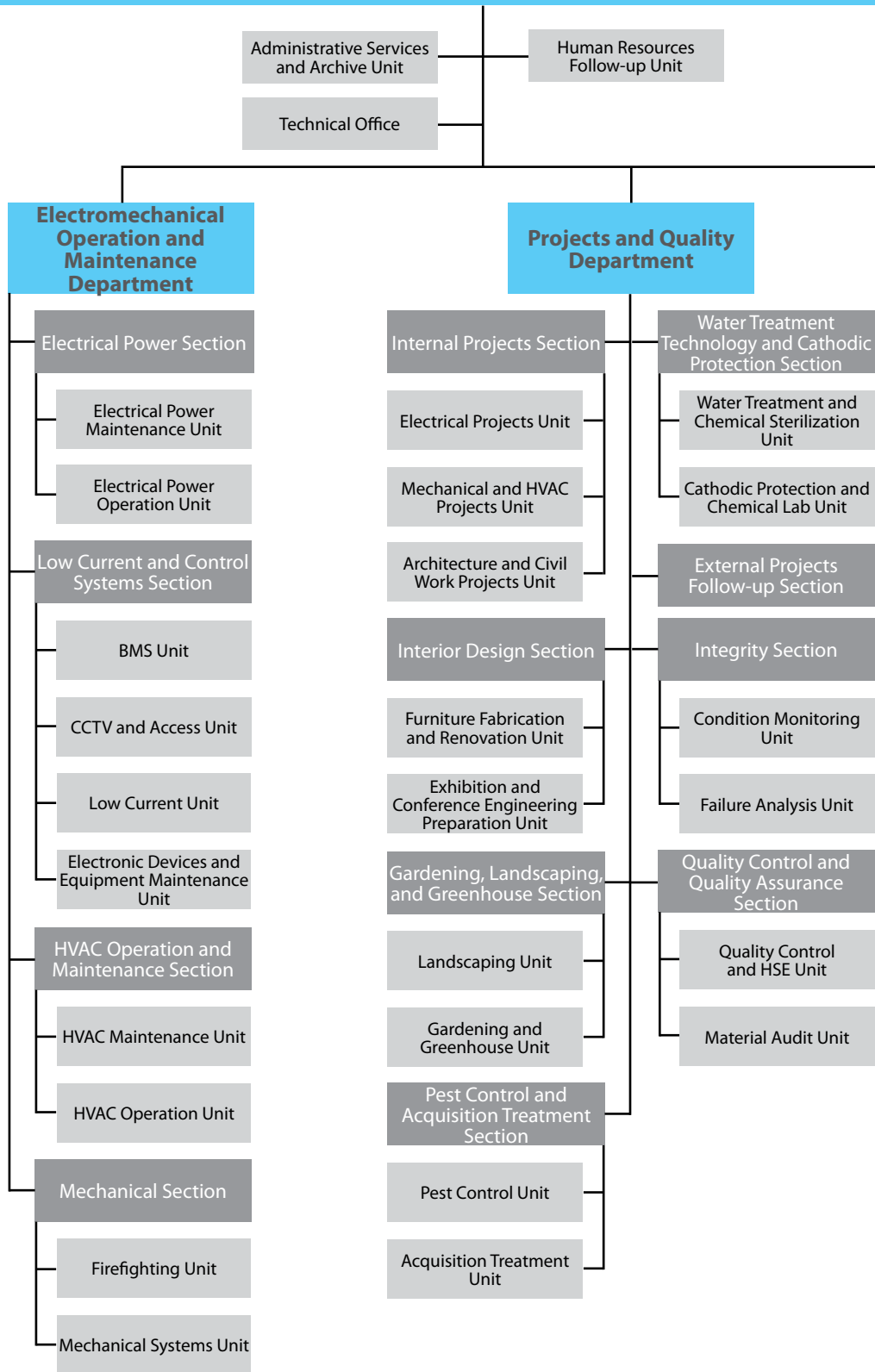
³ **CDSPS:** Center for Democracy and Social Peace Studies

