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New Era... New Vision...





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To be a Center of Excellence for the Production and Dissemination of Knowledge, and a Place of Dialogue and Understanding between Cultures and Peoples.

OBJECTIVES

To be

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
ТВТК	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

Introduction

Introduction



Dr. Mostafa El Feki

I am always keen on highlighting the cultural role of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) and its efforts to serve the Egyptian society. Seeking to achieve the goals that were set last year, the BA succeeded in expanding its outreach to the general public through holding more local and international events and conferences.

The BA was honored to host H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of Egypt and Chairperson of the BA Board of Trustees, on the fringe lines of the National Youth Conference held at the BACC in July 2017. President Al-Sisi praised the BA's role as a Beacon of Culture and urged the BA to resume its work in this regard.

In line with the President's directions, the BA widened the scope of its projects targeting the Egyptian society, spreading awareness, and combating extremism, violence, and terrorism. The BA also

worked on different initiatives documenting cultural heritage, including the Memory of Modern Egypt and Eternal Egypt projects. Early 2018, the BA held the "Art and Literature in the Face of Extremism" Conference, and the "Islamic Art Confronts Extremism" Conference, attended by a number of intellectuals, politicians, media representatives, writers, artists, critics, and academics from Egypt, the Arab World, and Europe.

The BA also welcomed His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, in an open meeting with the BA staff in which His Holiness expressed his full support to the BA's role. The Grand Imam of Al Azhar Dr. Ahmed Al Tayeb also voiced his support to the BA's program to combat extremism during my meeting with him in Cairo.

Furthermore, the BA enhanced its role across several governorates through its Embassies of Knowledge in several universities to offer the BA services to a wider public. The BA also held outreach programs in schools to spread awareness on history, heritage, arts, science, and the latest technological advances among students. It also welcomed visits from Al Azhar students from different governorates within the "Enlightened Mind" program.



A visit from Al Azhar students

We fulfilled our dream of establishing a museum for religions in the Palace of Princess Khadijah in Helwan, Cairo, similar to the BA-managed Sinnari House in Sayyeda Zeinab (Cairo). In addition, the BA also set-up a specialized center for Egyptology in the name of Dr. Zahi Hawass.

The BA does not only focus on regional or local activities, but it also holds international conferences and events attended by decision makers, politicians, and public figures, concluding its international partnerships on many levels. Additionally, it worked on developing the Memory of the Arab World project, which is a specialized online portal to introduce Arab civilization to the world, connect younger Arab generations to their cultural identity, and preserve the collective memory of the people of the Arab World.



Dr. El Feki receiving a high profile African delegation

On the African level, the BA signed a memorandum of understanding with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA) and extended the scope of its services to the continent through the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Information for Africa

program (BAIFA). In an effort to disseminate Egyptian and Islamic culture around the world, the BA contributed lectures through the edX platform on Egyptian and Islamic history and literature to participants from all over the world.

This Report sheds light on the efforts made by the BA throughout the year to disseminate culture and reach out to the public at both the local and international levels through various events and projects, highlighting the BA's role as a Beacon of Culture and Enlightenment.

Dr. Mostafa El Feki Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Highlights

New Era... New Vision

Assuming its role as a leading Egyptian institution with an international acclaim, the BA focused on two main directions during the period July 2017 – June 2018: reaching out to the Egyptian public, and following up on international programs and initiatives.

Dr. Mostafa El Feki assumed office in June 2017. The BA was honored by a visit from H.E. the President of Egypt, the Head of the Board of Trustees, during the Youth Conference which was held at the BA Conference Center on 24 and 25 July 2017. There was also a visit from Mrs. Intisar Al-Sisi, spouse of the President, on 18 September 2017.



Speech of President Al-Sisi at the National Youth Conference

President Al-Sisi at the BA



I- Reaching out to the Egyptian Public

Summer Festival at the BA Plaza

Egyptian National Archives

In an effort to preserve the Egyptian heritage, the BA started its national project to digitize all holdings of the Egyptian National Archives (Dar El Mahfouzat) in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance, the Egyptian Real Estate Taxation Authority, and the Egyptian National Archives. Launched in 2010, the project objectives include the reclassification of all holdings and the digitization of all documents.

Memory of Modern Egypt

The Memory of Modern Egypt project (MoME) documents modern history of Egypt in the 19th and 20th centuries through archiving and documenting 14 different kinds of materials and historical studies written specifically for this digital memory, which constitutes the largest repository and digital library in the Arab world. As of October 2017, the MoME team has curated and annexed 154,000 items, including photos, documents, videos, audios and other materials. All are currently available on the MoME website (as opposed to 90,000 in 2015 and 110,000 in 2016).



MoME Homepage

The new design of the MoME website was accomplished through the Information Communication Technology Sector, in addition to the completion of translating the main materials and entries as well as the structure of the website in English and French (translation of 80 thousands key words, 66 main events, 39 main themes and 377 public figures) four issues of *Modern Egypt* magazine were published this year, reading issue No. 32.

The plan for the project of Memory of Modern Egypt is to reach 175,000 entries by the end of 2018, in addition to strengthening the international and local activities, organizing exhibitions and cultural festivals, and participating in local and international conferences.

Bibliotheca Alexandrina's Library Information System (BA-LIS)

BA-LIS was designed and developed using state-of-the-art tools by the ICT Sector in collaboration with the Library Sector. The system was launched to replace all III-LIS purchased solution modules including; cataloging, circulation, acquisition, OPAC, serial and administrative modules. The system provides the librarians with a seamless workflow, enabling different teams of accessing the information simultaneously; from the book's acquisition until placing it on the library shelf.

The system provides the BA's patrons with comprehensive information of the BA's collections through the online catalog. Furthermore, the patron has access to a user-friendly interface that contains all the required information about the user's circulated items.

An expert team of software engineers is dedicated to support the system by solving all issues reported by the Library Sector. An evaluation of the robustness of the deployed system will be conducted by June 2018. The system can be easily customized and integrated with any project. The system can also be upgraded to the latest metadata standards such as BIBFRAME.

The Salon of Alexandria

The Bibliotheca Alexandrina launched the Salon of Alexandria initiative—a new perspective at the interaction between intellectuals, experts and decision makers—with the aim of presenting ideas, visions and proposals for policies to the best interest of the citizen and the State.

The Salon of Alexandria is an arena for cultural interaction and projecting Egypt as a cornerstone in the dialogue between cultures and civilizations. The Salon is a two-day multi-dimensional cultural event that is planned to be held quarterly (every three months) and includes a number of key themes, some of which may be held in parallel with other cultural discussions, screenings, poetry sessions and seminars on one significant issue. The first session of the Salon of Alexandria was held on 12 and 13 September 2017.



Art and Literature in the Face of Extremism

Dr. El Feki and Eng. Elmikaty at the "Art and Literature in the Face of Extremism" Conference

After three years of discussing the phenomenon in its various dimensions, the Fourth Annual Conference on Combating Extremism took place from 28 to 30 January 2018 with a focus on the role of literature and arts. The Conference was attended by almost 400 participants from Egypt and other Arab countries with significant participation from Europe, Africa and Asia. The three-day Conference hosted sessions that addressed the importance of arts in the fight against extremism; including the discussions of the roles of museums, theater, cinemas, poetry and novels. Additionally, media, soft power, and religious discourses were discussed. Participants called for enhancing the status of arts and literature within educational institutions, encouraging the young generation to get access to arts centers, and be open to international cultures contrary to the narrow-minded ideas propagated by extremist groups. The BA announced 2018 the year of intensified efforts in combating extremism, launching a new initiative to provide students, particularly in the religious institutes education, to visit the Library, attend cultural and artistic events and get to see the world with a new vision to change the negative, extremist ideas rooted in their minds.

The Library of Alexandria in partnership with the International Council of Museums (ICOM), the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural organization (ISESCO) and ICOM Egypt, also organized a Conference titled "Islamic Art Confronts Extremism" at the Library of Alexandria from 20 to 23 March, 2018.



Islamic Art Confronts Extremism Exhibition

In its efforts to confront extremism and violence and promote the values of openness and dialogue, the BA is also actively involving a number of like-minded centers in the Arab World. So far, more than 30 centers have signed an MoU with the BA to undertake joint activities and keep each other informed of their own activities. That is also the basis for creating the network of reform-minded Arab intellectuals and opinion-makers. We are also seeking to expand these outreach activities to some collaboration with centers in the West.

Relationships with Religious Establishments



Pope Tawadros II and Dr. El Feki at the BA

The BA is keen on promoting the relationships with religious establishments, most importantly for their enormous outreach to the wider community, strong credible presence in the public sphere and essential role in combating extremism. In this regard, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II the Patriarchic of the Coptic Orthodox Church visited the BA accompanied by a high level delegation. During the visit, which took place on 11 February 2018, the Pope gave

a talk to the BA staff and took part with Dr. Mostafa El Feki in a press conference in which he showed strong support for the BA, and promised to cooperate on all levels particularly in the BA project to establish a museum of religions in Helwan.

Almost a month before the visit of the Pope, the BA received around seventy Coptic Orthodox Priests from Alexandria who participated in a workshop in which Dr. El Feki also delivered a lecture and asked for their cooperation in the Combating Extremism Program.

The Grand Imam of Al Azhar, Dr. Ahmed Al Tayeb, held a meeting with Dr. El Feki in which he expressed his support to the Anti-extremism Program, and instructed Al Azhar branches in different governorates to regularly send students and scholars to the BA to get exposed to cultural and artistic programs in the one-day visit initiative recently adopted by BA.

The also BA received on 27 January 2018 a delegation from Al Azhar and Imams of Mosques from Alexandria, Cairo, and other Delta governorates. They attended a symposium on different approaches in combating extremism. The number of participants were around seventy imams and scholars from Al Azhar.



Grand Imam of Al Azhar and Dr. El Feki

Embassies of Knowledge

The Embassies of Knowledge initiative has been working to fully activate the embassies initiated in Ain-Shams University, Assiut University, Beni Suif University and Sadat University in Menofeia. The number of Embassies of Knowledge has now reached 20 Embassies within Egypt.

Publications

The BA Publishing Department issued 60 new titles in English, Arabic, and French including books, monographs and periodicals. These publications reflect the work of the BA different centers and departments. Among the most significant publications: *The Islamic Attractions and Arab Antiquities in Egypt and Moez Cairo* (8 volumes) (in Arabic), *The Description of Alexandria* (in Arabic), *Islamic Art in China* (in Arabic), *The Story of a Document: Selections from Documents of the City of Alexandria in the Ottoman Era* (in Arabic), *Arab Jews in Israel* (in Arabic), *Coptic Monasticism in Wadi Natroun in the 19th Century* (in Arabic), *Lexicon of Sumerian Vocabulary* (in Arabic), *Hasan Ibn al-Haytham between East and West* (in Arabic), *Boutros Boutros Ghali: An Egyptian Story* (in

Arabic), A Salute and Memory from Egypt: Ahmed Zewail (in Arabic), Islamic Architecture in Greece, The Rosetta Stone: Regaining the Ancient Egyptian Language and Le yacht Mahroussa : Périple du yacht royal, Le Canal de Suez : Passé glorieux et avenir prometteur : Actes du colloque.



A collection of the 2017–2018 BA publications

During the reported period, the BA also published various periodicals covering issues related to strategic, sociological, historical, developmental and cultural aspects such as Awraq, Marrased Shorofat, Abjadiyat, Zakerat Masr, Korasat Qebtiyyah and Korasat Mathafiyyah.

Teachers' Training Program (Science Animation Teachers' Training)

The Science Animation Teachers' Training session is a professional life-changing experience for science teachers. The training introduces teachers to an enquiry-based teaching approach that is founded on hands-on activities and interactive science teaching in the classroom. This new science teaching approach keeps the students' attention and increases their interest in science as well as help teachers transfer from the traditional teaching methodology based on pure scientific knowledge presentation to creative activities.

Toward a Better Educator (TBE) Initiative in Alexandria and Assiut

This project was initiated in 2016 in cooperation with Sawiris Foundation and StarCare Egypt to conduct a training program that aims at developing the personal pedagogical and research skills of teachers in Alexandria and through a series of interactive workshops. The initiative targeted 60 public primary and elementary schools in Alexandria and Assiut. As a means of evaluation, the program concluded with school competitions between students and teachers from the participating schools.

Science Clubs Initiative (SCI)

The SCI is a long term program launched in 2007/2008 to overcome the lack of enquirybased science education. The SCI offers hands-on kits and programs in selected public primary and preparatory schools to open new horizons in science and technology research and applications to students.



Children's Science Activities

Science Clubs locations in schools are considered satellites of the Planetarium Science Center (PSC) workshops to promote informal education programs and techniques. The PSC provides the SCI schools with the necessary equipment, computers, and material to conduct simple scientific experiments. Moreover, PSC offers the teachers of the SCI training programs to improve their teaching skills outside the boundaries of the curriculum. The SCI covered over 450 governmental schools in Alexandria, 20 in Assiut, in addition to training over 1,500 teachers.

One Day School Visit (Enlightened Mind) Program

This is a one-day visit of the Library targeting students of Al Azhar institutes as well as different public schools from all Egyptian governorates. The aim of these visits is to expose these young minds to a new experience, away from their daily school program.

This program is to build a citizen open to different cultures and different forms of Art; a citizen who is aware of the cultural, scientific and technological developments taking place in the world around us.

Helwan Museum

The Cairo governorate approached the Bibliotheca Alexandrina with a proposal to take over the Palace of Princess Khadijah, the daughter of Khedive Tawfiq, in Helwan, in order to establish cultural and artistic activities according to the Library's vision, where the Palace will be under the full control of the Library. Sinnari House in Sayeda Zeinab district in Cairo is the example we wish to emulate. Undoubtedly, the Palace will be one of the prominent cultural centers in Helwan and Cairo as a whole due to its historical value.

The BA presented a proposal to establish a museum for the history of the religions of Egyptians across ages, to review all that is related to the history of religions, starting from the early Pharaohs, passing by King Akhenaton's notion of one God, until the emergence of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.



Palace of Princess Khadijah

The BA received management of the Palace during a celebration that was held on 27 May 2018, in the presence of a number of ministers, members of parliament, ambassadors, media personnel and public figures. Cultural activities started right after.

BA Prize

The Library of Alexandria management found that it is only appropriate to have a prize bearing the BA name. To that end, a decree was issued to create a prize that fosters creativity and encourages talented youth in the fields of science, arts and literature. The prize is for US \$30,000. A committee was formed to manage the prize initiative, among its members Dr. Mohamed Hassan and Dr. Hossam Badrawi. The committee will be responsible for setting the criteria for the prize, the announcement and the selection procedures. HE Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi promised to fund this prize.