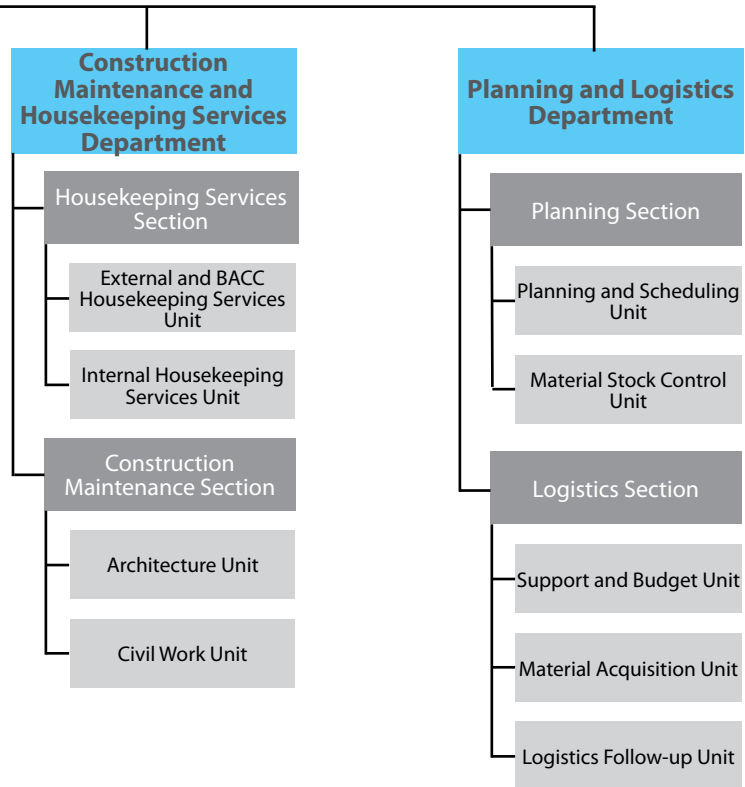


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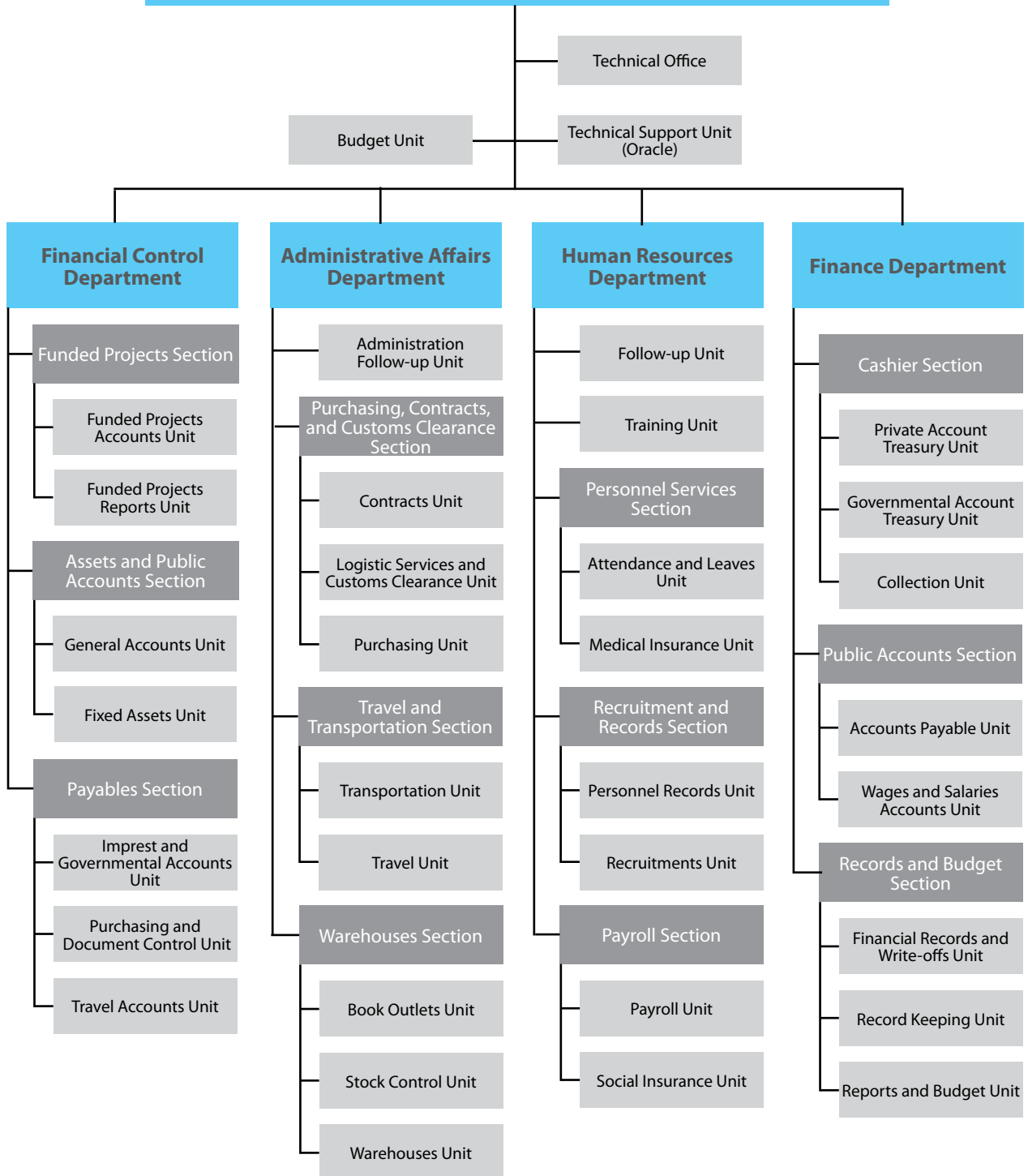
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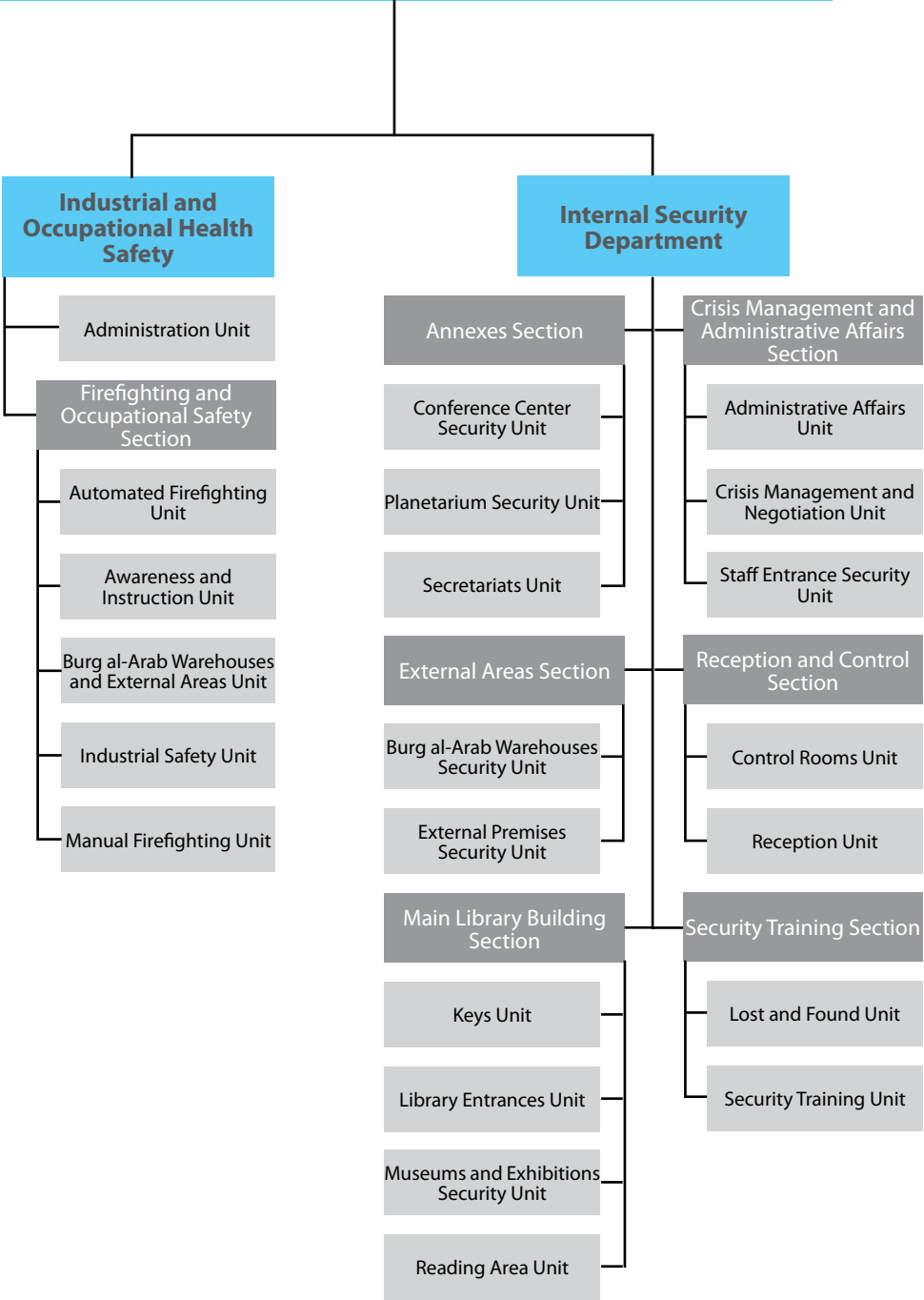




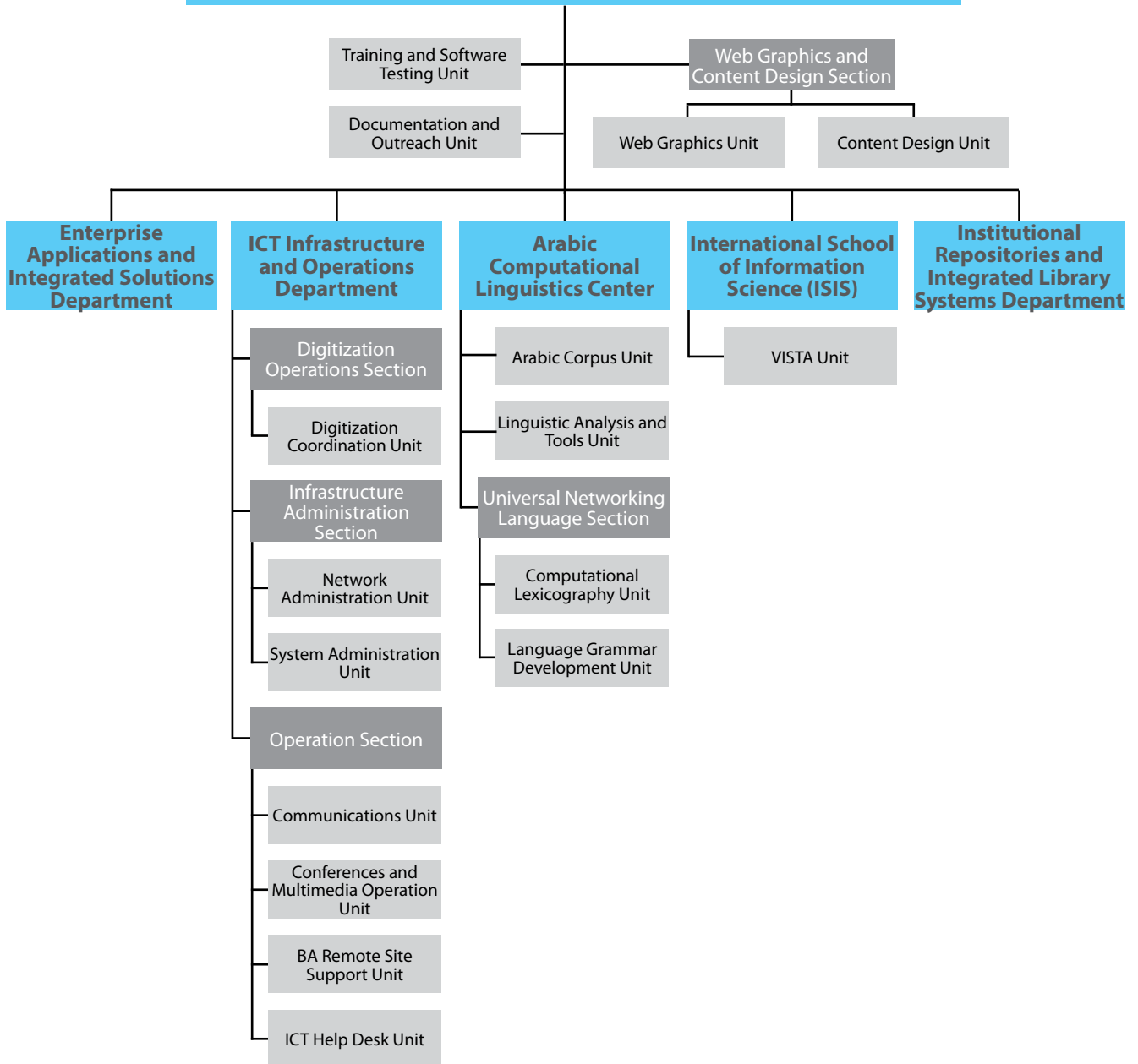
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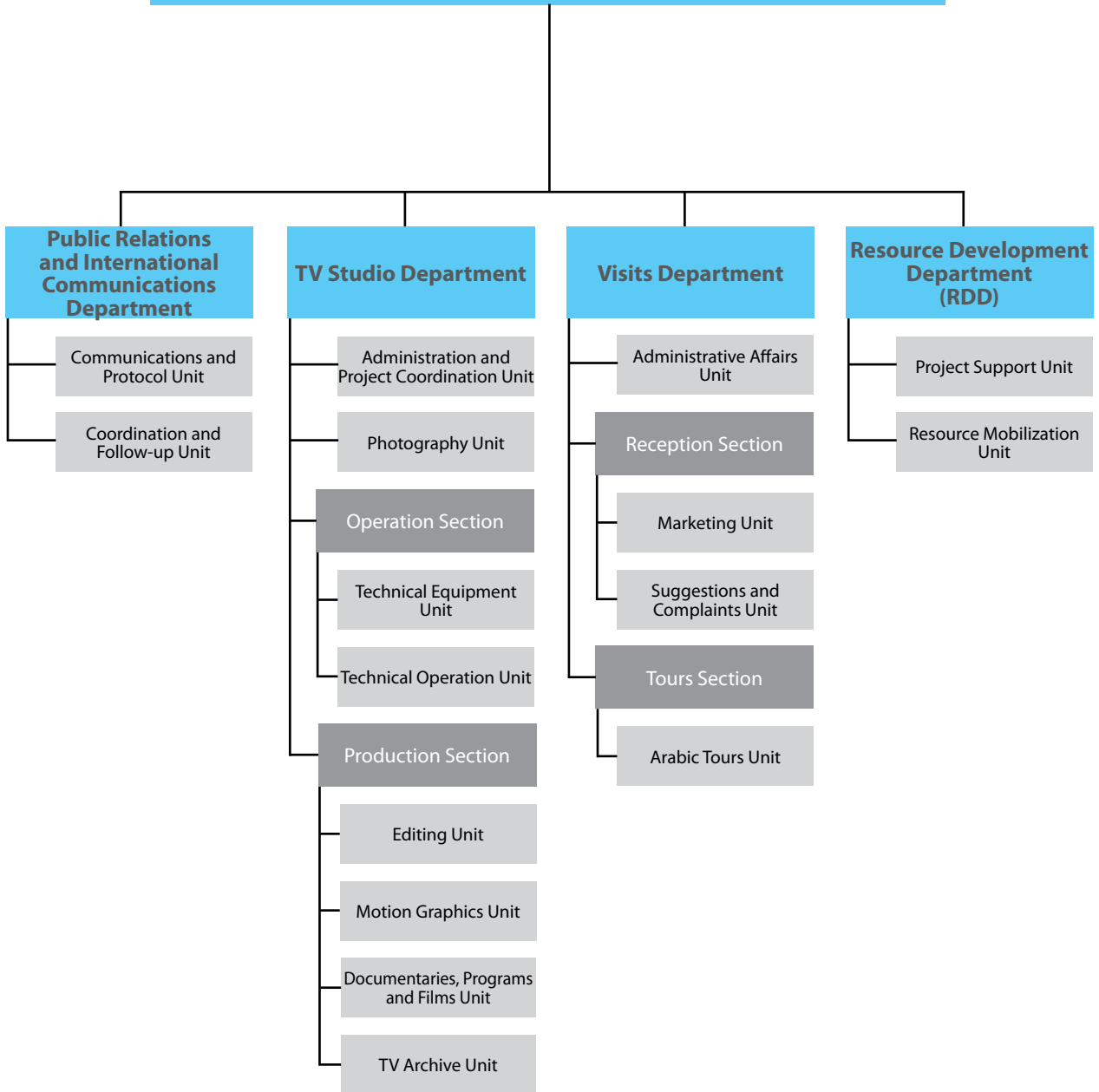
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Meet the Management



Dr. Mostafa El Feki

BA Director

Dr. Mostafa El Feki is a highly skilled diplomat with extensive experience in the political and cultural fields garnered from a prolific career in the international arena.

Dr. El Feki has held numerous positions within the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, most notably including that of Ambassador of Egypt to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna; Non-Resident Ambassador to the Republics of Slovakia, Slovenia, and Croatia; and Counsellor of Egypt in New Delhi and Vice-Consul and Diplomatic Secretary at the Consulate General and Embassy of Egypt in London. He has also served as First Assistant to the Egyptian Foreign Minister for Arab and Middle East Affairs, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the League of Arab States, and Governor of Egypt at IAEA.

On the national front, Dr. El Feki has served as Secretary of Information and Follow-up to the President of Egypt and Head of the Bureau of Information and Follow-up for the Egyptian Presidency. In addition, Dr. El Feki has served as a Member of the Egyptian Parliament with positions as Chairman of the Arab Affairs, Foreign Relations and National Security Committee at the Consultative Council, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Egyptian People's Assembly, and Vice President of the Freedom and Human Rights Committee amongst others.

Throughout his career, Dr. El Feki has made broad-based contributions in society as a literary scholar, intellectual, historian, writer, and educator. In contributing to life-long learning, Dr. El Feki has lectured at some of the most reputable universities, research institutions, and cultural centers in Egypt and abroad over the years. For over a decade, he served as an external Professor of Political Science at the American University in Cairo and was the Director of the Egyptian Institute for Diplomatic Studies and the Founding President of the British University in Egypt.

Dr. El Feki has been the Chairman of the Egyptian-Austrian Friendship Association for the past ten years. He is a member of the National Council of Human Rights; the Writer's Union; L'Institut d'Égypte, founded in 1798; the Supreme Council for Culture; and many other forums and committees.

With his rich knowledge in history, political science, and international relations, Dr. El Feki has greatly contributed to academic literature in the Arab world. He has authored over twenty books, including *The Revival of Arab Nationalist Thought* and *The Absent Vision*, which highlight some of the main causes he has dedicated his life to upholding, such as political and intellectual reform, the eradication of all forms of discrimination against minorities, and the importance of Arab unity and solidarity. Dr. El Feki has also written hundreds of opinion articles, and he is currently a regular contributor at the Egyptian *Al-Ahram*, *Al-Hayat* and *Al-Masry Al-Youm* newspapers.

Dr. El Feki has been honored by the Egyptian government with several medals, including the Order of the Nile in Social Science in 2010, the State Merit Prize in Social Science in 2003, and the State Incentive Prize in Political Science in 1993. Among the international honors bestowed on Dr. El Feki are the Civil Service Order of Merit from the Kingdom of Spain in 1985, the Commander Degree National Honor of Merit from the Republic of France in 1989, and the Silver Cross High Honor from the Republic of Austria in 2001.



Hoda Elmikaty

BA Deputy Director

Hoda Elmikaty is currently the BA Deputy Director. She obtained her BSc in Electrical Communication from Alexandria University, Egypt and an MSc in Parallel Processing from the University of Liverpool, England. She joined the BA as part of the Construction Monitoring Unit Team during the Library's construction phase. In 2000, she assumed the management of the BA Planetarium Science Center (PSC) where she introduced the first hands-on informal science education facility in Egypt. She founded the North Africa and Middle East network of Science Centers (NAMES) and became its first president of from 2006 to 2010. She also founded the IEEE Egyptian Women in Engineering (WIE) affinity group and chaired it from 2008 to 2009. Engineer Elmikaty took charge of the BA Cultural Outreach Sector in 2013. Through this post, she managed the BA outreach activities in arts, science communication and heritage, supervising the different departments she was in charge of.