Zahi Hawass Center

As part of its regional and international role in disseminating and sharing knowledge, and in tribute to one of Egypt's leading figures in the field of Egyptology, the Library established the Zahi Hawass Center of Egyptology. The new Center aims to become a major venue for Egyptologists and leading researchers from around the globe. It will focus on research, education and professional training to promote archaeological research in Egypt. The activities of the Center will include scientific events,



specialized courses and programs targeting Egypt's young generation. In addition, the Center will provide research grants in the various interdisciplinary fields related to its mission. The Center will also establish the Zahi Hawass Award, which will be given to the best Egyptian archaeologist, conservator, and archaeological researcher of the year in the Annual Festival of Egyptian Archaeologists, on 14 January of every year.

Media

The Media Department has been communicating with various media organizations and channels (national and international) to foster sustainable awareness about the role and the mission of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.



Virtual Egypt

Media coverage of BA Activities

Egypt is rich with invaluable cultural and natural heritage, both tangible and intangible. Virtual Egypt is dedicated to implement the latest technologies in order to highlight these precious assets, which will contribute to the Egyptian touristic promotion.

The initiative aims at documenting, preserving and promoting Egyptian heritage, using advanced techniques while making efficient implementation and reusable resources.

Virtual Egypt targets different audience groups, through a multiplatform set of linked applications (VR experience, mobile games, documentaries, AR applications, etc.) with different genres (education, entertainment, research, etc.) all associated with Egyptian heritage.

II-Following up on International Programs and Initiatives



Hellenistic Alexandria: Celebrating 24 Centuries Conference

Universal Networking Language (UNL) and the International Corpus of Arabic (ICA)



UNL Homepage

This project started as a collaboration with the UN University in Tokyo and a large number of small national teams around the world, working on 48 languages. The Ibrahim Shihata Center for Arabic Computational Linguistics, responsible for the UNL project on the BA's side, was funded by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) in Kuwait. The BA's achievements in this project include the following:

- **The International Corpus of Arabic (ICA)** that includes 100 million words covering all domains and genres. The content is collected from all Arabic countries and from multiple sources (Internet, books, academic publications, as well as magazines and newspapers).
- The ICA is morphologically analyzed (with semantic and syntactic analysis to following the next two years).
- The **Arabic Computational Linguistics** team has achieved the following:
 - Correcting grammar
 - Transforming colloquialisms into proper standard Arabic
 - Disambiguation
 - Diacritization (our greatest success to date)
 - Summarization
 - Multi-level summarization
 - Multi-source summarization

World Digital Library (WDL)

The World Digital Library (WDL) contains about 20,000 curated items, all reviewed and verified by experts, and can be presented in seven languages. WDL attracts about four million visitors per year, and has been linked over 3.5 million times from other postings on the Internet.



WDL Homepage

The BA is a partner with the Library of Congress (LoC) and UNESCO in planning and designing this enormously successful initiative that brought together almost 200 libraries from more than 100 countries. The BA was elected as the Chair of the seven-member Executive Council of the WDL, and the LoC was the project manager.

WDL's success is significant. It is possible that the BA will take on a much larger role to guarantee the continuation of this important initiative.

Encyclopedia of Life (EOL)

This Encyclopedia of all living organisms is the largest in the world. Each organism from the smallest bacterium to the largest whale has a homepage. Some 1,350,000 pages out of the estimated 1.9 million scientifically identified species in the world has been added to EOL. The BA is officially recognized as one of the six sponsoring organizations, and currently working on enhancing its role on the IT side.



EOL Homepage

Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL)



BHL Homepage

This enormous project involving 18 of the largest libraries in the world, aims to digitize and index the historical literature on biodiversity (some 120 million pages). Over 53 million pages, covering about 215,000 volumes representing some 130,000 titles have been successfully scanned, reviewed, curated and posted. The BA is currently guiding the process for digitizing the remaining collections. More importantly, the BA is providing techniques for indexing and connecting this enormous BHL work to the species pages in the EOL. The BA is an important partner in this project, due to its advanced technical abilities. Also, the BA successfully became a BHL Affiliate, along with two partners (BHL China and BHL SciELO).

International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC)

This forum is likely to get a lot more attention globally as the size of the global information continues to grow exponentially and the problems of preservation become more acute technically, posing problems of proprietary techniques versus public access. The BA is one of the most important institutions in this consortium of about 150 organizations, a position which we must maintain; especially with our planned expansions of our roles in big data analytics and supercomputing.

Preservation and Archiving Special Interest Group (PASIG)

Founded in 2007 by SUN and Stanford University, and now sponsored by Oracle Corporation, the Preservation and Archiving Special Interest Group (PASIG) is dedicated to advancing the practice of digital preservation and archiving. It brings together practitioners, industry experts and researchers to share experience in a vendor-neutral forum on how to put preservation and archiving into practice.

PASIG is a place to share practical experiences, successes, pain points, and, increasingly, a forum for fostering coordination and collaboration to enable the most effective use of our resources. The BA has been present as an active participant in this annual forum since it was founded. It is essential to maintain this presence where the cutting edge technologies are being discussed and developed by great practitioners.

Digital Library Federation (DLF)

The BA joined the Digital Library Federation (DLF) in 2005. The DLF is a community of library practitioners who meet to advance research, learning, and the public good through the design and application of digital library technologies. This involves supporting a variety of information sharing, staff development, networking, and catalytic initiatives.

DLF serves its parent organization, the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), as the place where CLIR's broader information-community strategies are informed and enriched by digital library practice. The BA maintains its membership in the DLF and attends (or should attend) the annual DLF Forum, where the discussions and presentations cover, *inter alia*, open digital library standards, software, interfaces, infrastructure, and best practices including digital humanities.

Supercomputer as a Part of LinkSCEEM and Vi-SEEM

The BA joined the EU-funded project Linking Scientific Computing in Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (LinkSCEEM), as a partner with Cyprus Institute among 10 other participants representing 7 European and Middle Eastern countries. The BA and the Cyprus Institute acted together as resource-providing partners, supplying researchers in the Eastern Mediterranean region with High-Performance Computing (HPC) resources.

During the period from 2015 to 2017, beyond the project's lifetime, the BA and the Cyprus Institute continued to support the same research community through the Eastern Mediterranean HPC Calls for Proposals.

In 2015, the BA joined VI-SEEM, which is a three-year project that aims at creating a unique Virtual Research Environment (VRE) in Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (SEEM), in order to facilitate regional interdisciplinary collaboration, with special focus on the scientific communities of Life Sciences, Climatology and Digital Cultural Heritage. The BA joined the project as one of the main partners, and has availed its new Supercomputer (BA-HPC C2) to the researchers, while focusing on the Digital Cultural Heritage theme through administering several training events on 3D modelling and scanning.

BA Science Supercourse

The BA Science Supercourse was launched in January 2009, as a joint endeavor between the BA and the WHO Collaborating Centre at the University of Pittsburgh. The project provides free access to an online repository of more than 200,000 PowerPoint lectures covering four major fields of science: environment, agriculture, computer science and public health, aiming to network scientists and empower educators around the world.

The BA Science Supercourse offers a variety of functionalities for its users. Any user may browse through the full repository of lectures and carry out different types of search, which include searching within a certain lecture, carrying out a simple search on the overall repository or an advanced search for more specific results. In addition, users can create their own library of favorite lectures in the repository, create their own presentations by compiling slides from different lectures, have a list of their bookmarked slides, etc.



BA Science Supercourse Homepage

The BA Science Supercourse also contains a special section, which encompasses lectures by Nobel laureates, Golden Lectures authored by eminent or VIP lecturers and Just-in-time Lectures, which are produced in times of disasters or emergencies.

This major international project is under the supervision of four eminent professors: Vint Cerf, Gil Omenn, Ron Laporte and Ismail Serageldin.

Serageldin Institute for Multi-disciplinary Advanced Research (SIMAR)

Over the past year, SIMAR embarked on several projects developing quantitative analysis and modeling in different multi-disciplinary areas, focusing on four tracks so far: climate change, democracy, sentiment analysis and poverty. In order to serve the above research tracks, SIMAR has established several collaborations and partnerships with prestigious research institutions, both locally and internationally.

SIMAR has already published two research papers; the first titled, "Modelling the Optimal Cropping Pattern to 2030 under Different Climate Change Scenarios", which was accepted for publication in the African Journal for Agricultural and Resource Economics. The second titled, "The Effect of Electoral Democracy on Economic Growth in Egypt 1970–2015" which was submitted to the Journal of Asia and African Studies. Other research papers are currently underway. The Institute held its first International Conference "Applying Quantitative Analysis to Development Issues" on 18–19 February 2018.



A SIMAR event's poster (left) and a SIMAR publication's cover (right)

The SIMAR Institute is also in charge of the Varieties of Democratic Experience (V-Dem), the largest academic research project dealing with democracy, with a huge database covering hundreds of indicators for over a hundred countries for a hundred years. The BA is a partner in the network of institutions responsible for creating the database and carrying out in-depth studies about the issues related to democracy.

IFLA Language Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries

The BA is the provider of the Arabic language work during the conventions of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the global umbrella organization for all libraries. However, the IFLA Language Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries does much more than that. In May 2017, the Language Centre organized the IFLA Global Vision workshop at the BA for participants from national libraries and library associations of 17 countries in the MENA region. The IFLA President, Secretary-General and a member of the board facilitated the workshop, as well as the Director of Global Libraries from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This workshop was then repeated in August 2017, for the Egyptian library community in cooperation with the Egyptian Libraries participated in this two-day workshop. Moreover, the Language Centre coordinated with the League of Arab States, and developed an online Comprehensive Guide for Libraries in the MENA region and hosted by the BA. The guide will provide data and increase cooperation between Arab libraries.

African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA)

In January 2017, the BA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA) in the context of strengthening professional relations between libraries in Africa and the BA, and to facilitate their work in conducting research, capacity building in library and information sciences, and publishing.

An action plan was agreed upon with specific projects to be carried out collaboratively. We also streamed, through the BA webcast, two events held at the BA targeting African researchers and educators. Moreover, we regularly make use of AfLIA's social media pages and post selected BA events and activities.

Daisy Books (Digital Talking Books)

In 2008 the BA established the first ARABIC DAISY Digital Talking Studio Book Library for the Blind and Print-Disabled in Egypt and the Arab Region. Librarians were trained on the production of Arabic DAISY Books.

In February 2017, the BA organized a Symposium entitled "On the Way Forward for an Egyptian Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty". The symposium aimed to bring together relevant stakeholders from Egyptian libraries and visually impaired communities with appropriate government, parliamentary, and legislative leaders to come up with an Egyptian solution to the lack of accessible books and educational resources for blind and visually impaired people in Egypt. Several international IFLA/LPD (Library Serving Persons with Print Disabilities) representatives from various countries were among the participants.

In 2018 the BA signed a new agreement with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Shinano Kenshi Co., Ltd. on a collaboration program for disseminating Japanese technologies for accessible multimedia DAISY production software for persons with print disabilities in Egypt.

The project will also include converting all the governmental text-books for the primary stage to DAISY format as a first phase. This will be in collaboration with the Ministry of Communication and the Ministry of Education. The project will be fully funded by JICA, including all the hardware, software and staff trainings.

Arabic Library Standards Project

This is arguably one of the most important of our Library projects as it brings tools and helps in setting standards for Arabic Library work.

In keeping with its mission of becoming a distinguished library, and acting as a center of excellence in the production and dissemination of knowledge, the BA sheds special light on librarianship projects that aim at standardizing library tools, systems and practices among Arab libraries, enabling interlibrary sharing and universal access to resources. The BA recently launched the online version of MARC 21 Format in Arabic. The online versions are accessible now on the Arabic Library Standards website (www.bibalex.org/ALS). It is a free edition that provides Arab catalogers with a selection of the core MARC 21 Format and adopts a tailored field description structure.

The BA signed an agreement with the OCLC to translate the DDC23 into Arabic, which will be ready by 2019. The translation of the Arabic version of the DDC23 has been fully completed and reviewed. The DDC23 is now ready to be entered into the DDC translation software Pansoft and will be ready in print and online copies once the uploading is done.

UNESCO contacted the BA for the translation of its own Thesaurus, with translation and terminology control by translators, of 7,300 terms and 645 scope notes; as well as translating the web interface of the publishing platform and the "About" page. The estimated date is end of 2019.

Furthermore, a video-conference meeting was held between the RDA (Resource Description and Access) Steering Committee and representatives from the BA ALS team on 10 July 2017, discussing the current status of the RDA-licensed project of the Arabic translation of the RDA toolkit by the BA, and its future plan. An agreement was recently signed and the two parties are now discussing the procedures and the requirements.

BIBFRAME

BIBFRAME is the future of bibliographic description. It was developed to replace MARC 21, so as to be more compatible and convenient with the Web and more usable in the networked world of today.

In 2015, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina registered in the test phase with the Library of Congress (LoC) as they are the original founders of the model. The BA is the first Arab library to join the LoC test. In 2018, the BA launched its own Integrated Library System, ready to support the new BIBFRAME standard.

BA Information For Africa (BAIFA)

Launched in 2016, BAIFA is an information service with the aim of advancing African research by providing free access to 10,000 e-resources and publications, free BA e-courses and complimentary access to 2 Elsevier databases. BAIFA currently includes a network of 350 registered members and is in the process of renewing the MoU with Elsevier to continue providing access to the databases and supporting researchers.



From a BAIFA Event
International Summit of the Book

This initiative was started in 2012 by the Library of Congress with the participation of the BA and UNESCO. It was held in the LoC in 2012, Singapore in 2013, France in 2014, the BA in 2015, Ireland in 2016, Romania in 2017 and Baku in 2018.

The Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC) hosted the 7th International Summit of the Book on 18–19 March 2018 in Baku, Azerbaijan. H.E. President Vaira Vike-Freiberga gave the opening speech with the participation of former and current Heads of States and eminent figures.

The BA chairs the international committee which selects the host and helps provide the intellectual content for the successive summits. The BA also maintains the website for this initiative.

Francophone Librarianship Training

In February 2017, the BA launched the "Diplôme Universitaire en Sciences de l'Information et des Bibliothèques" (DUSIB), a university diploma in Library and Information Science. It 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 a one-year online diploma in the field of Library and Information Science. The online courses, provided by Senghor and ENSSIB, are followed by practical training at the BA and BnF.



Francophone Digital Library General Assembly

Réseau Francophone Numérique (RFN)

The RFN is a non-profit association with the aim to preserve the Francophone cultural heritage by creating a digital library that provides free online access to French documentaries and heritage content. Twenty-six institutions are members of the RFN and upload on the RFN portal (created by the BnF) resources related to the Francophone heritage themes. The BA seeks to maintain a strong presence as a part of the role it is playing in other Francophone Library initiatives, especially in Africa.