Engineer Elmikaty's main interest lies in promoting the concepts and methods of lifelong learning to the general public and promoting learning beyond the classroom walls for school and university students. She is also a firm supporter of women and their empowerment, especially in the field of science. She is working with a number of local and regional networks of women to cross barriers and break any glass ceilings in the path of female advancement in careers in various fields of science. In this regard, she organized the international *Women in Science* conference at the BA in 2007, and she has successfully relocated the secretariat of the Arab Network of Women in Science and Technology (ANWST) to the BA. She is a member of the Culture and Knowledge Council at the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, and she was a member of the Egyptian National Council for Women and a member of the ad hoc Committee on Science Education at the International Council of Science (ICSU) from 2010 to 2011. She is also a member of several NGO's and cultural committees and societies.

Director's Office

Corporate Secretariat Department



Hanan Mounir

Director

Hanan Mounir has had extensive experience in various international and multinational organizations. Her last post was at the World Health Organization Regional Office, Alexandria, in Personnel and later in the division dealing with the World Development Program.



Rania Elbahtimi

Deputy

Internal Audit Department



Passant Moustafa

Director

Passant Moustafa holds a BSc in Commerce from the Faculty of Commerce, English Department, University of Alexandria. She began her career with the BA in 2001 as a Junior Accountant. Since then, she has assumed many responsibilities and titles, including Accounting Supervisor, Head of the Accounts Payable Unit, Head of the General Accounting Unit, Head of the Management Accounting Section, and Deputy Director of the Financial Control Department. She was then appointed as the Head of the Internal Audit Department. Her main responsibilities include performing independent and objective audits and reviews and reporting to the BA Director on the findings so that corrective measures can be taken. This is done through implementing a systematic control and governance process.

Legal Department



Hamdy Elsaedy

Director

Hamdy Elsaedy obtained his BA in Law from the Faculty of Law, Tanta University in 1986. In 1989, he obtained his MA in General Law from Ain Shams University. Before assuming his post as a legal advisor and the Director of the Legal Department of the BA in 2014, he has held several other positions. He was the Director of the Central Department of Legal Affairs General Directorate from 2013 to 2014, the CEO of Legal Affairs General Directorate from 2011 to 2012, and several other posts.

Serageldin Institute for Multi-Disciplinary Advanced Research (SIMAR)



Noha Adly

Director

Noha Adly is the Director of the BA Serageldin Institute for Multi-Disciplinary Advanced Research (SIMAR). She is also a Professor of Computer and Systems Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University. She obtained her PhD in Computer Science from Cambridge University, UK, in 1995. She has assumed several posts, locally and abroad, since 1988. Dr. Adly was the Head of the BA ICT sector, where she was responsible for the BA's overall ICT strategy and the design and implementation of its digital initiatives, until February 2013. She was then appointed as First Deputy to the Minister of Communications and Information Technology until March 2016. She is the author and co-author of more than 50 publications in peer reviewed journals and scientific conferences.

This Sector also includes: - Technical Office

Central Projects and Services Sector



Khaled Azab

Head of Sector

Khaled Azab is the Head of the Central Projects and Services Sector at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. He holds a PhD in Islamic Monuments from Cairo University, with a thesis titled “Political Changes and Their Impact on Architecture in Cairo from the Ayyubid Dynasty up to the Time of Khedive Ismail”. From 1994 to 2001, he was Head of Archeological Inspectors at the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. He was the Deputy Director of the Writing and Scripts Center, one of the BA research centers, from 2003 to 2009 and he was the Director of both the BA Media and Special Projects departments until 2013.



Noha Omar

Deputy Head of Sector

Noha Omar is the Deputy Head of the Central Projects and Services Sector at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in French Language and Literature from the Faculty of Arts, the University of Alexandria. In 1992, she obtained a Diplôme d’Etudes Françaises Approfondies from the Sorbonne University. Omar has a diverse professional background in a range of multinational organizations. She joined the BA in 2001 where she has progressed in a number of capacities. She is a Master’s degree candidate in Post-Modern Novel in French Literature.



Sameh Fawzy

Deputy Head of Sector

Sameh Fawzy is currently the Deputy Head of the BA Central Projects and Services Sector, Cairo branch. He holds an MA in Political Development from Sussex University, the UK; an MA in Public Administration from Cairo University; and a BSc in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University. From 2006 to 2008, he was a Fellow of the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, USA. He has written many books in the fields of dialogue, citizenship, good governance, democracy, and human rights. Fawzy writes regularly for many newspapers, including *Shorouk*, *Rose al-Youssef*, and others.

Special Projects Department



Ayman Mansour

Director

Ayman Mansour obtained a BA in Archaeology in 1997 and a postgraduate diploma in Prehistoric Monument in 2000, both from the Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo University. He obtained another postgraduate diploma in Anthropology in 2008 and an MA in Cultural Anthropology in 2015, both from the Institute of African Research and Studies, Cairo University.

Mansour is a member of the Egyptian Association for Historical Studies, the Society for Coptic Archaeology, and several civil society organizations that are interested in culture and heritage. Before becoming the Director of the Special Projects Department at the BA in 2015, he occupied several positions, including the Deputy Director of the Special Projects Department in the Cairo branch from 2010 to 2015, supervisor of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Special Projects in Cairo from 2005 to 2010, and an archaeological inspector and researcher at the Supreme Council of Antiquities from 1998 to 2005. He is also the author of many publications.



Mahmoud Ezzat

Deputy



Amr Ali

Deputy

Media Department



Mohamed Mottosh

Deputy

Center for Islamic Civilization Studies



Mohamed el-Gamal

Director

Mohamed el-Gamal is the Director of the BA Center for Islamic Civilization Studies and an Assistant Professor at the History Department of the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. He obtained his MA and PhD in Egyptian and Islamic Archaeology from the Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. He contributed to various national and international conferences with some of his scientific researches, including “Syrian Artistic and Architectural Influences in the Islamic Moroccan-Andalusian Architecture”, “The Domes in Andalusian Architecture Until the End of the Taifa Era and Its Impact in Mudéjar Domes”, and “Inscriptions on the Alhambra’s Walls as a Source of Islamic Architecture and Arts”. El-Gamal is a member of the Union of Arab Historians and Archaeological Society in Alexandria, and he lectures at several esteemed faculties in Egypt, including the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels. He has several published research papers and books, such as *Alhambra: Diwan of the Architecture and Arabic Inscriptions*, *The Civilization and Monuments of Islamic Egypt*, and a research paper titled “Inscriptions in the Palace of Generalife”.

Digital Lab Department



Rasha Shabandar

Director

Rasha Shabandar is the BA Digital Laboratory Director. Prior to joining the Digital Lab, she served in the Engineering Department as the Head of the Access Control and CCTV Unit from January 2009 to March 2013. She holds a BSc in Computer Engineering from the Arab Academy for Science and Technology, graduating with honors and receiving an “excellent” final grade. Between October 2001 and January 2004, she worked as a Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCS D) instructor at the Arab Academy for Science and Technology.



Eslam Mesbah

Deputy

Technical Cooperation Department



Mohamed Metwalli

Acting Director

Mohamed Metwalli graduated from the the Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University, and he has held various positions in different authorities and governmental organizations, including General Manager of Accounting at the Ministry of Finance. He joined the BA in 1996 where he has held many positions, such as Advisor to the Director of the BA since January 2014 and Financial and Administrative Supervisor to the permanent BA staff since August 2014. He is currently the Acting Director of the Department of Technical Cooperation.

This Sector also includes: - Publishing Department

Library Sector



Lamia Abd Elfattah

Head of Sector

Lamia Abd Elfattah joined the BA in 2001, and she has worked in a number of capacities. She spent extensive time working with the Library's websites, worked on a number of projects, and participated in organizing several events and publishing brochures and flyers. During the interim period, she managed the construction of the old BA website and the BA libraries website. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Tourism from the University of Alexandria.

General Collections and Services Department



Rania Kalawy

Director

Rania Kalawy is currently the Director of the General Collections and Services Department at the BA. She graduated from the German School in Alexandria (DSB) in 1992 and obtained her Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, in 1997. She has a diverse professional background from a range of multinational organizations. She joined the BA in 2010 as the Head of the Arts and Multimedia Library. She then progressed in a number of capacities until she assumed her current position.

Special Collections and Services Department



Marwa Elgharabawy

Director

Marwa Elgharabawy is the Director of the Special Collections and Services Department. She joined the BA in 2001 and worked in a number of capacities, including an acquisition specialist, the Head of the Acquisition Unit, the Head of the Acquisition Section, and the Acting Head of the Budget and Administration Office Section. She holds a BSc in Business Administration from the English Department, Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University.

Administrative Operations Department



Hend Elshennawy

Director

Hend Elshennawy is the Head of the Library Sector's Administrative Operations Department. She obtained her BA in Accounting from Alexandria University. She started her career at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and participated in several of its projects to enhance and aid the private sector business and industry in Egypt. She then joined the BA in 2003 as the Head of the Acquisitions Unit. Her general management and leadership skills, multilingualism, and extensive knowledge in statistical processes have helped her develop a strong career at the BA, which constitutes 14 years of her 20 years of experience in administration management, budgeting, and acquisition processing.

Networks and Outreach Department



Nabil Reda

Director

Nabil Reda is the Director of the Networks and Outreach Department at the BA Library Sector. He oversees the Library Sector's Educational Services, Networks, and Web-Services Sections as well as the IFLA Program for Arabic Speaking Libraries. He joined the BA in January 2011 and assumed several positions, including managing the BA e-resources as well as the Library Sector's online presence and e-projects. Prior to joining the BA, Reda worked at the British Council, Egypt, for 20 years and held several local and regional positions. He managed the computer courses and customer services team in Alexandria, directed a regional IT training project in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, and administered several educational projects in Egypt. Reda holds an MBA in International Business, a diploma in IT Training, and a professional certificate in Human Resource Management. He is a member of the Africa Section Standing Committee in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Bibliographic Access Section



Manal Amin

Director

Manal Amin began her tenure at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 1996 as a cataloguer for English, Greek, and Latin collections. She became a senior cataloguer and later worked in a number of capacities as a collection development librarian, a member of research projects, and a system librarian. She was responsible for the BA integrated library system and database maintenance. In 2001, she became the Head of the Cataloguing and Classification Unit and, in 2004, the Head of the Technical Services Section. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Graeco-Roman Studies from Alexandria University.

Innovation, Research, and Technology Department



Gina Younis

Director

Gina Younis is the Director of the Innovation, Research, and Technology Department. She started working at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 1999 in the Technical Services Department as a cataloguer, then she was promoted to become a senior cataloger. In 2005, she was appointed as the Head of the Integrated Library Systems Unit and then was promoted to Head of the Bibliographic Access Section in 2009. Younis obtained her Bachelor's degree from the Department of Librarianship and Information, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. She also obtained her Diploma from the Department of Environmental Studies, Institution of Postgraduate Studies and Research, Alexandria University.

Cultural Outreach Sector



Mohamed Soliman

Head of Sector

Mohamed Soliman has more than 17 years of experience in the fields of manuscript documentation and categorization, as well as heritage preservation, publishing, and digitization. He is one of the founders of the Manuscript Museum and Manuscripts Center in 1996, and he participated in the establishment and development of the restoration laboratory affiliated with the Manuscript Museum in 2002. He was a consultant to the Islamic Development Bank's project, affiliated with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for rescuing the manuscripts of the state of Mali in 2008. He also provided a number of consultations in the field of heritage and preservation to various institutions, including the Kuwaiti Center for Research and Studies, the Institute for Arabic Manuscripts affiliated with the Arab League, Mashyakhah Al-Azhar, the Libyan National Library, and the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives. He participated in the organization of a number of international conferences and workshops on written Arabic heritage. He lectures on codicology at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Alexandria University, and supervises MA and PhD theses in that field. He has taught in a number of training courses and workshops on manuscripts and Arab heritage. He also participated in the establishment of the manuscripts display hall at the BA in 2002 and participated in various digital and printed heritage publications at the BA.

Center of Francophone Activities (CAF)



Marwa Elsahn

Director

Marwa Elsahn graduated from the Libraries and Information Department, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University in 1997. She obtained a Higher Professional Diploma in Libraries and Information Sciences from the National School of Libraries and Information Sciences (ENSSIB) in 2000, an MA in 2012, and a PhD from the Information and Communications Sciences Department, University of Paris in 2007. She developed the Archive System for the BA Studio. She first joined the BA in 2002 to establish the Arts and Multimedia Library. She is a member of the Audiovisual and Multimedia Section (AVMS) at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and she was the President of AVMS from 2011 to 2013. She was a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Association Internationale Francophone des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes (AIFBD) from 2011 to 2014. She currently serves as the AIFBD Vice President.

Arts Center



Hisham Gabr

Director

Hisham Gabr is a resident conductor at the Cairo Opera House and the Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Arts Center. Gabr studied conducting in Egypt, France, and the USA, with several renowned conductors, including Christophe Muller, Dominique Ruits, Jean-Jacques Werner, Chris Kim, and Ahmed El-Saedi. He was granted the Fulbright Senior Grant to continue his development as a conductor in the USA, where he completed the Advanced Conducting Techniques studies at Cornell University, New York. Gabr conducts, on regular basis, major national orchestras during symphonic and opera performances, including the Cairo Symphony Orchestra, Cairo Opera Orchestra, BA Chamber Orchestra, and more. He receives frequent commissions to compose music for prestigious Egyptian and international institutions and orchestras. He has composed music for numerous feature films, documentaries, musicals, and plays produced in Egypt and abroad. His compositions were performed by the Cairo Symphony Orchestra and were acclaimed by both audience and critics.



Rasha Eid

Deputy

Art Exhibitions and Collections Department



Gamal Hosni

Director

Gamal Hosni studied Painting and History of Art at Alexandria University. He holds an MA in Cultural Policy and Management from City University, London. As a Fulbright Fellow, he spent three months in New York to live the experience of a world class modern arts institution, namely the Museum of Modern Art. He is also a Chevening alumnus. As an artist, he was a beneficiary of the State Prize for Artistic Creativity, offered by the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, through which he spent 18 months in Rome, Italy, to deeply experience classical arts in the artistic melting pot that Italy is. Hosni joined the visual arts team at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2001. Since then, he has taken part in organizing and creating a myriad of events collaborating with prestigious cultural institutions worldwide.



Mohamed Khamis

Deputy

Planetarium Science Center (PSC)



Ayman Elsayed

Director

Ayman Elsayed is the Director of the BA Planetarium Science Center (PSC). He obtained a BSc in Electronics and Communications from the Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, in 2002. He joined the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in the same year. With a wide experience in managing informal educational activities, programs, and events under the umbrella of science and technology, his network extends beyond Egypt as he has successfully collaborated with different international science centers and museums. He also designs and supervises educational activities related to children and the public at large. He is also responsible for the PSC hands-on science activities operated by the affiliated centers in other Egyptian governorates.

Embassies of Knowledge Department



Ashraf Farrag

Director

Ashraf Farrag was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, from 2005 to 2014. He obtained his PhD in Comparative Linguistics (Greek, Italian, and Latin) in 1992 and became a Comparative Linguistics Professor in 2004. He is also member of the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities Promotion Committee.

He is a board member of numerous prestigious institutes and organizations, including the Egyptian Society for Language Engineering, the Supreme Council of Antiquities, the BA Manuscripts Center, and the BA Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies. He served as the Chairman of the Institute of Applied Linguistics and Translation; the TAFL Center (Teaching Arabic as Foreign Language); the Information Technology Center; the Department of Underwater Antiquities, which he founded in 2010; and the Institute of Coptic Studies and Research, which he founded in 2010. He was also the official media spokesman of Alexandria University.

Farrag also chaired the Alexandria University delegation, which signed various international agreements with universities in countries around the world, such as Japan, China, France, Italy, Canada, Syria, Jordan, and Greece. He founded several language laboratories, funded by the European Union (EU).

He participated in numerous national and international conferences, and published around 68 academic research papers in Arabic, English, Greek, and Italian. He was awarded the shield of the Alexandria University Award for Administrative Excellence in 2016.