North Africa and Middle East Planetarium Science Centers (NAMES)

This is the BA Planetarium Science Center initiative that resulted in the formation of a special network for North Africa and the Middle East Planetarium Science Centers (NAMES). The BA should continue to play a central role in this network and also seek to replicate its success in developing a similar effort for Africa *per se*. The network initially has ten active members from eight MENA countries.



The network also has four sustaining members from Germany, USA and U.K. The BA will host the 10th NAMES Biennial Conference from 24 to 26 October 2018.

African Networks

A special outreach effort that involves sending newsletters on agriculture, public health, ICT and environment to some 500,000 individuals throughout Africa to maintain contact with the broad base of academics and professionals in Africa. This comes in complement to initiatives to reach out to specific individuals in a tighter network of specialists.

Euro-Med

One of Alex Med's objectives is promoting fruitful dialogue and cultural exchange between Alexandria and other Mediterranean cities. As such, Alex Med develops working strategies that enhance and maintain direct communication channels between the BA and existing/ potential partners from EU cooperation programs with a special focus on Euro-Med partnerships. Over the past 14 years, Alex Med implemented a wide range of projects involving international cooperation that served the city at large and the BA in particular. These projects focused on sustainable development, documentation of heritage, promoting the city and supporting local economy.

Recent projects under the Euro-Med Initiative include:

- I-AM project: this project supported local economy through introducing state-of-theart technology, and Augmented Reality, in tourism industry.
- SLOWMED project: this project promoted cultural dialogue and pluralism by highlighting the common heritage of the Mediterranean region, with special emphasis on food and Mediterranean cuisines.



Cavafia 2017 Conference

Memory of the Arab World



Memory of the Arab World Homepage

Having had an enormous success on its early work on the Eternal Egypt website designed and maintained by CULTNAT with the help of IBM, and then the enormous success of CULTNAT's patented Culturama method of presentation and its latest work on the Infomall, and the enormous success of the BA's Memory of Modern Egypt Project, the BA is now moving forward with an ambitious program to develop a digital interactive archive for the entire Arab World, called the Memory of the Arab World. The OPEC fund for International Development (OFID) approved a fund to support this project.

BA edX

The BA signed an agreement to become a contributing partner in the edX platform, an online educational forum founded by Harvard and MIT. So far, the BA offered four online courses that brought thousands of learners to enroll in them. We are currently preparing to launch our fifth course, and film three more courses to launch within the upcoming months. It is important to mention that statistics reveal the interest of international learners in BA courses and, likewise, the increasing demand from Egyptians for courses in the Arabic language. The completed courses are:

- BAx1: Introduction to Ancient Egyptian Civilization.
- BAx2: The Legacy of Muslim Civilization.
- BAx3: The Journey of Writing in Egypt.
- BAx4: Modern Literature of Alexandria.

The upcoming course, currently under preparation, is Bax5: The Women's Movement in Egypt. We have two more courses in the pipeline: Daily Life and After Life of Ancient Egyptians; and An Introduction to Arabic Calligraphy in Islamic Art.

Hypertrophic Cardio-Myopathy (HCM) Project

The Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) project was created in 2004 following an agreement between Sir Magdy Yacoub and the BA. It was launched in 2006 and is still running. This project entails establishing an advanced molecular research unit using the latest genetic

tools to study the gene defects in HCM specific to the Egyptian population. It links major research institutions outside of Egypt (Imperial and Oxford in the UK, and Florence in Italy) with Cairo and Alexandria Universities in Egypt, with the BA HCM Lab acting as the hub, under the general supervision of Dr. Magdy Yacoub.



Groupe Interacadémique pour le Développement – GID

GID Homepage

The Groupe Interacadémique pour le Développement (GID) is an international association that was established in 2007 by eleven academic institutions in Africa and southern Europe including the BA. As an initiative of the French Academy of Sciences, the GID promotes one of the UN's Development Goals; namely, bridging the gap between scientific output and the needs of the stakeholders.

Euro-Mediterranean Academic Network (EMAN)

Bearing in mind all the countries that share the Mediterranean Sea, GID has given rise to the creation of an academic Euro-Mediterranean network which gathers about thirty academies and is still expanding. Through EMAN, GID intends to marshal knowledge in the service of development, building on a demand policy.

Parmenides Conventions

Parmenides Conventions are organized in cooperation with the Euro-Mediterranean Academic Network. Every year, they gather scientists, technologists and more extensively all the actors involved in development for a specific field under consideration. Their objective is to reveal and bring to the forefront real development needs, confront them to knowledge either available or requiring further exploration, identify the scientific, technological, socioeconomic or cultural impediments to mobilizing knowledge in the service of development, and draw up recommendations to overcome them.

TWAS-ARO Regional Office

The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries (TWAS) is a global science academy based in Trieste, Italy since 1983, that works to advance science and engineering for sustainable prosperity in the developing world. The TWAS Arab Regional Office (TWAS-ARO) is hosted at the BA Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP) since 2005. TWAS-ARO aims to promote scientific capacity and excellence in the

region through annual activities for the Arab scientists especially young researchers such as a Regional Prize, a Young Arab Scientists Prize and a young affiliates program. In addition, it organizes annual meetings for the Arab members, young scientists' conferences, workshops and public lectures for researchers' capacity building and promoting public awareness of science.

BioVision-Alexandria Conference (BVA)

It is an international biennial conference organized in partnership with the World Life Sciences Forum, BioVision, Lyon, France since 2004. It brings together distinguished scientists, Nobel Laureates, policy makers, private sector and civil society representatives from the four corners of the globe. BVA ultimate goal is to provide a platform for exchange of information and dialogue so as to explore the different ways in which life sciences can help meet the challenges facing us in the 21st century; a vital step for global economic development to improve the quality of life for all. BVA aims to increase the participation of developing countries in this important global dialogue. It presents a unique opportunity for North-South collaborations by bringing in new scientific knowledge to the South.

The conference focuses on three major themes: health, food and agriculture, and environment. It features a special exhibition titled "BioFair@BioVisionAlexandria" and a poster session for young researchers and scientists. It also features an interactive event in collaboration with The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries (TWAS) for young researchers from the developing world titled "TWAS/ BVA.Nxt". This event takes place during the two days preceding the BioVision-Alexandria Conference. The young scientists are also invited to attend and actively participate in the BioVision-Alexandria Conference. They are also offered the opportunity to showcase their projects and research in a poster session that is held during the Conference.



BioVision Alexandria 2018 Conference

BVA 2018 was held on 20–22 April 2018 with the theme of "New Life Sciences: Towards the SDGs". The Conference highlighted the important role science plays with regards to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. More insights was be developed on how science contributes to decision-making, and discussions addressed how this affects the developing world.

Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures

The BA hosts the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, which was officially inaugurated in April 2005 and whose main premises are the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Conference Center and in the Swedish Institute in Alexandria. The first Barcelona Process institution located outside Europe, the Foundation is jointly established and financed by all 35 members of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The Foundation's primary objective is to bridge the gap between people and organizations from both shores of the Mediterranean, develop partnerships in social, cultural and human affairs, and develop human resources, promoting understanding and exchanges between civil societies. Dr. Nabil Al-Sharif, the Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation, visited Dr. El Feki to foster future collaborations.



Anna Lindh Homepage

Regional Action for Climate Change (RACC)

The RACC (whose secretariat is in Japan) has successfully collaborated with the BA in the last two years in holding a conference in Alexandria about issues of adaptation to the negative effects of climate change. It is expected that such collaboration will continue with the BA as a venue for the scientists concerned with the effects of climate change in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

International Drylands Development Commission (IDDC)

The BA has an MOU with the International Drylands Development Commission (IDDC) under which both parties agreed to receive and hold fundsin-Trust to co-organize events.

The BA held a number of events, and subsequently published the proceedings as edited by IDDC. The possibilities of additional scientific collaborations remain.







Reading Challenge Poster

Reading Challenge Project

In November 2017, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina signed an MOU with the Arab Reading Challenge (ARC) Secretary-General Najla Al Shamsi, UAE, in order to establish a new cultural cooperation between the two institutions and foster the importance of the BA's role in the promotion of cultural awareness and literacy initiative. The ARC will offer a collection of 150,000 books to the Library over three years; furthermore, they will contribute with the fund of a bookmobile in order to offer services and visits to the local schools in Alexandria.

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which comprise the financial position as at June 30, 2018, 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 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 metarial misstatement whether due to froud or error management reaconsibility from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; management responsibility also includes selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to

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Hazem Hassan

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, 2018, 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 opinion, we draw attention to the following:-

As mentioned in details in notes no.(7),(18),(31) to the financial statement, Bibliotheca Alexandria received a confirmation from the Central Bank of Egypt dated July 5, 2018 that shows an amount of \$146.8 million as a balance as of June 30, 2018, According to the decision of elimination of restrictions mentioned in the letter of the Minister of Finance dated August 13, 2018, The Bibliotheca Alexandria's management recorded the equivalent of the amount within the long – term bank balances and was added to the Bibliotheca's reserve fund.

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 12,2018

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	30/6/2018	30/6/2017
	No.	EGP	EGP
Revenues			
Governemental Revenues			
Restricted Grants from Ministry of Finance	(1)	247,170,476	222,916,144
Miscellaneous		2,712,467	1,977,687
		249,882,943	224,893,831
Other Devenues			
Other Revenues	(2)		26 171 407
Financed Projects Revenues	(2)	24,746,591	26,171,407
Revenues from Operating Activities	(3)	24,653,274	19,887,629
Interest Income	(4)	8,405,535	5,803,071
Foreign Currency Exchange Translation	(5)	0	20,366,119
Miscellaneous Revenues	(6)	5,030,200	5,393,332
		62,835,600	77,621,558
Total Revenues		312,718,543	302,515,389
Expenses			
Salaries and Wages		(201,223,610)	(187,733,286)
General and Administrative Expenses	(7)	(96,599,654)	(93,570,788)
Foreign Currency Exchange Translation	(5)	(372,535)	0
Provisions	(8)	(11,620,085)	(21,000,000)
Depreciation	(9)	(43,337,561)	(46,942,507)
Transfer to Reserve Fund Financing Fixed Assets		43,337,561	46,942,507
Total Expenses		(309,815,884)	(302,304,074)
Surplus		2,902,659	211,315

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

FOOTNOTES FOR INCOME STATEMENT

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

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

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

4. Interest Income represents interest on deposits and long-term certificates.

5. Foreign Currency Exchange Translation 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 2018

	Note No.	30/6/2018 EGP	30/6/2017 EGP
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash in Banks and on Hand			
Current Accounts and Cash on Hand	(1)	144,851,218	142,904,851
Time Deposits	(2)	39,786,639	31,568,073
Debtors and Other Debit Balances	(3)	34,460,312	37,287,701
Inventory	(4)	29,256,453	22,539,986
Total Current Assets		248,354,622	234,300,611
Long Term Assets			
Unified Treasury Account – U.S Dollar	(5)	2,617,101,788	
Fixed Assets (Net)	(6)	960,930,088	976,961,861
Projects in Progress	(7)	51,873,580	56,062,214
Purchased Collections	(8)	1,197,454	1,197,454
Other Long-Term Assets (Net)	(9)	1,736,940	3,813,119
Investment in Subsidiaries	(10)	955,000	955,000
Investment in Long-Term Saving Certificates	(11)	15,000,000	15,000,000
Total Long-Term Assets		3,648,794,850	1,053,989,648
Total Assets		3,897,149,472	1,288,290,259
Liabilities and Reserve Fund			
Current Liabilities			
Provisions	(12)	58,439,810	47,486,134
Suppliers	(13)	9,491,811	14,721,954
Creditors-Fixed Assets	(14)	37,508	1,401,588
Retentions		17,549,944	17,907,732
Accrued Expenses		21,687,928	17,294,539
Creditors and Other Credit Balances	(15)	64,383,281	72,844,524
Total Current Liabilities		171,590,282	171,656,471
Reserve Fund	(16)	3,680,314,190	1,071,388,788
Long-Term Restricted Donations		45,245,000	45,245,000
Total Liabilities and Reserve Fund		3,897,149,472	1,288,290,259
Contra-Accounts	(17)	135,030,469	124,782,580

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 matured during less than 3 months.

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. Unified Treasury Account – U.S Dollar

The balance represents the value in EGP equivalent to the balance of BA unified treasury account in the Central Bank of Egypt named "Credit dollar balances reserved for Bibliotheca Alexandrina" according to the decision of the elimination of restriction on that account.

6. 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.

7. Projects in Progress

Payments for the developing Antoniadis Palace and constructing the Science City Project; the educational complex Abis land, first stage; and renewal and replacement of the Conference Center and the Artificial Lake projects. They will be added to the Fixed Assets when ready for use.

8. Purchased Collection

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

9. Other Long-Term Assets (Net)

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

10. Investment 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Suppliers

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

14. Creditors-Fixed Assets

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

15. Creditors and Other Credit Balances

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

16. Reserve Fund

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

17. 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.

Calendar of Events

During the period from July 2017 to June 2018, the BA organized more than 1,023 events throughout its departments, including 218 lectures, 152 workshops, 127 concerts, 45 exhibitions and 86 seminars. The BA also held a total of 43 educational and training courses. Moreover, the BA Embassies of Knowledge held more than 1800 events in their headquarters in different universities across several Egyptian governorates, including Cairo, Suez, Ismailia, Assiut, Qena, Menya, and Aswan, among others. Some of the BA events were repeated more than once during the reporting period.