This Sector also includes: - Manuscript Museum
- Antiquities Museum

Academic Research Sector



Azza Elkholy

Head of Sector

Azza Elkholy is the Head of the Academic Research Sector of Bibliotheca Alexandrina, and as a member of the senior management team, she is involved in the administrative and managerial processes in the Library of Alexandria. She is professor and former chairperson of the English Department at Alexandria University. Her non-academic posts include Executive Director of the TAFL (Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language) Center, Director of the Language and Translation Unit at the Faculty of Arts of Alexandria University, and Director of the Center for Democracy and Social Peace Studies in Bibliotheca Alexandrina. El Kholy is also a consultant for the National Translation Project in Egypt, and an editor of the northern volume of the feminist press project: *Women Writing Africa: The Northern Region*, published in 2009.

Center for Democracy and Social Peace Studies (CDSPS)



Maha Moaz

Director

Maha Moaz is a lecturer of Anthropology at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. She is an expert of methods and techniques in social research, linguistic anthropology, theory of values in the Egyptian society, women and culture, gender, conflict resolution, mediation and negotiation, amongst other anthropological and humanitarian notions. She has been among the team of the Social Fund for Development (SFD) of the Council of Prime Ministry since 1999, being appointed as the Director of the Alexandria Regional Office for the years 2003 and 2004. She has also been a consultant to many institutions and organizations, such as the Alexandria Regional Center for Women's Health and Development since 2007, the Protection Project at the John's Hopkins's School of Advanced International Studies from 2007 to 2008, the BA Arab Reform Forum from 2005 to 2007, and the Center for Peace and Democracy Studies since 2007 until she was appointed as its Director in 2014. She has many publications covering a wide range of anthropological topics. She has also supervised and participated in the preparation of numerous reports as well as contributed to the implementation of many projects on national, regional, and international levels. She is a graduate of the Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, from which she has obtained her MSc and PhD degrees of Anthropology. She has also completed her Post-Doctorate Commission in Georgetown University, USA.

Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage (CULTNAT)



Mohamed Farouk

Director

Mohamed Farouk has a Master's degree in Computer Engineering from Cairo University. He has been working in the digital documentation field since his graduation, and he was one of the main founders of CULTNAT in January 2000. His important achievements include the invention of Culturama, which was patented in 2007; the establishment of the Multimedia Department and the Research and Development Department; and the introduction of the 3D laser scanning. In addition to his current position, he is the manager of several programs, such as the Archaeological Map of Egypt and the Culturama. He also participated in and managed many national and international projects, such as the Eternal Egypt project. He has published researches in different fields, including the immersive display systems and the digital documentation of heritage. Farouk is listed as one of the prominent people in governmental technologies in *Who's Who*.



Alaa ElShinnawi

Deputy



Yasmine Abd Elnour

Deputy



Aymen Aly

Acting Deputy



Mohamed Ismail

Acting Deputy

Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP)



Marwa Elwakil

Director

Marwa Elwakil is the Director of the BA Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP). Through her work at the CSSP, she organizes a number of major annual scientific, technological, and educational conferences and establishes sustainable networks of international collaboration. She holds an MA in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutical Molecular Microbiology) from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Alexandria University, Egypt. She is currently enrolled as a PhD student at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Alexandria University. She is a leader and coordinator of many collaborative projects, such as the South to South Collaboration for Genomics Innovation with the University of Toronto, Canada, and Education for Sustainable Development beyond the Campus within the TEMPUS framework. Elwakil co-authored and edited a number of publications. She was also a researcher at the Medical Biotechnology Research Department at the Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Research Institute (GEBRI), City of Scientific Research and Technological Applications, Egypt.

Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center (Alex Med)



Sahar Hamouda

Director

Sahar Hamouda is a professor of English Literature at the University of Alexandria and former Chairperson of the English Department. She is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Languages and Translation at Pharos University in Alexandria. She is also the Director of the Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies and ALEX MED at Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Hamouda was awarded the University of Alexandria Award for Academic Research in 2005. Her publications include translations and studies on comparative literature, postcolonial issues, and Alexandrian modern history. Her latest publication is *Once Upon a Time in Jerusalem*, which was published in the UK in 2010.



Mohamed Meheina

Deputy

Center for Coptic Studies



Loay Mahmoud

Director

Loay Mahmoud, associate professor of Coptology and Egyptology at the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels, Sadat City, Egypt, assumed his position as the Director of the BA Center for Coptic Studies (CCS) in 2013. He obtained a high postgraduate diploma in 1988 in Tour Guidance, Alexandria University; a high postgraduate diploma in 1993 in Egyptology, Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo University; Master's degree in Egyptology, Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo University, in 2002; and a PhD in Archaeology, Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo University, in 2007. He also completed his free studies in Coptic language, Institute of Coptic studies, Orthodox Patriarchate, Cairo, in 2000. His previous posts include lecturer of Egyptology at Faculty of Tourism and Hotels; manager of the Coptic Monuments Documentation and Registration Department, the Supreme council of Antiquities in Egypt; and the head of projects of the BA Writing and Scripts Center. In 2003, he won the state prize in Egyptology, forwarded by the Ministry of High Education, for a documented book, published in 2002 by the SCA, on two 19th and 20th century pioneer Egyptian figures in archaeology. He was also awarded the Honorary Medal and Certificate of Menoufia University as an appreciation for his scientific efforts in 2003.

Manuscripts Center



Medhat Issa

Director

Medhat Issa is the Director of the BA Manuscripts Center. He obtained a BA in Arabic and Eastern Languages in 1996, an MA in Linguistics in 2005, and a PhD in Linguistics in 2012 from the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. In addition to being an instructor of General Linguistics and Arabic Grammar and Morphology at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, he is a teaching staff member at the Higher Institute for Islamic Studies and the Academy of Arts, Higher Institute of Dramatic Arts. He also has additional academic expertise in the fields of manuscript cataloguing, preparation of academic researches and articles for publication, diacritization of reviewed Arabic texts, and literary criticism. Issa has published two books, namely *Linguistic Culture* in 2009 and *Preparation and Diacritization of Folded Manuscript* in 2010, in addition to two other books soon to be published.

Professional Training Institute (PTI)



Rohayma Rateb

Director

Rohayma Rateb is the Director of the BA Professional Training Institute (PTI). She joined the BA in December 2014 to manage the professional training courses offered by the Library in several fields, such as Library and Information Science, Manuscript Restoration, Digitization of Arabic Texts, Calligraphy, Ancient Languages, and Human Rights.

She holds a BA in Greek and Roman Archaeology from Alexandria University. She became the Egyptian EducationUSA Coordinator and was based at AMIDEAST, Alexandria after joining them in October 1994. She became a State Alumna for her participation in the United States Based Training Program (USBT) for EducationUSA advisers, and she was selected as one of 10 Professional Advising Leaders (PAL) program participants worldwide to conduct independent research on Graduate Medical Education in the USA, sponsored by the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). Her project has given her in-depth knowledge of medical education in the USA and helped her serve as a consultant for the EducationUSA Network on postgraduate medical studies.

In May 2009, she received the US Department of State ECA Advisor with the Highest Impact Appreciation Award, for her work as an EducationUSA adviser, at the NAFSA conference.

Writing and Scripts Center



Essam Elsaeed

Director

Essam Elsaeed is a professor of Egyptology at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. He is currently the Director of the BA Writing and Scripts Center. Before joining the BA, Elsaeed was the Director of the Egyptian Cultural Center, Egyptian Embassy, in Nouakchott, Mauritania.



Ahmed Mansour

Deputy

Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies



Mohamed Kenawi

Acting Director

Dr. Mohamed Kenawi obtained a BA in Archaeology and Graeco-Roman Studies from Alexandria University and an MA in Roman Archaeology from the University of Bologna, Italy. He was later on awarded a PhD grant from Siena University, Italy. His main works are concerned with survey methods and the Egyptian Delta, and he has published a monograph titled *Alexandria's Hinterland, Archaeology of the Western Nile Delta, Egypt* (Archaeopress, Oxford 2014) as well as several articles. He conducted fieldwork in Egypt, Libya, and Italy. His recent activities are related to Middle and Upper Egypt Ptolemaic sites like Athribis.