Book Fair

• Alexandria International Book Fair 2018

Book Launch

- *Il loto e il Papiro* (The Lotus and the Papyrus): An Italian Opera about Pharaonic Egypt
- Islamic Art in China
- The Islamic Attractions and Arab Antiquities in Egypt and Moez Cairo
- Tribute and Reminiscences from Egypt: Ahmed Zewail, the Scientist and the Persona

Ceremonies

- 15th International Summer Festival
 - o Experience China 2017
- Agricultural Scientists of Alexandria University Award Ceremony
- Alex Dream Language School End of Year Celebration
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o Opening
 - o Closing
- Alexandria Streets Competition Award Ceremony
- Alexandria University Diamond Jubilee Closing
- All Ways Don't Lead to Rome Diwan Discussion and Book Signing
- Ana Mawhoub (I Am Talented)
- Annual Celebration of the International British School (Agamy Branch)
- Annual Coptic Heritage Day: Christianity in Egypt between the Holy Family's Journey to Egypt and St. Mark the Evangelist
- Arabic Calligraphy Competition Award Ceremony
- Big Read 2017
 - o Opening
 - \circ Closing







- Book Signing: An Overview of Pioneer Egyptian Architects
- Book Signing: And the Days Went by
- During the Liberal Era (1919–1952)
- Book Signing: East Imaginations: My Journey to the Opening of the Suez Canal
- *Il loto e il Papiro* (The Lotus and the Papyrus): An Italian Opera about Pharaonic Egypt
- Book Signing: Lebanon through Alexandrian Eyes
- Book Signing: Life and Human Beings
- Children's Celebration in Cooperation with UNICEF
- Children's Library End of Summer Celebrations 2017 Closing
- Children's Library New Year Celebrations
- Dar al-Mahfouzat Celebration
- Deutsche Schule der Borromäerinnen Graduation
- Endangered Archaeology in North Africa and Middle East: Living Archaeology in Egypt
- Egypt Can Alexandria University: 75 Years of Generosity
- Faculty of Commerce Graduation
- Faculty of Commerce, Business Administration Department – Graduation
- Faculty of Dentistry Graduation Ceremony: Class of 2016–2017
- Faculty of Engineering Student Activity Opening Ceremony featuring *Meshwar*
- Fifth African Students Graduation
- GEMS Academy End of Year Celebration
- Global Village
- Grand Language School End of Year Celebration
- Heroes of the Challenge: New Year... New Hope
- In Commemoration of Dr. Ahmed Zewail
- In Honor of Late Arab Intellectual Abd al-Rahman al-Kawakibi
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- International Liberty School End of Year Celebration
- International Science Center and Science Museum Day (ISCSMD) 2018
- Maaly El Eslam School Celebrations
- Mobdeoon (Innovators) Magazine Launching
- Mother's Day
- Open Access Week Celebration
- Petit Girard School Ceremony







- Pharmacy Syndicate Celebration
- PSC Summer Program 2017 Closing
- Royal School Certificate Presentation Ceremony
- Roots Language School End of Year Celebration
- Sakr Language School End of Year Celebration
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the BA and Tampere University in Finland
- Summer 2018 Program Closing
- Tiba Language Schools End of Year Celebration
- Tiba International Schools: American Section End of Year Celebration
- The Faculty of Medicine's International Program Graduation
- The Young Writer Competition
- Third Scientific Conference for the Chemical Pathology Department at the Medical Research Institute
- Unilever: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- White Cane Safety Day 2017
- World Arabic Language Day
- World Autism Awareness Day
- World Tourism and Heritage Awareness Day
- World Water Day
- Young People's Library End of Summer Celebrations 2017 Closing
- Young People's Library International Yoga Day

Cinema

- 15th International Summer Festival
 - Genuine Love
 - Les Petits Chats
 - o This Is What Money Is
 - Underground/On the Surface
 - Where the Dream Begins
- A Filmmaker from Latvia: Layla Pakalnina
- A New Homeland Program
 - Armenian Independence Day: We Are Egyptian Armenians
- Africa Day
 - African Metropolis
 - The Art of Resistance in Burkina Faso
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o Screening of an Italian Film







- o Screening of the Saudi Film: Fadilat An Takon La Ahad
- Screening of the Saudi Film: *La Astate' Takbeel Waghy*
- Cinema Club Program
 - o American Literature in Cinema
 - Kramer vs. Kramer
 - Moby Dick
 - Of Mice and Men
 - Road to Perdition
 - The Great Gatsby
 - o Christmas Time
 - 8 Femmes
 - A Christmas Carol
 - Forrest Gump
 - You've Got Mail
 - Inspirational Stories
 - October Sky
 - The Blind Sid
 - The King's Speech
 - The Pursuit of Happiness
 - Slumdog Millionaire
 - Musical and Performing Arts Movies
 - An American in Paris
 - Mid-Year Vacation
 - Passion in Karnak
 - Singin' in the Rain
 - o Space Mission
 - 2001: A Space Osyssey
 - Apollo 13
 - Avatar
 - Gravity
- Cinema Masterclass: My Memories with Youssef Chahine
- Cinematic Beginnings 10 Years Since the Departure of Youssef Chahine
 - o Alexandria Quartet
 - o Baba Amin
- Cinematic Beginnings
 - o Internal, Day, Alexandria
 - o Two Days in a Year
- From West Germany: Berliner Stadtbahnbilder
- German Unity Day: A Selection of Werner Herzog Films
- Jazz and Films Festival







- Remembering Samir Farid (1943–2017)
- Restored Copies: Found Colors (Parts 1 and 2)
- Restored Copy: The Mummy
- Summer Program
 - Painters and Sculptors in Egypt and the World
 - Artist Ragheb Ayyad
 - Donatello
 - Ingy (Ingy Aflaton)
 - Kurt Schwitters
 - Life of Leonardo da Vinci (Parts 1 and 2)
 - Maxfield Parrish
 - Michael Angelo
 - Negative Space in Sculpting and Painting
 - Stark Art
 - o Planet Earth and Its Scientists
 - An Inconvenient Truth
 - Amazing Earth
 - Einstein's Big Idea
 - Mahmoud Said
 - Newton's Dark Secrets
 - Planet Earth
 - Sacred Planet
 - Shaping Copper
 - The 11th Hour
 - The European Cinema
 - Cyrano de Bergerac
 - Die Fälscher
 - La Dolce Vita
 - Sherlock Holmes
- Syria, Before and After
 - o Ladder to Damascus
 - The Night
- The BA: Past, Present and Future

Competitions

- Alexandria Streets
- BASEF 2018 Alex Fair
- FIRST LEGO Leagues (FLL) Robotics Competition 2018
- Know Your Library
- Masterclasses 2018
- The Art of Painting







- The Young Writer
- Theater in Egypt
- Towards a Better Educator (TBE)
- YP Anglophone Schools

Concerts

- 4th Festival of Francophone Professions: The Singers Band
- 15th International Summer Festival
 - o Aldowr Elawal Band
 - Ali El Haggar
 - o Ali El-Helbawy
 - o Almena Band
 - o Andromeda Band
 - Aqsa Alwasat Band
 - Asia Medany (Sudan)
 - Azraq Samawy Band and Wasla Band
 - o BA Youth Orchestra
 - o Black Theama Band
 - o Cairokee Band
 - o Dina El-Wedidy
 - o Elhadarah
 - Fouad and Mounib
 - o Gala Concert BA Orchestra
 - o Hanan Mady
 - o Hawas Band
 - o High Dam Band
 - o Hisham Kharma
 - **H.O.H.**
 - o Jazz Concert: Jazz Drumming by Ahmed Rabie
 - Karar Ezala and Soror
 - Malaz and Khayal
 - o Massar Egbari Band
 - May Abd El Aziz
 - o Mohamed Mohsen
 - o Mostafa Rizk
 - o Music Cocktail BA Orchestra
 - Nasser El-Mizdawi
 - Nasser Elnoby and Gemiza







- o Omar Khairat
- o Oud Duo
- Oum Concert (Morocco)
- o RT Nuba
- o Sama3i Band
- o Sefsafa and Meshwar
- Shaware3na and Karakeeb
- o Tarabi3a
- o Tareq Al Nasser (Jordan)
- o The Singers Band
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o Religious Chanting
- Andromeda Band
- Arts School: Guitar and Violin
- Arts School: Piano and Drums
- Arts School Suzuki
- BA Children's Choir
- BA Orchestra: Around the World in One Hour Symphonic Concert for Children
- BA Orchestra: Dramatic Music Works by Rageh Daoud
- BA Orchestra: In cooperation with Soloists Finnish Gothoni's
 Duo
- BA Orchestra: New Year's Concert
- Caravan Band
- Chaplin
- Chamber Music Concert
- Egyptian Tanora Show: Cairo Daraweesh Band
- Elhadarah
- Emdan Elnor Band: Gazaga
- Fabrica Celebrates Valentine's Day
- Flute and Harp Recital
- Flute and Piano Recital
- Fouad and Mounib
- Ghenwa Children's Choir
- Greek Composer Stefanos Korkolis
- Guitar Concert by Fernando Perez
- Guitar Festival
- Guitar Masterclass
- Hageen Band






- Hala Band
- Hany Shaker
- Heaven's Harp Choir
- Hisham Kharma
- Hysteria
- Ibrahim Sbehat
- Kohete Band
- Layaly Adwa'a Al Madina
- Malaz
- Massar Egbari Band
- Mawlay Band
- Metropolitan Opera in New York
 - Donizetti's L'Elisir d'Amore
 - o Jules Massenet's Cendrillon
 - o Mozart's Così fan tutte
 - o Puccini's La Bohème
 - o Rossini's Semiramide
- Mohamed Elnahas
- Mosaad Ozil
- Mulaweya Group
- Nik Bärtsch
- Nubiat
- Omar Khairat Concert, accompanied by the BA Orchestra
- Omneya Hassan
- Oriental Singing Class and Ebn El-Balad Band
- Paranoia
- Piano Masterclass Concert by Prof. Johanna Herney 5th Round
- Piano Recital: Amir Awad
- Pianola
- Poetry Recital: Amr Hassan
- Poetry Recital: Hisham Elgakh
- Rap and Oriental Singing Concert: Soska and Dina Khaled
- Recital Medley Quartet
- Refugees Got Talent
- Sameh Shaban
- Second Edition of Jazz Tales Festival
 - Cairo Big Band Society and Malnoia (Egypt Netherlands)
 - Eftekasat and Simon Spiess Trio (Egypt Switzerland)







- Noha Fekry Jazz Quintet and Kirk MacDonald (Egypt Canada)
- Wust Elbalad and Halie Loren (Egypt USA)
- Serour
- Spanish Concert: Las Encantadoras Melodias Orquesta Ft. Mona Burkhardt
- Sohbet Semsemeya
- Standup Comedy: Al-Hezb El-Comedy
- Strings Concert: BA Orchestra
- Strings Concert: BA Orchestra Vivaldi Night
- Strings Concert: Soloists Hassan Sharara (Violin) and Kholoud Sharara (Flute)
- Sufi Singing: The Egyptian Mawlawiyah
- Symphonic Concert: BA Orchestra
 - o Opening
 - o Memories
 - o Mozart's Birthday Anniversary
- Symphonic Concert: BA Orchestra and Choir W.A. Mozart's *Requiem*
- Tango Music Night
- Tornado Opera and Mediterranean Musical Breeze
- Unterbiberger Hofmusik
- Violin and Harp Recital
- Yehia Khalil

Conferences

- 1st Interactive Conference on Breast Cancer
- 4th Biennial of Urban and Architectural Heritage (Brau4)
- A Future with No Disabilities
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - Egyptian Creativity (Al Gharbeyya Governorate)
- Annual Rotary Membership Area 2451 Summit
- Applying Quantitative Analysis to Development Issues
- Arab Deaf Week
- Art and Literature in the Face of Extremism
- Big Data Analytics: Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice
- BioVisionAlexandria 2018
- CardioAlex 2018
- ECPP Conference 2018







- Egypt IoT Challenge 2017
- Egyptian Library Association Conference
- Experts on the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Hearing Disabilities: Solutions and Acceptance
- Hellenistic Alexandria: Celebrating 24 Centuries
- Heya Campaign
- Impact Evaluation of Social Programs
- Interact with Today's World (ITW) 2017
- International Annual Conference for the Egyptian Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Society
- International Young Researchers' Forum: Cultural Heritage and the Future of Tourism in Egypt
- International Youth Culture Conference (IYC)
- Internet of Things (IoT) Conference
- Investments in Training
- Islamic Art Confronts Extremism
- Italian Archaeology in Egypt and MENA Countries
- Mansoura University Students Conference
- Mechanical Engineering Conference (MEC)
- Mediterranean Offshore Conference (MOC 2018)
- NAMES 2018
- Philosophy in the Hellenistic Period
- Press Conference for the European Institute for Cooperation and Development (EICD)
- Share with Us How Far You've Come
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the BA and the Arab Reading Challenge
- Sketch Your Future 2017
- Sustainable Development
- Techne Summit 2017
- The International Conference on Inter-culturalism
- The Pluralism of the French Language
- The Relations between the Arab Mashriq and Maghreb Past, Present and Future: Visions in Rewriting History
- Training Pioneers
- TWAS/BioVisionAlexandria.NXT (BVA.NXT)

Educational Courses

- Ancient Egyptian Civilization (Levels 5 to 7)
- Arab and Islamic Culture







- Archaeological and Historical Building Restoration Projects Management
- GIS Training
- Hellenistic Diploma (Tenth Cycle)
 - An Introduction to Greek Culture
 - o Greek History
 - o Greek I
 - o Greek II
 - o Greek Art
 - o Greek Literature
 - o Latin I
 - o Latin II
- Hellenistic Masters (Ninth Cycle)
 - o Alexandrian Hellenistic Art
 - o Cultural Interaction between Ancient Egypt and Greece
 - Hellenistic Architecture and the Topography of Alexandria
 - Hellenistic Artistic Schools
 - o Hellenistic Inscriptions, Papyri and Coins
 - Hellenistic Religions
 - Methodology and Research Skills
 - Sources of the History of the Hellenistic Period
 - The Influence of the Alexandria School of Philosophy on Islamic Philosophy
- Human Development Course
- Introductory Course in Geometric Ornamentations
- Learn Arabic Calligraphy 2017 (Level 1)
- Learn Arabic Calligraphy 2018 (Level 1)
- Presentation Skills
- Specialized Academic Course in Archaeological Studies
- Taha Hussein Library
 - o Educational Rehabilitation Program
 - How to Read and Write in Braille
 - Programming with Python

Exhibitions

- 2nd Video Art Forum
- 10th Workshop Exhibition
- 15th International Summer Festival China







- Abu Simbel: 200 Years After the Passing of Sheikh Ibrahim Burckhardt
- Agenda 2018
- Ahmed Zaki Abdelhalim: From Shawqi's Nationalism to the Tales of Women
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o The Two Holy Mosques
- Arabic Calligraphy and Jewelry on International Women's Day
- Art Kit Project
- Artworks from the Greco-Roman Heritage
- Biennale of Architectural and Urban Restoration (BRAU4)
- Big Read 2017
- Boutros Boutros-Ghali Exhibition
- Cairo: The City and the Location
- Cavafia 2017: The 14th International Literary Symposium
- Children's Library End of Summer Exhibition 2017
- Commemorating Musical Poet Fathy Kora
- Dialogue in Peace: Children's Project
- Dual Vision
- Egyptian Handicrafts and Small Projects
- Exhibition and Celebration in Commemoration of Late Poet Abdel Rahman el-Abnudi
- First Time Exhibition 12th Round
- Gamal and Salam Exhibition for Arabic Calligraphy
- Gamal and Salam Exhibition for Visual Arts
- Harmonious Illuminations
- Handicraft Egypt 1
- Honoring Creative Artist Hamed El-Oweidy
- In Honor of Actor Youssef Dawoud
- Intel BASEF 2018
- Islamic Art: Arab and Europe
- Lingering Melody: Xinjiang Ethnic Musical Instrument Exhibition, Colorful Impression – Xinjiang Photography
- Palm Festival
- Peace upon Jerusalem
- Siwa: Heritage, Tourism and Peace
- The 20th Egyptian Library Association National Conference
- The Chapels of the Sacred Horizon: Photographs of the Solar Alignment with Ancient Egyptian Chapels and Temples
- The Islamic Art Museum's Lens
- The Library...the City: Photographic Visions