Dr. Kenawi has been a head researcher at the BA since 2011. He became the Acting Director of the BA Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies in July 2016.

He has taught at Alexandria University, Egypt, and at Catania University, Italy, since 2012. He also taught at the American University in Cairo from 2012 to 2014. In 2012, Dr. Kenawi became an Honorary Research Associate, Manar al-Athar Project, and an Academic Visitor at the School of Archaeology, Oxford University.

This Sector also includes: - Center for Sustainable Development Studies

Engineering Sector



Tarek Yassin

Head of Sector

Tarek Yassin joined the BA in 2003 as the Head of the Engineering Department. In 2012, he became the Head of the Engineering Sector. Prior to joining the BA, Yassin was the Engineers' Representative for the Snøhetta/Hamza Consortium for BA Phase II from 2000 to 2003; Technical Office Manager and Acting Engineers' Representative for the Snøhetta/Hamza Consortium for BA Phase II from 1999 to 2000; Chief Engineer at the Snøhetta/Hamza Consortium for BA Phase I from 1995 to 1999; Senior Field Engineer at Dillingham/ABB Susa from 1994 to 1995; Design Engineer at Al Babtain Consultants from 1993 to 1994; Project Manager at Al-Azhar Tower Building, Alexandria, from 1987 to 1989; and Civil Engineer at the Egyptian Saudi Construction Company from 1986 to 1987.

Planning and Logistics Department



Samah Ragheb

Director

Samah Ragheb is the Director of the BA Planning and Logistics Department. She obtained her BSc in Civil Engineering from the American University in Cairo (AUC) in 2000.

She joined the BA in 2006. She is responsible for planning, monitoring, and controlling all engineering responsibilities and projects in the BA, as well as the implementation and the management of the Enterprise Asset Management (Infor EAM) software in the operation, maintenance, and projects of the various Engineering Sector departments.

Before joining the BA, Ragheb occupied several posts, such as an instructor at the Construction Engineering Department, Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transportation (AAST), from 2001 to 2003; and as an associate project manager at the Project Management Department, Kiroseiz Contracting and Development, from 2001 to 2004. Her professional experience also includes working at the Translation Department of the UN Office in Vienna, Austria; at Iman and Mostafa Design and Consulting Office, Egypt; and at Fawzy Helwa Hydraulic Design Office, Egypt.

She has several national and international certificates, including Project Management Professional (PMP), Performance Management using KPI's and BCC, a degree in French Language from Alliance Française in Egypt, the DALF, and the DSLCF.

She has also been a member of the AUC Alumni Community since 2000 and the AUC Alexandria Chapter since 2006.

Electromechanical Operation and Maintenance Department



Fagr El Guerzawi

Director

Fagr El Guerzawi obtained her BSc in Electric Engineering from Alexandria University in 1987. She has 30 years of experience in electric design, construction, project management, and quality control. Prior to joining the BA staff, she worked as an area engineer at the Abu Qir Naval Base for Booz Allen Hamilton—an American firm acting on behalf of the American Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the Egyptian Navy—from 2007 to 2014. She also served as a senior electro-mechanical inspector and quality control engineer at Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH Global) from 2004 to 2006, an electro-mechanical inspector at Metcalf and Eddy International from 2001 to 2003, a senior quality control electrical engineer at Arab Contractors/Balfour Beatty (Joint Venture) from 1999 to 2001, an engineering assistant at Metcalf and Eddy International from 1995 to 1998, and an electrical design and field engineer at the Egyptian Company for Refractories, under the supervision of the Kuljian Corporation, from 1987 to 1995.

Construction Maintenance and Housekeeping Services Department



Tarek Helmy Awad

Director

Tarek Helmy Awad was part of the Snøhetta and Hamza Associates team, as a senior field engineer, that participated in phase II of the establishment of the BA from 1999 to 2004. He was also the Hamza Associates engineer's representative at a new Alex Automotive Casting Company casting factory from 2001 to 2003, the Hamza Associates Alexandria branch manager and engineer's representative at the San Stefano marina and private beach from 2004 to 2010, and a designated employer representative (DER) for San Stefano Real Estate Investment Company from 2010 to 2011. Awad also served as a senior Hamza Associates engineer's representative at ZAMIL in Dammam, KSA, from 2011 to 2015, and at the five bridges project in Ismailia from 2015 to 2016; the supervising engineering at ADM responsible for the preparation, design, and construction of different projects at ports and lighthouse from 1993 to 1998; and a civil engineer responsible for the quality control and supervision of civil and architectural engineering at the Military Engineering Force from 1989 to 1992.

This Sector also includes: - Projects and Quality Department

Finance and Administration Sector



Mohamed El Shihe

Head of Sector

Mohamed El Shihe is a certified public accountant. He joined the BA in July 2013 as the Head of the FAP Sector with 22 years of experience, including working as a Group Chief Financial Officer and Board Member in multiple international companies throughout the past 8 years. He graduated from the Faculty of Commerce, Cairo University, with an Accounting major in 1991. He has been a member of the Egyptian Society of Auditors and Accountants, the highest credential of Accounting in Egypt, since 1995 and a member of the AICPA, State of California, USA, since 2000. His experience includes both private and governmental sectors in the field of finance, auditing, administration, HR, and consultancy. He has assumed his current post as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Alexandrina Technical Consultancy Co., affiliated with the BA, since August 2013.



Amr Ezzat

Deputy Head of Sector

Amr Ezzat obtained a BSc in Commerce and Business Administration from the Faculty of Commerce, Helwan University, in 2000. He received an MBA in Business Administration from the Arab Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences in Cairo in 2016. He is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in Business Administration at Helwan University. He joined the BA in 2012 as the Assistant Director of financial and administrative affairs in Cairo and held that post until 2016. He currently serves as the Deputy Head of the Finance and Administration Sector in Cairo. Prior to joining the BA, Ezzat worked as an accountant at a travel agency from 2000 to 2004, and he served as the Director of Finance and Administration at the Institute for Peace Studies (IPS) in Cairo in 2011. He then assumed the post of Head of the Finance and Administration Department at the International Peace Movement from 2004 to 2011.

Human Resources Department



Hanan Abd Elrazek

Director

Hanan Abd Elrazek graduated from the Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University in 1991. She began her career at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 1993 as a Public Relations Specialist for the Conference Center. Since then, she has assumed many responsibilities and titles, such as a Conference Center Supervisor; Head of the Conferences Unit; and the Head of Conferences, Exhibitions, and Events Section. She has been a member of a number of conference technical and logistics committees. She has received several certificates from different national and international organizations in the field of conference organization, and she assisted in preparing a booklet titled *The Conference Planning Guidelines*. She gained experience in the management and planning of conferences until she assumed her most recent position as the Director of the Human Resources Department.

Finance Department



Mohamed Akl

Director

Mohamed Akl obtained a BSc in Accounting from the Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University, in 1994. Prior to joining the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, he was the Vice Chief Accountant at EBDC. Once appointed at the BA in 2003, his career has progressed through a number of capacities, until his most recent position as the Director of the Financial Department. Akl has excellent managerial skills related to finance functions. His experience in management practices for finance, accounting, internal audits, project accounting, and budgets has enabled him to run an effective and efficient financial operation.



Ahmed Gaber

Deputy

Administrative Affairs Department



Radwa Alamir

Director

Radwa Alamir holds a BA in Commerce, with a major in accounting, from the Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University. She is currently the Director of the Administrative Affairs Department. Her main responsibilities include planning, directing, monitoring, and supervising the implementation of the Administrative Affairs Department objectives through the implementation of all tasks of its five sections. She began her career at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2004 as an Administrative Assistant. Since then, she has assumed and occupied many responsibilities and titles, including the Head of the Administrative and Secretarial Unit, Engineering Department; the Head of the Procurement and Budget Section, Engineering Department; and the Head of the Conference and Events Unit, Administration Department.

Financial Control Department



Ashraf Mahdy

Director

Ashraf Mahdy holds a BSc from the Faculty of Commerce, Helwan University. He started his career at the Central Auditing Organization (CAO) in 1987, where he held several positions until he became the Division Head at the CAO Central Department for Reporting and People's Assembly Affairs, and a member of the Arab Accounting and Auditing Society in 1998. He was appointed as the Director of the BA Financial Control Department in November 2008.