- The Temple for Millions of Years of Amenhotep III at Thebes: Twenty Years of Work
- The Young Writer Competition
- Thirty Years of Excavation at the Eastern Gateway of Egypt (1987–2017) Exhibition
- Trip to India
- Wall of Knowledge Exhibition Inauguration
- Writing Schools Competition
- Yesterday Tomorrow: A Work in Aspective Realism

Festivals

- 5th Edition of the Crafts Festival of Francophone Countries
- 15th International Summer Festival
 - Family Day
- A Day for the Love of Alexandria 2017
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o 3rd International Egyptian Festival for Arabic Poetry
 - o Alexandrian Theater Festival
 - Nubian Heritage Festival
- Art Shower (3)
- Bread and Salt
- Cheer Up at Your Library
- Environment Day 2017
- Eratosthenes Festivity 2018
- Festival for Mashrabiya Arts (4th Edition)
- Festival of Francophone Professions (4th Edition)
- International Festival of Mediterranean Documentary and Reportage – PriMed
- International Science Center and Science Museum Day 2017
- International Theater Festival for Francophone Schools in Egypt (15th Round)
- Min Fat Ademoh Tah (He Who Abandons His Past Is Lost) (7th Edition)
- Nubian Heritage
- Science Festivity 2018
- Science Film Festival 2017
- Young People's Library: Together







Forums

- 1st Forum on Tourism in Alexandria
- Alexandria Salon: The Future of Egyptian Soft Power
- Alexandrian Youth Forum
- Simulation of Banking Sector
- Special Parenting Forum: Between Reality and Aspirations

Lectures

- A Coptic Vision about Al-Hakim Bi-Amr Allah through the Manuscript *Tarikh Al-Batareka*
- A Fresh View of the History and Importance of Mersa Matruh through New Archaeological Discoveries
- A Lecture about Coptic Heritage (at Al-Azhar University)
- Advanced Course in Hieratic Writing
- African League of Young Masters (ALYM)
- After Gandhi: Promise and Peril of Non-Violence
- Al-Zahrawi: The Pioneer of Surgical Science
- Alexandria: A City Celebrated by History
- Alexandria in the Coptic Age
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o 6th ITI Digital Marketing Day
 - o 25 Years of Clash of Civilizations
 - 26th of January: The Hidden Role of the Muslim Brotherhood in Inciting Chaos
 - o 140 Years of Caricatures
 - Al Okeily w Al Yazeya
 - o Alexandria and the Aesthetics of the Visual Image
 - Alexandrian Women: Success Stories
 - Alexandria's Influence on the History of Human Knowledge
 - o Be the Miracle: How to Turn a Crisis into an Opportunity
 - o Behind the Scenes of the Trial
 - Counter Extremism and Terrorism Program
 - Cultural Journalism and Its Role in Preserving the Arab Identity
 - o Data Journalism and Future Challenges
 - Domestic and Foreign Threats to Egyptian National Security
 - o Female Authors from Bibliotheca Alexandrina







- Freedom of Speech According to the Media and the Law
- History of Poetry
- Independent Culture: Work Mechanisms and Future Prospects
- o Interview with a Creator: Ashraf el-Ashmawy
- o Interview with a Creator: Mostafa Nasr
- o Interview with a Creator: Saeed Salem
- o Interview with Mohamed Sobhy
- o Islamic Architecture in Greece
- o Israeli Online Media Discourse
- o Journalism against Fake News
- Legend and History
- Media Ethics in the Digital Age
- Misconceptions about Drug Abuse
- My Life's Dream
- o Pearls of the Olympic Club
- Plans for Tomorrow: Entrepreneurial Experiences
- Proposed Solutions for the Palestinian Crisis in Light of President Trump's Decree
- o Stay Calm
- o Secrets of Nubian Heritage
- o Sufism through Cinema
- o Tangible Heritage
- Terrorism and Cyber Warfare
- The Arab Peninsula in Classical Resources
- The Artist and the Journey
- The Citizen's Role along with the Media during Times of Crisis
- The Egyptian Character and Future Horizons
- o The Fourth Revolution
- The Future of Literature in the 21st Century
- The Future of Printing in Egypt
- The Golden Jubilee of the Brilliance behind Saving the Eighth Wonder
- The Musicality of Language from Contemporary Arabic Literature to World Literature
- o The Role of the Father in Raising the Children
- Unknown Heroic Acts by the Egyptian Naval Forces during the War of Attrition







- Alexandria Model of European Union (AlexMEU) 2017
- Alexandrian Landmarks from the Islamic Era through Architectural Buildings
- An Introduction on Language, Nutrition and Its Relation to Speech
- Ana Ghaly
- Ancient Alexandria: The Melting-pot of Elements and Races
- Anger Management
- Antiquities Associated with the Journey of the Holy Family in Egypt
- Arab-Christian Heritage: A Historical Introduction
- Arabic Poetry Diwan
- Archaeological Churches and Monasteries of Alexandria and Its Surroundings
- Ask Your Mentor
- Astronomy Night
 - Astronomical Treasures from the NASA Site
 - Life of the Stars Course
 - Mysteries of Matter and Dark Energy in the Universe
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Awareness Campaign on the Importance of Making the Right Decision
- Because You're a Part of Me
- Bibliography of Arab Heritage
- Center for Coptic Studies Cultural Season
 - Characteristics of Coptic Architecture and Its Fields of Study
 - Glimpses of the Daily Lives of Monks During the Early Centuries
 - Methods and How to Detect the Falsification of Coptic Monuments
 - \circ $\;$ The Origin and Development of the Egyptian Calendar $\;$
 - $\circ \quad \text{The Nile in Coptic Folklore} \\$
- Chess: History and Secrets
- Children's Library Parents Program
- Children's Library Parents Teachers Sessions
- Children's Library Summer Program 2017
- Coptic Writers in the First Millennium
- Cultural and Social Awareness Program
 - How the Coptic Museum Was Established
 - How to Care for Children with Disabilities
 - Managing Cultural Relations







- Public Speaking
- Raising Awareness on the Risks of Illegal Construction
- o Reading into Coptic Clothing
- Success Stories of People with Disabilities
- Symbolism and Religious Identity in Coptic Art
- The Artistic Influence of Ancient Alexandria in Egypt and Beyond
- The Egyptian Calendar Its Establishment, Development, and Usage in Coptic Church
- The Role of the Greek Community in the History of Alexandria
- Cultural Forum 2018
 - Our Archaeological Heritage: A Vision for the Future Alexandria and Its Cultural Treasures
- Depiction of Saint Mark the Evangelist in Coptic Art
- Developing the Technologies of Printing and Packaging Industry in Egypt: Towards a Better Future
- EAAC Career Talks
- Earliest Monumental Hieroglyphs and Early Royal Presence in the Egyptian Deserts
- Egypt at the Finals of the World Architecture Festival (WAF) Awards
- Fifty-Year Search for Underwater Antiquities on the Egyptian Coast by the Red Sea
- Four Languages, One Civilization
- Franco-Artiste
- Francophone Literary Salon Majlis Tahtāwī
- From the Ptolemies to the Emperors: A Sculptural History of the Alexandria Serapeum
- Fruitful Dialogue Between Arabic Balāgha (Literary Poetics) and Ancient Egyptian Literature
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Heliopolis and Its Current Excavations
- · History of the Relation between Science and Truth
- Houses in Greco-Roman Egypt: Arenas for Ritual Activity
- How to Explore Our Futures: Futures Studies as a Strategic Tool
- How to Make Illustrated Picture Books: Children's Library Schools Competition
- Illegal Research and Excavation of Antiquities between Law and Reality
- Institutions of Village Life in Ptolemaic Egypt: Papyrological to Archaeological Evidence







- International Archives Day 2018
- International Museum Day 2018
- Islam between Moderation and Extremism
- Islamic Architecture and Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī's Poetry
- Islamic Culture Course
- Jerusalem: Between International Legitimacy and Political Settlement
- Knowledge Café
- League of Young Masters (LYM)
- Lebanon through Alexandrian Eyes
- · Lectures for Alexandria University Media Students
- Lectures on Language and Behavior
- Location Matters: GIS as a Tool for Supporting Spatial Decision Making
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Management of Underwater Antiquities in Egypt
- Memory of Modern Egypt Historical Awareness Program
- Military Tricks and Tactics during the Crusades
- Model of African Union
- Model of League of Arab States
- Modern Technology
- Music Appreciation (1): Why Classical Music Still Matters Introduction to Baroque Music
- My Journey with History
- Narrative Review
 - o Ajuran... Aiyn Afriqya by Somali Novelist Zahra Marsal
 - o Al Arayes by Dina Soliman
 - o Al Semsar by Kamal Hamouda
 - Autobiography of Fathi Abd el-Samie: The Poet, the Child, and the Stone
 - o Gibreen by Omani Novelist Dr. Saeed Al-Siyabi
 - o Khareef Al Balad Al Kabir by Mahmoud Al-Warwari
 - *Khareg Adlaa Al Da'era* by Mohamed Al-Hadini, and Takaf *Ala Ra'saho Ka Booma*, by Tariq Jabir
 - Nahn Nakteb Monodrama, by Kuwaiti Writer and Playwright Alaa Aljaber
 - *Ra'ees Al Tahrir* by Poet and Novelist Ahmed Fadl Shabloul
 - o Read My Work and I Will Read Yours
 - o Serabit el-Khadim by Thanaa Rustom
 - Shaytan Sagheer A'ber by Mohsen Abdelaziz







- Story Reading in the Presence of Mekawy Saeed
- o Zawgat Abi by Nabil Omar
- New Discoveries in Light of the Topography of the Royal Quarter of Hellenistic Alexandria
- Nubian Heritage
- One Land and a Common Destiny
- Pages of History and Civilization of Al-Andalus
- Panorama of Egypt's Military History
- Photographista
- Printing and Designing Books: Children's Library Schools Competition
- Pyramids Construction: Geological Hypothesis
- Reading of the Qilini Pasha Fahmy Diaries: The Great Copt Who Built a Mosque
- Religious Dawns: The Dawn of the Pyramid Age and Christianity in Ancient Egypt
- Restoration Works of Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo
- SAWA Program
- Scholars of Ancient Alexandria between Specialization and Pansophy
- School Lectures
 - Communication Skills: Module Anwar El Sadat (at Shohadaa El Tahrir School)
 - Leadership Module: Anwar El Sadat (at Delta School)
- Short Stories Writing: Children's Library Schools Competition
- Signs of Psychological Stress on Children
- Simplified Science Program: Genomes, Metagenomes, and Microbiomes: Shaping the Biology of the Current Millennium
- Simplified Science Program: What You Do Not Know about Hurricanes and Climate Change
- Simulation of Economic Sectors Lecture Model of Economic Sectors
- Singing and Music in Andalusia until the End of the Era of Taifas
- Southern Sudan Graduates Initiative for Peacebuilding and Development
- Statues of the Goddess Sekhmet in Alexandria
- Symbolism in Architecture and the New Silk Road by the International Architect Jean-Pierre Heim
- Tahra Palace: The Gem of Egyptian Royal Palaces
- Tales of National Unity during the October War
- The Absolute Book
- The Ancient Library of Alexandria
- The Arabic Christian Heritage A Historical Introduction
- The Cenotaph of Harwa: From the Renaissance of the 25th Dynasty to the 3rd Century AD Plague of Cyprian







- The Characteristics of Depicting Emperors on Late Roman Empire Coinage: A Comparative Study between Eastern and Western Mints
 The Children's Library Mid-Year Program 2018
- The City and Temple of Esna during the Greco-Roman Period
- The Egyptian Treasures in *The Illustrated Dictionary of Ancient World Jewelry*
- The Effect of the Human Element in Scientific Discovery
- The Emergence of Islam in Egypt and the Relationship between Muslims and Copts
- The Evolution of Astronomy Equipment in the Islamic Civilization
- The Factors of Successful Marriage (Parts 1 and 2)
- The Heritage of Islamic Culture in Western Andalusia
- The Influence of Eastern Civilizations on the Island of Samothrace
- The Influence of Islamic Sects on the Religious Architecture of Mosques
- The Journey of Eternity
- The Living Legacy of Selim Hassan: Continuous Contributions from 1937 to 2018
- The Religious Rites as a Human Phenomena
- The Religious Significance of Calves' Representations in Some Chapters of the Book of the Dead
- The Skills of Dealing with Marital Disputes
- The University of Memphis Mission's Work at Theban Tomb 16 in Dra Abu El-Naga
- Thirty Years of Excavation at the Eastern Gateway of Egypt (1987–2017)
- Topography of Ancient Alexandria
- Trip to India
- Underwater Antiquities in Egypt and the Mediterranean Basin
- Unearthing Amenhotep: Current Excavations by the Joint Expedition to Malqata in the Festival Palace of Amenhotep III at Thebes
- When Divorce Is the Solution
- World Diabetes Day
- Writing on the Mediterranean 2018
- Young People's Library Parents Program
- Youth for Environmental Sustainability and Better Understanding (YESBU)

Meetings

- 5th Meeting with Francophone Directors of Schools and Universities
- 20th Annual Meeting of the International Friends of the BA







- Alexandria University, Faculty of Medicine, Diabetes Department
- Archaeologist Committee
- BA/ CSSP Micro Research Grants 2016 Top Listed Interviews
- FameLab Competition
- Intel BASEF 2018 Alex Fair
- Meeting with His Excellency Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea
- Personal Branding
- TWAS-ARO 13th Annual Meeting
- Unilever

Performances

- 1st Public Screening of a Music Video Caravanes des dix mots
- 15th International Summer Festival
 - o Al-Wahag for Ballet and Free Dance
 - o Ganoub El-Wadi Troupe for Nubian and African Dance
 - o Mulaweya Group
- Amr Hassan Poetic-Musical Evening
- Arts School Ballet Performance
- Customers Online Play
- Dancing Performance
 - o Delay vs. Duo
 - o National Palestine Troupe
 - o Peter Pan
- DanSinging in the Air Xinjiang Folk Singing and Dancing
- Islamic and Coptic Play
- Kalam Setat: Storytelling Performance
- Metropolitan Opera in New York
 - Mozart's Die Zauberflöte
 - o Vincenzo Bellini's Norma
- Moroccan Narrator Ali Al-Zaydi

Presentations

- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - Haggag Oddoul's Creative Experience
- Ancient Egyptian Civilization (Presentation for Children in CULTURAMA), in Cooperation with the Children's Library
- Egyptian Knowledge Bank
- Fine Arts Students' Visit to the Sinnari House







- Library Orientation Tour
- Story of a Song
 - o Fayrouz
 - o Sayed Darwish
 - o The Beatles

Reading Activities

- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - o Homeland... Recitation, Poetry, Acting, and Singing
 - o Poetry Evening
 - Poetry Recitation Workshop for Children
 - Poetry Spring, in Cooperation with the Supreme Council of Culture
 - o Storytelling Evening
 - o Storytelling Evening for Creative Talents from Beheira
 - o Tell Us a Story, Mother Samah
 - o Trilogy of Peace: Poetry against Terrorism
 - Youth Poetry Evening
- Arabic Play Reading
 - o Al Feel Ya Malik Al Zaman, by Saadallah Wannous
 - Awdet Holako, Al Kadeya and Al Wakaa, by Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi
- English Play Reading
 - o A Midsummer's Night Dream by William Shakespeare
 - o Ghosts by Henrik Ibsen
 - o Riders to the Sea by J.M. Synge
 - The Chairs by Eugène Ionesco
 - The Iceman Cometh by Eugene O'Neil
 - Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett
- Reading Performance of the Novel Sarcophage

Round Table Discussions

- Research and Innovation Regional Roundtable
- Responsible Science

Seminars

- Adam Henein Sculpture Prize
- Ahmed Oraby: Revolution of the People and the Army







- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - A Hundred Years after the Balfour Declaration: Delving into the Known and the Unknown
 - Alexandria in a Famous Tale
 - An Evening in the Love of Sabry Abu Alam
 - Challenges of Arabic Publishing
 - Delving into Music from the 1990s
 - o Developing the Tools of Cultural Management
 - Egyptian Youth... Hopes and Ambitions
 - Facebooklogy
 - Generation after Generation: The Anniversary of Late Musician Mohamed Afify's Birth
 - How to Get Rid of Depression in 7 Days
 - Human Commonalities and Their Effect on Supporting Peaceful Coexistence
 - o In Commemoration of Yehia Haqy
 - o Issues Concerning Regional Theaters
 - Man between Past, Present, and Future
 - Storytelling Evening
 - o The Creativity of El Sayed Hafez from Theater to Novels
 - o The Culture of Encouragement
 - o The Future of Our Media
 - The Influence of Underground Bands on Egyptian Music
 - o The Journey of the Fourth Road in Masr El Gedida
 - The Many Manifestations of Creativity
 - The Meaning of Moderate Islam
 - The Narrative Experience in the Life of the Arab Woman
 - The Role of Al-Azhar Center for Translation in Disseminating Islamic Culture
 - The Role of Civil Society in Spreading Enlightened Thought
 - o The Role of Egyptian Drama in Resolving Social Issues
 - The Story of a Nation and the Novel Tholatheyet Rahel
 - The Word and Its Reality in Arabic Literature
 - Without Warning... Resistance through Challenges
 - $\circ\quad$ Women through New Age Cinema
 - o Zionist Penetration of Christianity
- Arabic Calligraphy and Ancient Crafts
- Arabic Writings and Inscriptions between the East and the West
- Blue Economy







- Book Discussion: *My Religion and the Religion of Others*, by Dr. Heba Sherif
- Cavafia 2017: The 14th International Literary Symposium
- Coins throughout History
- Cultural and Social Awareness Program Handling Drinking Water in Alexandria
- Dr. El Feki Convenes with Alexandrian Writers, Poets, and Intellectuals
- Dress Code Protocol
- Egyptian Marriage Customs
- Eliminate Viral Hepatitis C
- Endangered World Heritage Sites in the Arab World
- Etlala Literary Forum
 - o A Selection of the Most Prominent Articles
 - Cinema around the World: Loving Vincent
 - o Down and Out in Paris and London by George Orwell
 - In the Land of Writing: Open Discussion on the Art of Writing
 - Inviting a Young Author and Discussing His Experiencing in Writing
 - o Reading and Discussing Attendees' Creative Writing Work
 - Selections of World Literature
 - The World Sings
- For Your Sake, My Country
- Health Education Club: New Trends in Cancer Research
- Honoring Teachers
- Irlene Syndrome
- · Journey with Traditional Arts
- Maximizing the Benefit from Heritage Industries
- Mechanical Engineering Road Maps
- Mohamed Tharwat Eleounie's Viva
- My Journey to Jerusalem
- Opening Seminar for the Egyptian Independent Volunteering
 Initiative
- Parallel Education
- Pediatric Oncology: Road of the Challenge
- Renewable Energy
- Renewal and Reformation Meetings by Dr. Magdy Ashour
- Rescuing the Ras El-Soda Temple: Between the Past and Present
- Research Methodology for the Study of Arabic Writings and
 Inscriptions
- Secrets and Hidden Facts about the October War
- Speak Out! Your Gate to Hope







- Studying and Publishing the Ancient Egyptian Funerary Texts and Inscriptions
- The Building Craft Seminar
- The Current Role of Civil Society Organizations in the Development Process
- The Elements of a Successful Marriage
- The Future of the Arab World: Culture, Development and Citizenship
- The Greek and Roman History
- The Importance of Psychological Assistance for the Individual and Society
- The Women Studies and Social Transformation (WSST) Program
- Training Is the Future of Nations
- Underwater Fishing in Egypt
- US Scholarship for Graduates
- Women's Jewelry in Western Desert

Shows

- 15th International Summer Festival
 - Stand Up Comedy: The Comedy Bunch
- Personal Statuses
- Science Pearls
- Traditional Moroccan Fashion Show
- Young People's Library Drama Show

Theater

- 15th International Summer Festival
 - A Place with the Pigs
 - o An Indoor Night
 - Eagle Disappearance
 - o Jacket Pocket
 - The Marathon
 - The Night of the Murder in Jenin
 - Walad we Bent
- Alexandria Here
- Alexandria Theater Festival
- Al Hanaty Performance by Faculty of Medicine Students
- Al Sanafer: A Theatrical Performance for Children
- Botchan







- Children of Anger and Love
- Children's Show
 - Sayad el Afareet Play (The Ifirit Hunter)
- Theater without Funding International Festival
 - Opening
 - Closing
- Déja Vu
- Dela'a Mo'anath Salem
- Distats of Flamenco
- Graduation Projects of the Theater Department, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University
- He and She
- Higher Institute for Dramatic Arts Graduation Projects (Academy of Arts)
 - o Al-Khotoba (The Engagement)
 - o Al-Zinzana
- Masrah Masr
- Operetta: El Leila el-Kebira (The Big Night)
- Othello Returns
- Peter Pan Centre Rézodanse Egypte
- Selk Shaek
- Standup Comedy: Al-Hezb El-Comedy
- Storytelling
 - o Hena
 - o Al Hekaya Feha Ehna
- The Man Who and the Woman That
- The Visit

Training Courses

- Advanced Methods of Archaeological Documentation
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day
- International Business Driving License Training Essential Course
- IoT (Internet of Things)
- Manuscripts Chemical Treatment
- Modern Scientific Techniques in Monumental Photography
- Piano Master Class by Prof. Johanna Herney (5th Round)
- Restoration Training
- Training for Francophone Students of Assiut University







- Training for Francophone Students of Egyptian Universities (Rounds 11 to 14)
- Youth for Change (Phase 5)

Video Conference

• Filming of Jazz Festival Movie

Workshops

- 9th Competition for Alexandria School Students
- A Hero for Every Age
- Advanced Course in Sufi Manuscripts Critical Editing
- Alexandria Coder Dojo
- Alexandria International Book Fair 2018
 - Arabic Manuscripts Day
 - A World of Paper and Adapting Books for the Theater (Parts 1 and 2)
 - Children's Palace of Tales
 - Composing the National Anthem
 - Healing with Writing
 - o Literary Writing
 - o Novel Writing
 - o Photography as It Should Be
 - Scriptwriting
 - o Short Story Writing
 - o Storytelling Workshop for Children
 - Very Short Story Writing
 - Writing for the Radio (Recorded)
- Antiquities Museum Summer Program
- Antoniades Drawing and Painting Workshop Dr. Asmaa El-Barbary
- Arabic Calligraphy (Level 1)
- Arabic Calligraphy and Writing Journalistic Headlines
- Arabic Calligraphy Workshop for Children and Youths
- Arabic Manuscripts and Scripts Course
- Arts School
 - o Doll Making
 - Drawing with Dough
 - Drawing with Sand







- o Franco Artist
- Happiness Project (Weekly Workshops Given to Hospitalized Children)
- o Little Philosopher
- o Mid-year Program
- o Mosaic
- o Orphan Day Celebration
- o Piano Masterclass
- o Recycling
- o Sculpture
- Special Needs
- o Summer Program
- o The Child World "Amesea"
- Bollywood Dance
- Braille World
- CAF Summer Activities Photography
- Celebrating the Future II
- CFD and JAVA Workshop for Safwa Engineering Club
- Cinema
- Classical Researcher
- Combating Human Trafficking
- Copper Accessory Making
- Copper Cutting
- Crafts in Ancient Egypt
- Creative Writing
- Crochet
- Cultural and Educational Exchange between Egypt and China within the Framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
- Découpage
- Dialogue in Peace Children's Library
- Diwani Calligraphy
- Drawing for Children
- Drawing Workshop (Levels 1 and 2)
- Egyptian Library Association (ELA) Workshop
- Electronics Workshop (Level 1)
- Elite African Youth in Cairo Program
- EnterprenEve Project 2018
- Free Reading Day
- Geometric Decorations Workshop







- Guitar Masterclass
- How to Make Your First Feature Documentary, with Nadine Salib
- Human Resources
- I'm a Technician, I Will Build My Country 2017
- Industries in Ancient Egypt
- International Archives Day
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
 (IFLA) Global Vision
- International Museum Day
- Islamic Art Confronts Extremism
 - o Calligraphy
 - o Islamic Designs
 - o Islamic Mosaic
- Islamic Decorations
- Jewelry Making
- Jewelry Micro Mosaic Workshop by Artist Saad Romany
- Kaada Asary
- Kufic Script
- Learning about Natural Leather Products and Techniques
- Learning Languages from Home
- Leather Making Workshop (Levels 1 and 2)
- Leather Products (Levels 1 and 2)
- Let's Have Awareness
- Let's Study Languages
- Let's Study Science and Social Studies
- Life School Youth
- Manuscript Cataloguing Course
- Manuscripts Museum Summer Workshops
- Mediterranean Cinema Journey
- Modern Scientific Techniques of Archaeological Photography
- Monument Restoration
- Moroccan Cuisine
- Mosaic
- Mother Goose on the Loose Launching
- Narration
- Narrative Review for Youths
- Oratory
- Oud
- Our Heritage within Our Hands







- Paper Artwork
- Percussion
- Personal Leadership Plan
- Photographista
 - Basics of Photography
 - o Mobile Photography
 - o Photo Composition
 - o Photo Editing with Light Room
 - Photo Editing with Photoshop
- Photography
- Playing with Colors
- Pottery
- Printing Ramadan Lanterns on Cloth Bags with Stencils Workshop for Children
- SAVE Project: Lend a Helping Hand
- Second Edition of Jazz Tales Festival
 - Eftekasat and Simon Spiess Trio (Egypt Switzerland)
 - Wust Elbalad and Halie Loren (Egypt USA)
- Singing and Choir Master Class: Egyptian-Finnish Bridge
- Specific Education Workshop
- Stories of Sabil
- Summer Program for Children
- Taha Hussein Library Summer Program
- Teaching Arts for School Pupils
- Tell Me Ten Words in Ten Tones
- Tell Me Ten Words in Slam
- Tell Me Ten Words through a Game
- Textile Painting and Printing
- The Ancient Library of Alexandria
- The Art of Patchwork
- The Art of Religious Chanting and Singing
- The Diplomat Project
- The UNESCO Values the Use of Philosophy with Children: Learn to Think Through Picture Book Reading
- Together We Stay Training Program
- Towards a Better Educator Project
- Towards an Advanced Education Program
- Towards Youth Capacity Building: An Introduction to Hazards Associated with POPs and Their Environmental Sound Management







- Turning Workshop
- VI-SEEM National Event
- Wildlife
- Wire Shaping
- Women and Peace Building
- Wood Machining
- Writing for Healing
- Yala Yoga
- Yoga
- Young People's Library Summer Program 2017
- Young People's Library Mid-Year Program 2018
- Young People's Library Summer Program 2018
- Young Scientists Training Program (YSTP): Ethics in Life Sciences Researchers and Research and Publications



Statistical Snapshots

LIBRARY SECTOR

Main Library Memberships

Total	14,470
BA Information for Africa (BAIFA) Members	637
Special Needs (SN)	167
Blind and Visually Impaired	142
Young People (12–16 years old)	2,956
Children (6–11 years old)	4,056
General Public	6,512

International Librarianship Training Program

Courses	Total Participants
Machine Readable Cataloging (MARC 21)	11
Collection Development of Printed Materials in Libraries	11
Total	22

Library Services*

Services	Number
Questions Answered by Librarians	137,112
Ready Reference Questions	11,740
Questions Related to Computer Usage	632
Bibliographical Search Requests	29,146
Database Search Requests	58
Closed Stacks Requests	42,949
Number of Photocopied Pages	753,885
Computer Reservations	82,937
Study Room Reservations	13,519
Research Appointments	0
Bibliographies Issued	2
Towards a Bottor Educator Project	96 Activities
Towards a Better Educator Project	412 Participants

* Main Library, and Arts and Multimedia Library.

Library Educational Outreach Program

Young People (YP)	399
Children (CH)	110
Academic Staff	12
Librarians	280
Teaching and Parenting Program (CH Library)	215 (6 sessions)
Teaching and Parenting Program (YP Library)	4,545 (27 sessions)
School Teachers (2030)	536
Outreach Program (Academic Students)	407
Total	6,504

Information Literacy Courses BA Library Learning Center

Courses	Participants
Information for All	28
Electronic Resources (Advanced)	45
Computer for Beginners	10
Total	83

Donations

Material Type	No. of Items Donated	% Items
Books	81,831	96%
Multimedia	169	0.20%
Periodicals	3,046	4%
Other	237	0.28%
Total	85,283	100.0%

Acquisitions – Monographs

Language	Total Value in EGP	% Value	Total Items	% Items
Arabic	206,502.60	35.13%	1,385	80.48%
English	378,976.38	64.47%	332	19.29%
French	2,390.74	0.41%	4	0.23%
Total	587,869.72	100.00%	1,721	100.00%

Acquisitions – Serials

Language	Total Value in EGP	% Value	Total Items	% Items
Arabic	38,952.46	0.96%	121	27.44%
English	3,770,775.82	93.07%	280	63.49%
Other	241,836.28	5.97%	40	9.07%
Total	4,051,564.56	100.00%	441	100.00%

BA Collection (Volume Count)

Volumes in Open Stacks	318,273
Volumes in Closed Stacks (Including the KIT Collection books)	596,819
Volumes under Processing (Including the French Collection and those Registered for Special and Specialized Libraries)	490,392
Nobel and Shadi Abdel Salam Collection	4,561
Specialized Libraries Collections (Including Multimedia Materials)	120,025
Maps	7,740
Depository Collection	31,873
Digital Collection (Books Available in Digital Format Only)	10,114
Print Scholarly Journals (Including Depository Periodicals)	8,370
Daily Newspapers/Magazine Titles	89
Map Library Collection (Atlases – Cartography Books)	5,755
Online Databases (Including Depository Databases)	62
Electronic Journals (Unique Titles)	106,383
Electronic Books	194,839
Electronic Theses	1,800,000
Manuscripts	5,363
Rare Collection	16,294
Special Collection	98,40
Rare and Special Collections under Processing Volumes	29,914
Microfilms	110,59
Periodicals – Special Collection (Per Title)	1,09
BA Information for Africa (BAIFA) Resources	10,130
Total	3,967,094

* Theses available at the Library Sector.