Security Sector



Ahmed Gehad

Head of Sector

Ahmed Gehad obtained a BA in Law and Police Studies in 1981. He held many posts in the Criminal Investigations Department at the Alexandria Security Directorate, including the Head of Investigations, the Head of Investigation Operations, the Head of the University Police Department, the Manager of the Assistant to the Minister of Interior's Office, and the Head of the Police Department affiliated with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

Industrial and Occupational Health Safety Department



Mahmoud Abd Elsalam Nekheila

Deputy

This Sector also includes: - Internal Security Department

ICT Sector



Youssef Salah

Head of Sector

Youssef Salah obtained his BSc in Computer Engineering in 1997 from the Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Marine Transport, Alexandria, Egypt. He started off his career as a technical support engineer at Mantrac Egypt. In 2001, he joined the BA, where he served in several positions within the ICT sector. He served as a senior system administrator and the Head of the Operations and Technical Support Section, through which he assisted in the initial IT infrastructure of the Library and built over 15 years of technical and managerial experience in internet and software development, system security, networking, communication, and server-based computing. Salah's current main responsibilities as the Head of the ICT Sector are leading the overall BA ICT strategy, architecting its data policies and methodologies, and guiding the implementation of the different digital library initiatives concerned with digital preservation, as well as other science-oriented endeavors using state-of-the-art technologies. Furthermore, he oversees and manages the research platform at the BA provided for Egyptian and non-Egyptian researchers. This includes the High Performance Computing Cluster and a 3D virtual immersive data analysis facility.

Infrastructure and Operations Department



Mohamed Ellotf

Director

Mohamed Ellotf is the Director of the ICT Infrastructure and Operations Department at the BA ICT Sector. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, in 2003. He also obtained his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Arab Academy of Science and Technology in 2016. He started his tenure at the BA in 2003 as a system administrator then served in several managerial positions within the ICT sector until he assumed his current position in October 2016. Ellotf is responsible for leading, developing, and maintaining the interoperability of the BA ICT infrastructure and responsible for operations management, thus contributing to the fulfillment of the main objectives of the BA as a leading Library in the digital age. His responsibilities encompass directing system acquisition, installations, server management, system support and maintenance, and managing networks, communication systems, voice, data, and office automation. He also participated in several major BA projects, such as the technical infrastructure implementation of the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL) Project and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research digitization system.

Institutional Repositories and Integrated Library Systems Department



Ahmed Samir

Director

Ahmed Samir is currently the Director of the Institutional Repositories and Integrated Library Systems Department, ICT Sector, Bibliotheca Alexandrina. He obtained his BSc in Computer Engineering in 2001 from the Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, Egypt. He started off his career as a programmer at Pfizer, and then he served as a computer engineer at the Egyptian Ministry of Communication and Information Technology. He also served as a security system caliber at the Egyptian Presidency, 2002–2003. He joined the BA in 2001/2002, starting off as a Software Engineer, then he re-joined the Library in 2003 when he assumed managerial positions spanning from 2004 to 2013 as the Head of the Software Engineering Unit and as a Project Manager in the ICT Sector. Samir's expertise encompasses different areas of digital preservation. He supervised the creation of several digital library projects, such as the BA digital library of inscriptions, the award-winning Memory of Modern Egypt digital archive, and many other projects. Samir also has experience of more than 12 years in building solutions and software management, which represents the core of the BA's institutional infrastructure through different, yet integrating, systems, such as the content management system, archiving, workflows of administrative procedures, and the oracle-based enterprise resources system that manages personnel, finance, purchasing, inventories, etc.

International School of Information Science (ISIS)



Ahmed Barghout

Director

Ahmed Barghout graduated from the Computer Science Department, Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, in 2000. He started his career at Sakhr Computer Programming where he served as a software engineer specialized in automatic language processing. He joined the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2003. During his tenure with the Library, he occupied several technical and managerial positions, until he assumed his current position in February 2013. Barghout participates in several information technology endeavors on regional and international levels, including his participation in the building and development of the Universal Networking Language system in collaboration with the UNDL foundation, which is affiliated with the United Nations.

Enterprise Applications and Integrated Solutions Department



Bassem Elsayed

Director

Bassem Elsayed is the Director of the Enterprise Applications and Integrated Solutions Department at the BA ICT Sector. He obtained his MSc in Bioinformatics in 2009 from the Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, and his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Arab Academy of Science and Technology in 2016. He started his tenure at the BA in 2004 as a software engineer then occupied several leadership positions, such as a team leader and a project manager within the ICT Sector, until he assumed his current position in December 2016. He participated in several endeavors pursued by the BA, including the Memory of Modern Egypt digital archive and the digitization of Dar el Mahfouzat (the National Archives of Egypt). His expertise and specialization in building oracle-based enterprise resources planning (ERP) systems, enterprise content management (ECM) systems, and financial service applications led to the transformation of the BA into a paperless organization.

Arabic Computational Linguistics Center



Sameh Alansary

Director

Sameh Alansary is the Director of the Arabic Computational Linguistic Center (ACL). He is a co-founder and the vice president of the Arabic Language Technology Center (ALTEC) in Cairo—an NGO that aims to provide Arabic Language resources and to build a road map for Arabic Language Technology in Egypt and the Middle East. He is also a professor of Computational Linguistics and the Head of Department of Phonetics and Linguistics, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. He has many scientific works in Arabic Natural Language Processing published in international conferences and periodicals. He is a reviewer in many scientific Journals and a member in several scientific organizations, such as the Egyptian Society of Language Engineering, Cairo; the Arabic Linguistic Society, USA; the Association of Computational Linguistics, USA; and the Universal Networking Language Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland.

External Relations Sector



Sherif Riad

Head of Sector

Sherif Riad was the Chamberlain of the Egyptian Presidency at the office of former President Hosni Mubarak, where he was a member of the team responsible for the Presidency Protocol throughout his career. He held numerous posts, including Credit and Marketing Director for the MENA Region, CitiBank; Corporate Relations Director, Barclays Bank; and Credit and Marketing Manager, the Egyptian American Bank. He was also a member of the Central Auditing Organization. Riad holds a PhD in Political Sciences.

Public Relations and International Communications Department



Heba Elrafey

Director

Heba Elrafey obtained a BA in European Studies (Italian and Management) from London University, 1995, and an Advanced Certificate in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK, 1998. She has lived in several countries, can speak five languages, and is interested in all matters intercultural. Her general management and leadership skills have helped her develop a strong career at the BA since 2001, culminating in her current position as the Director of the Public Relations and International Communications Department.

Resource Development Department (RDD)



Noha Khalifa

Director

Noha Khalifa is currently the Director of the Resource Development Department (RDD). She obtained a BA in Librarianship from the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, 2005, and is an MA candidate in Communities and Cultures, Alexandria University. She joined the BA in 2005, working first in the BA Dialogue Forum then joining the RDD in 2007 as a coordinator. She was promoted to Head of the Project Support Unit in 2010, before becoming the current RDD Director. During her time at the BA, she gained diverse experience working with international donors, ministries, and other entities.

TV Studio Department



Dina Abou Elela

Director

Dina Abou Elela obtained her Bachelor of Commerce degree in Business Administration from the Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University. She also holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Arab Academy of Science and Technology (AAST). She attended various academic and managerial training courses in prestigious institutes, including the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), Washington DC, USA; the Egyptian Radio and Television Union (ERTU); the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Academy; and the New York Film Academy (NYFA). Abou Elela worked at the Egyptian Radio and Television Union Channel 5 as an anchor, presenter, script writer, and an assistant director in a number of cultural, news, and talk show programs. She also presented a weekly program broadcasted on Channel 1 for more than two years presenting the BA activities. She joined the BA in 2007 as the Head of the Studio Section. In 2010, she became the Director of the TV Studio Department. She is responsible for managing and supervising all processes of documenting, broadcasting, archiving, and disseminating the BA cultural and scientific events held throughout the year, as well as for the production of high standard documentaries and TV programs endorsing the overall mission of the BA.

Visits Department



Sherine Gaafar

Director

Sherine Gaafar began her tenure at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 1995 as a cataloguer for French and Spanish books. She has been trained in public relations and customer services in Paris. She became the supervisor, and eventually, became the Director of the Visits Department, in 2002. She obtained her BA from the Library and Information Science Department, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University.



Yasmine Samir

Deputy





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