Electronic Resource Usage

Sessions/Logins	874,987
Searches/Browses	2,318,223
Full Text Retrievals	190,275
Abstract Retrievals	75,493
Links to External Full Text	15,363
Retrievals (Full Texts and Abstracts)	90,856

Users of the BA Specialized Libraries

Special Needs (SN)	21,000
Taha Hussein Library	1,113
Young People's Library	29,175
Children's Library	30,352
Nobel Section (Visitors)	49

Circulation

Circulated Children's Books	9,836
Circulated Young People's Books	4,887

Digital Talking Book

Books	19
Pages	2,824
Recording Hours	125

SPECIAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

Theses Project	
Number of Received Theses	18,105

*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	2,941
Cataloging and Processing of Periodicals	0
Cataloging and Processing of Articles	0
Microform Manuscript Transformation	2,358
Original Manuscript Digitization*	311
Manuscript Exchange**	9
Uploaded Manuscripts on Manuscripts Electronic Archiving System	357
Manuscript Restoration	21
Rare Books and Maps Restoration	192
Restoration Training	2
Mounts and Enclosures	23
Manuscripts Chemical Treatment	24
Rare Books and Maps Chemical Treatment	53
Chemical Treatment Training	3
Activities and Workshops	22

* 333 Titles (The Digital Manuscripts Archive reached a total of 4,549 manuscripts including 6,596 titles). ** The 100,000 Manuscripts Project reached a total of 110,985 manuscripts.

Visits

Manuscript and Rare Books Museum	25,937
Rare Books and Special Collections Reading Room	4,188
Sadat Museum	63,039

MANUSCRIPTS CENTER

Cataloging and Processing Activities

Activity	Number
Microform Manuscripts Cataloging	1,482
Microfilmed Manuscripts Cataloging Data Revision	1,140
Data Entry of Microfilmed Manuscripts on Local Microform Database	1,482
Data Revision of Microform Manuscripts on Local Microform Database	1,140
Cataloging of Original Manuscripts	569
Cataloging Data Revision of Original Manuscripts	100
Data Entry of Original Manuscripts on Internal Database	569

Visits

Manuscript Reading Room	475
Microfilm Reading Room	499

TV STUDIO DEPARTMENT

Video Shooting

Events Documented	120
Digitized Tapes in Different Formats	1,880
Number of Hours of Digitized Tapes in Different Formats	4,000
Number of Webcasting Requests	18
Number of DVD Conversion Requests	74

Photography

Events Documented

400
493

Cataloguing and Archiving

Tapes Archived	1,880
Hours Archived	4,000
Photos Archived	47,741
Videos Archived	312

STD Facebook Page

Followers	4,725
Total Reach	673,601
Total Engagement	954,447

BA YouTube Channel

Subscribers	18,806	
Views	1,690,786	
Videos Uploaded	1,142	
Shares (Videos to be shared)	21,644	
	Egypt	60%
	Saudi	9.1%
	Arabia	
Top Geographies (Watch time)	United	6.3%
	States	
	Morocco	4.0%
	Tunisia	3.9%

Productions

Episodes of the BA Agenda Weekly Program Produced	45
Courses, Documentaries Short Movies, and Promos Produced	4 Movies 4 Short Movies 5 Promos 1 Educational Course (16 Lessons)

DIGITAL LAB DEPARTMENT

Digitization

		Arabic	Latin	Total
Digitized and Processed	Books	10,388	8,218	18,606
	Pages	3,350,287	1,771,259	5,121,546
OCRed	Books	10,685	8,314	18,999
	Pages	3,424,944	1,902,521	5,327,465

Newspapers

Special Projects

Digitization	Pages*	29,087
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*Manuscripts, slides, images, posters, paintings, maps, documents, glass negatives, stamps, special books, and magazines.

VISITS DEPARTMENT













*Closed for renovation since October 2017



VISITORS' SUGGESTIONS

PLANETARIUM SCIENCE CENTER (PSC)





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ANTIQUITIES MUSEUM




INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SECTOR







* Average Age: 37



* Excluding BA Director, Consultants and mission contracts.





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Sameh Shoukry Minister of Foreign Affairs

Egypt

Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, graduated from the Faculty of Law, Ain 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 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 BA in Dentistry from the University of Ain Shams in 1984, an MA 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 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 also published 20 researches in international periodicals and magazines.



Inès Abdel Daïm Minister of Culture Egypt



Mohamed Sultan Governor of Alexandria

Egypt

Inès Abdel Daïm is the first woman to be appointed as the Egyptian Minister of Culture since the ministry's establishment in 1961. She is a world renowned flute player who obtained her BA at the Cairo Conservatoire, then travelled to France on scholarship until 1990. She obtained an MA and a PhD in Flute Performance from l'École Normale de Musique de Paris. Abdel Daïm served as the Dean of the Cairo Conservatoire in 2004 and the Vice President of the Academy of Arts in 2009. She has been the Chairperson of the Cairo Opera House since 2011. She performed in several music concerts around Europe and the Arab world and participated in renowned European radio shows. Abdel Daïm represented Egypt at numerous official international cultural and artistic festivals and conferences. She served on the Supreme Council of Culture and on the Board of the BA Arts Center (2013), and she was appointed at the Arab Academy of Music of the League of Arab States. She received various national and international prizes, including the First Prize of the Federation of Music Institutes in France (1982), the Prize for Creativity awarded by the Academy of Arts (Ministry of Culture), the Best Performer award at the North Korea Arts Festival (1999), and the State Encouragement Award in the Arts in 2001. She was designated as one of the 10 most prominent Egyptian women of the 20th Century in 2000.

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 several 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 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 Ahmed Mahmoud 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 a PhD in the same field from Northeastern University, USA, in 1992. He has 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 Counsellor 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

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. He has also been appointed as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Islamic Development Bank as of 2018.

Dr. Serageldin 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 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 the Collège de France. He 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 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 received 38 honorary doctorates.



Mary Archer England Member as of 2018

Mary Doreen Archer attended Cheltenham Ladies' College, before studying Chemistry at St Anne's College, Oxford and Physical Chemistry at Imperial College London. In the mid-1970s, she was appointed to the Board of Directors of the International Solar Energy Society. Between 1976 and 1986, she was a Lecturer in Chemistry at Newnham and Trinity Colleges in Cambridge. From 1984 to 1991, she was a Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum Trust in Cambridge. From 1988 to 2000, she was Chairperson of the National Energy Foundation. She later became its President and is currently its Patron. Since January 2015, she has been Chair of the trustees of the National Science Museum Group. She is also President of the UK Solar Energy Society.

Mary Archer is a Companion of the Energy Institute and was awarded the Institute's Melchett Medal in 2002. She was Chairperson of Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for ten years until 2012. Mary Archer was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in the 2012 Birthday Honors for services to the National Health Service. She remains a Fellow of Newnham College, Cambridge, and is a Visiting Professor at Imperial College, London. She has been an Honorary Fellow of St. Anne's College Oxford since 2013.

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 these posts—from June 2008 to June 2012. Prior to assuming said positions, Dr. 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 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 published more than 100 articles in refereed international journals and collected volumes on history, development, and transition. Dr. 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.



Justin Lin China Member as of 2018



Mikhail Piotrovsky Russia Member as of 2018

Mikhail Borisovich 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, President of the Worldwide Club of St. Petersburg, and Chairperson of the board of the European University in St. Petersburg. He 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 Légion d'Honneur (1998 and 2004); the Swedish Order of the Northern Star (1999); the Order of Merit to Italian (2000 and 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, 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 receiving 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 Lagumdzija Bosnia and Herzegovina Member as of 2017

Zlatko Lagumdzija 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.

Lagumdzija 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.

Lagumdzija 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 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 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of *Al-Masry Al-Youm* (Egypt Independent) newspaper, and then became its Editor-in-Chief 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* (2011).



Rosalia 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) 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 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 were futured in anthologies circulating in Peru, Argentina, Uruguay, Spain, and Ecuador.

Petar Stoyanov Bulgaria Member as of 2017

Petar Stoyanov was 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 the Deputy Chairperson 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, and 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



Farouk El-Okdah Egypt Member as of 2016

Kjell Magne Bondevik has been the Founder and President of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, since its opening 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 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, Chairperson of the BoT Executive Committee, 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 Chairperson 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 which 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 EgyptAir 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 Chairperson of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Albania from 1991 to 1992. He also served as the Chairperson 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 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 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 Fifty—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 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 several important posts over the decades, including serving as Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations and to India. He was awarded the Order of the Nile by the Egyptian government and 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 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's political career started in 1982, when he gained 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 defacto 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 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 obtained 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 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 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 several companies, such as ING Group, TNT, and KLM, and as a member of the boards of trustees of several 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 Chairperson of the Socioeconomic Council (SER) and the Chairperson 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 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 Spokesperson and Advisor to the President of the USSR in 1991. He remained with President Gorbachev, after his resignation, as his Advisor and Spokesperson 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.



Alexander Likhotal Russia Member as of 2015



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.

HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud 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 Vsiting 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 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 Chairperson 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



Prince Turki Al Faisal Saudi Arabia Member as of 2014

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 national and international 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 also taught and lectured in several 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 from kings and presidents, and received honorary doctorates from a number of universities around the world. Ihsanoğlu 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 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 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 Houphouet-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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson from 1982 to 1991; the South Commission, from 1987 to 1989; and the Commission on Global Governance in 1992. He was also the Deputy Chairperson of the International Institute for Environment and Development from 1976 to 1989. He als arranged the printing of the CGG report, *Our Global Neighborhood*, in Arabic.

Al-Hamad is currently the Director General and Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 places 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 authored a number of important scholarly texts as well as plays, which were translated into many languages.

His Highness is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees from universities around the world. He serves 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 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 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 Cochair 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 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 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 received honorary doctorates from several international universities. He Write more than 50 books that were 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 Faculty of Medicine 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 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 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 chaired CABI and the Board of the ICARDA. In 1984, she was appointed to the Board of Governors of the IDRC.

She obtained a BA from 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 Advisor 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 wrote 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 Chairperson 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 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 authored and co-authored numerous scientific publications.



Hisham El-Sherif *Egypt*

Hisham El-Sherif is a leading authority on Telecommunications and Information Technology in Egypt, the Middle East, and the developing world. He is currently the Chairperson 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 also served as Chairperson 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 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 obatined 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 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 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 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, the Netherlands, 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; 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 received 5 honorary doctorates, has been a Knight in the Order of the Netherlands' Lion since 1994, and received the Order of the Rising Sun, Grand Cordon, Japan, in 2007. He also 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 held research fellowships in the Department of Physiology, Oxford; the Collège de France, Paris; and NYU Medical Center, New York. She was 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 from 2014 to 2016.

She also holds a Senior Research Fellowship at Lincoln College, Oxford University. She is the Founder and CEO of a biotech company developing a novel anti-Alzheimer drug based on her research exploring novel brain mechanisms linked to neurodegeneration.



Vartan Gregorian

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), Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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



Tahar Ben Jelloun Morocco/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 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 Chairperson of the National Library of France between March 2002 and April 2007. Jeanneney has several 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 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* was 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. 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 and served as its Executive President until 2007; she is currently its Senior Advisor. 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 Chairperson 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 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



Kurokawa is an Adjunct Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; the Chairperson, 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 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 archaeological missions in Nubia, Sudan, Egypt, and Morocco.

Monreal is the author of several books and numerous articles on art and archaeology. He is a board member of the Gala-Salvador Dalì 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 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.

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.



Luis Monreal Spain



Mounir Neamatalla Egypt



Kazuo Ogoura *Japan*

Kazuo Ogoura has been the President of the Japan Foundation since October 2003. Since 1962, he 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 the Faculty of Economics, Cambridge University, in 1964.



Roelof Rabbinge Netherlands



Bruno Racine France

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 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 Chairperson of the Pompidou Centre, from 2002 to 2007. In 2011, he was elected Chairperson 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 appointed Chair of the Technology and Innovation Agency in 2011–2012.

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 several titles on critical socio-economic issues in South Africa. She 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 Chairperson and Spokesperson 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 Chairperson of the Arab Fund for Arts and Culture.

He is the author of several 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; 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 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 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 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 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 Chairperson 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.



Adele Simmons USA

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, Akinwande Oluwole, 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 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



M.S. Swaminathan India

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.

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 received many honorary doctorate degrees from universities around the world.



Wole Sovinka

Nigeria



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

HRH obtained a BA in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford, followed by a Master's degree.



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 Chairperson 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 Cochairperson 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 Vīķe-Freiberga *Latvia*

Vaira Viķe-Freiberga is the Pesident 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.

Vīķe-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 Chairperson 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 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 published several poetry 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 Chairperson of a number of cultural forums in Egypt and Jordan. He served as the Chairperson 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, Ain Shams University from 1966 to 1968.

He 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)



Ahmed Zewail Egypt (1946–2016)

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 wrote 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 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 Chairperson 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.

Organization Charts

Organization Chart





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This Sector also includes: - Women's Studies and Social Transformation Program

- Sustainable Development Studies, Youth Capacity Building, and African Relations Support Program







Human Resources and General Services Sector











and Security Check Unit

Reception Unit



This Sector also Includes: - Marketing Team - Developing Youth Skills Progam



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 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 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 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 served as a Member of the Egyptian Parliament with positions as Chairperson of the Arab Affairs, Foreign Relations and National Security Committee at the Consultative Council, Chairperson 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 broad-based contributions in society as a literary scholar, intellectual, historian, writer, and educator. In contributing to life-long learning, Dr. El Feki 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, 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 Chairperson 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'Egypte, founded in 1798; the Supreme Council for Culture, and several other forums and committees.

With his rich knowledge in history, political science, and international relations, Dr. El Feki greatly contributed to academic literature in the Arab world. He 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 also wrote 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 was 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 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 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 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 career advancement in various fields of science. In this regard, she organized the international Women in Science conference at the BA in 2007, and 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, the Egyptian National Council for Women, and was 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 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, Alexandria University. 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 Multidisciplinary Advanced Research (SIMAR)



Noha Adly

Supervisor

Noha Adly is the Supervisor of the BA Serageldin Institute for Multidisciplinary 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

- Dr. Magdi Yacoub Center
- Zahi Hawass Center of Egyptology
- Website Unit

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 Archaeological 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 was the Director of both the BA Media and Special Projects departments until 2013.

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 CCTV and Access Control Unit from January 2009 to March 2013. She holds a BSc with honors in Computer Engineering from the Arab Academy for Science and Technology. Between October 2001 and January 2004, she worked as a Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD) instructor at the Arab Academy for Science and Technology.



Eslam Mesbah Deputy

Special Projects Department



Ayman Mansour

Director

Ayman Mohamed 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, 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 several publications.



Mahmoud Ezzat Deputy



Amr Ali Deputy

Islamic Civilization Studies Center



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 research papers, 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".

Specialized Cultural Organizations Department



Dina Youssef

Acting Director

Dina Youssef joined the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2007, where she received professional technical library training. She is currently the Director of IFLA Center for Arabic Speaking Libraries (IFLA-CASL). She is furthermore a certified IFLA trainer for the Building Strong Library Association (BSLA) program since 2011, and a trainer for the International Advocacy Program (IAP) since 2015. She was also a highly contributing member at IFLA, Africa Section for two terms. She is currently an active member of the Arab Federation of Libraries and Information (AFLI); the Books and Publishing Committee at the Ministry of Culture in Egypt; the Egyptian Library Association; and of the International Advisory Board, Memory of the World project, UNESCO. Dina received her BA in Accounting from Alexandria University, and received diplomas in Commerce, German Language and Foreign Coordination. She gained extensive experience in international relations, allowing her to easily communicate with multicultural populations.

Publishing Department



Marwa A. Khalifa

Acting Director

Marwa A. Khalifa joined the BA Publishing Department in 2005 as a Senior French Language Translator, Reviewer, and Editor. Since 2013, she has been the Head of the Revision Unit and has thus been in charge of reviewing all BA documents and publications written in French; supervising the unit's tasks of revising, editing, and proofreading all BA publications, information documents, formal recognition documents, interface content, as well as documentary scripts written in Arabic, English, and French. Her duties also include mentoring the Filière des Langues Appliquées and the Faculty of Arts French Department students, helping them receive proper training as translators and editors. Additionally, she is responsible for preparing and evaluating the translation and revision tests submitted by Francophone candidates. Khalifa obtained a Bachelor's degree in French Language, Literature, and Civilization from the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University (1997). She has extended experience in teaching French language, culture, and civilization to Francophone high school students and in evaluating DELF written and oral exams. She received advanced professional training on evaluation, competency framework, educational activities, and mentoring projects at the CEPEC, Lyon-Craponne, France (2004), and obtained two Accreditations to train DELF Instructors and Examiners from the CIEP, Sèvres, France (2005/2013).

This Sector also includes: - Strategic Studies Center

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 Alexandria University.

General Collections and Services Department



Rania Kalawy

Director

Rania Kalawy is 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.

Specialized Libraries Department



Marwa Elgharabawy

Director

Marwa Elgharabawy is the Director of the Specialized Libraries 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. 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 administrated 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 Department



Manal Amin

Director

Manal Amin began her tenure at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 1996 as a cataloger for English, Greek, and Latin collections. She became a senior cataloger 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 Cataloging 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 cataloger, 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 the 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 a 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 extensive 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 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, Mashyakhat 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 the field. He 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 2007, and a PhD from the Information and Communications Sciences Department, University of Paris in 2012. 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.

Antiquities Museum



Al Hussein A. Bassir

Director

Al Hussein Abdel Bassir is an archaeologist and author, and is currently the Director of the BA Antiquities Museum, and Supervisor of the BA Zahi Hawass Center of Egyptology. He received his BA in Egyptology from the Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo University, and his MA and PhD in Ancient Egyptian Antiquities and Near Eastern Studies from Johns Hopkins University, United States. Additionally, he lectured at Johns Hopkins University, Arizona University, and l'Université Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV), among others. Dr. Bassir is the author of several Arabic works, including commentaries and academic articles on Arabic literature, Arabic cinema, Egyptology and Archaeology. He occupied several positions in Egypt and abroad. He supervised archaeological endeavors at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo; the Egyptian Museum in Giza; the Giza Pyramids complex; UNESCO; the Scientific Publications Department at the Ministry of Antiquities; among others. He is currently a member of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities, Ministry of Culture.

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 such an artistic melting pot. 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 and 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 successfully collaborated with different international science centers and museums. He designs and supervises educational activities for 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.

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 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.

Embassies of Knowledge Department



Ashraf Farrag

Supervisor

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 Chairperson 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 spokesperson 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.

Arts Center



Rasha Eid Deputy

This Sector also includes: - Manuscript Museum

- Administrative Affairs Follow-up Section
- Educational and Promotional Publications Unit

Academic Research Sector



Marwa Elwakil

Head of Sector

Marwa Elwakil is the the Head of the Academic Research Sector and the former Director of the Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP). Through her work as the CSSP Director, she organizes a number of major annual scientific, technological, and educational conferences and establishes sustainable networks of international collaboration. She holds an MA and a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutical Molecular Microbiology) from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Alexandria University, Egypt. 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.

Women's Studies and Social Transformation Program



Maha Moaz

Supervisor

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 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 obtained her MSc and PhD degrees of Anthropology. She also completed her Post-Doctorate Commission in Georgetown University, USA.

Sustainable Development Studies, Youth Capacity Building, and African Relations Support Program



Salah Soliman

Supervisor

Salah A. Soliman has been a Professor of Pesticide Chemistry and Toxicology at Alexandria University, Egypt, since 1985. He became a Special Advisor for the BA in 2005, and then a Supervisor of the Sustainable Development Studies, Youth Capacity Building, and African Relations Support Program in 2017. Dr. Soliman joined the Environmental Toxicology Division of the Health Effects Research Laboratory (HERL) of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as a Visiting Scientist from 1979 to 1982. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston in 1987 and at King Saud University, Saudi Arabia in 1989. He began helping the International Program on Chemical Safety (IPCS) of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1992 and was Vice-Chairperson of the Risk Assessment Steering Committee (RASC) of the IPCS/WHO in 1999.

In October 2006, he was selected by the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation to lead a National Committee for the Regulation and Handling of Pesticides in Egypt, and was its Vice-Chairperson and Acting Chief until January 2011. Dr. Soliman founded many programs that build youth capacities at the BA, such as Youth for Environmental Sustainability and Better Understanding in 2002, League of Young Masters in 2006, the African League of Young Masters (ALYM), and the Francophone League of Young Masters (FLYM) in 2015. He developed the Regional Training Program on Risk Assessment in 2015. Dr. Soliman received the First Class Medallion for Science and Arts from the President of Egypt in 1981.

Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center (Alex Med)



Sahar Hamouda

Supervisor

Sahar Hamouda is a Professor of English Literature at the Alexandria University 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 Supervisor of both the Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies and the Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center (Alex Med) at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

Hamouda received the Alexandria University Award for Academic Research in 2005. Her publications include translations and studies on comparative literature, postcolonial studies, and Alexandrian modern history. Her latest publication, *Once Upon a Time in Jerusalem*, was published in the UK in 2010.



Mohamed Meheina

Deputy

Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies



Mohamed Kenawi

Acting Director

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 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.

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 advisors, and 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). The project gave 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 advisor, at the NAFSA Conference.

Coptic Studies Center



Loaay Mahmoud

Director

Loaay Mahmoud, Associate Professor of Coptology and Egyptology at the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels, Sadat City, Egypt, is the Director of the BA Coptic Studies Center. 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.

Writing and Scripts Center



Ahmed Mansour Deputy

This Sector also includes: - Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP)

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 fields of finance, auditing, administration, HR, and consultancy.



Hanan Abd Elrazek

Deputy Head of Sector

Hanan Abd Elrazek graduated from the Faculty of Commerce, Alexandria University, in 1991. She began her career at the BA 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 Head of Conferences, Exhibitions, and Events Section. She was a member of a number of conference technical and logistics committees. She received several certificates from different national and international organizations in the field of conference organization, and assisted in preparing *The Conference Planning Guidelines*. She gained experience in the management of conference planning and occupied several managerial position at the BA, such as the Deputy Director of the Publishing Department; the Deputy Director of the Dialogue Forum, and the Director of the Human Resources Department.

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 its tasks. 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.



Mohamed Mobarak Acting Deputy

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.

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 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 enabled him to run an effective and efficient financial operation.



Ahmed Gaber Deputy

This Sector also includes: - Technical Office - Budget Unit

Human Resources and General Services Sector



Noha Omar

Head of Sector

Noha Omar is the Head of the Human Resources and General Services Sector at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in French Language and Literature from the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. In 1992, she obtained a Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises Approfondies from the Sorbonne University. Omar has a diverse professional background in a wide 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.

Human Resources and Personnel Department



Mai Elhennawi

Acting Director

Mai Elhennawi joined the BA in 2006 as Head of the Arab Reform Projects Unit – Dialogue Forum until 2011. She transferred to the Public Relations Department for one year, and in February 2013, joined the Engineering sector as Head of the HR Follow-up Unit. She was later appointed as the Acting Director of the Human Resources and Personnel Department. She received on-the-job training in banking as an undergraduate and in 1997, received her BSc degree from the Arab Academy for Science and Technology, majoring in Marketing and Financial Management. She obtained her MBA in HR in 2016. Her career began at Unilever Mashrek as a management trainee, followed by the International Executive Service Corps as a Boost Candidate assisting Volunteer Executives, who provided consultation to Egyptian companies. She became an HR Coordinator at Sanitec International, then Head of Administration at the Siemens Amreya Power Generation Plant. She participated in several social and charitable activities as a Rotaract club member.

Travel and Logistics Services Department



Omnia Abdeltawab

Acting Director

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.

Having 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 Electromechanical 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.

Architectural and Structural Constructions Department



Tarek Helmy Awad

Director

Tarek Mahmoud Helmy Awad was part of the Snøhetta-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.

Exhibition and Conference Specialized Engineering Preparations Department



Ahmed Galal El Adawi

Acting Director

Ahmed Galal El Adawi is the Acting Director of the Exhibition and Conference Specialized Engineering Preparations Department, BA Engineering Sector. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering from Alexandria University.

El Adawi was a Chief Engineer in Al Khalidiya Company, Alexandria Branch, from 1990 to 1991; a Chief Engineer and Project Director, Dalia Tourist Village, the North Coast, from 1991 to 1994; the Chairperson of Amar Misr Contracting Company from 1994 to February 2010; and a Managing Partner, Dr. Amr El Adawi's Engineering Consultancy Office, from 1995 to 2009.

He is a member of the Egyptian Engineers Syndicate, the Cairo Regional Centre for Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the Arab Trainers Union, the Association of Legal Advisors, and the Egyptian Shooting Federation.

This Sector also includes: - Quality Control and Quality Assurance Section - Technical Office

Information Communication Technology (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. His 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 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 rejoined 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—yetintegrating—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.

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 Cultrama, which was patented in 2007; the establishment of the Multimedia Department and the Research and Development Department; and the introduction of 3D laser scanning. In addition to his current position, he is the manager of several programs, such as the Archaeological Map of Egypt and Cultrama. He also participated in and managed many national and international projects, such as the Eternal Egypt project. He 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 Whoiswho.

International School of Information Science (ISIS)



Youssef Eldakar

Acting Director

Youssef Eldakar currently serves as the Acting Director of the International School of Information Science (ISIS), BA ICT Sector. He obtained his BSc in Computer Science in 2001, with a summa cum laude status, from the School of Engineering and Technology, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). Eldakar started his career at Baron Software, Long Island, New York, in 1998, developing software to support the company's help desk product. In 2000, before joining the BA, he worked at Audium, a voice application developer in New York City, where he re-implemented SellPhone for Half.com on a newer generation voice platform. Eldakar joined the BA in 2002. He heads the work on web-archiving at the BA. He participated in establishing the second Internet Archive site worldwide based on the hardware, software, and data donated by Brewster Kahle of the original Internet Archive in San Francisco. He has since been working with the team at the BA on defining and maintaining the Internet Archive's infrastructure and developing software tools. He also contributed to the BA's book digitization operation, including the design and implementation of the book format-encoding component of the workflow. Eldakar became profiled in Marguis Who's Who in Science and Engineering as of the 2008–2009 edition. Since 2013, Youssef has also been heading BA's work in the area of High-Performance Computing (HPC) and participating in the LinkSCEEM-2 and VI-SEEM European projects.

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 Linguistics, USA; and the Universal Networking Language Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland.

This Sector also includes: - Web Graphics and Content Design Section - Documentation, Training, and Outreach Unit

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.

Internal Security Department



Khaled Saeed

Director

Lieutenant Colonel Khaled Saeed is the Director of the BA Internal Security Department. He obtained his degree in Law in 1993. He occupied several posts at the Criminal Investigation Department of the Alexandria Security Directorate, including the Chief of Sentence Enforcement at several police stations, and the Head of BA Security.

Industrial and Occupational Health Safety Department



Mahmoud Abd Elsalam Nekheila Deputy

External Relations and Protocol 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 lived in several countries, can speak five languages, and is interested in all intercultural matters. 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.

Visits Department



Sherine Gaafar

Director

Sherine Gaafar began her tenure at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 1995 as a cataloger for French and Spanish books. She has been trained in public relations and customer services in Paris. She became the supervisor and eventually 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

Media and Communication Sector



Sameh Fawzy

Head of Sector

Sameh Fawzy is currently the Head of the Media and Coomunication Sector. He holds a PhD in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University; an MA in Political Development from Sussex University, the UK; an MA in Public Administration; and a BSc in Political Sciences from 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 wrote 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.

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.

Halls and Dialogue Initiatives Department



Shaymaa El Sherif

Acting Director

Shaymaa El Sherif, holds a PhD in French literature from the Department of French Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. Her professional experience extends to more than 20 years, including 16 years at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. She diversified her business activities before changing her career entirely by joining the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, where she contributed to the establishment of the Dialogue Forum in 2003. She was responsible for the organization of numerous seminars and conferences, and their various written production that accounts to 150 publications. She was also responsible for editing them solely or as a team member. She was the responsible for the Halls and Dialogue Initiatives. Her responsibilities varied between administrative and cultural aspects. Dr. Shaymaa El Sherif teaches at the Francophone Department of the Faculty of Management, the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transportation. Courses range between public relations, cultural affairs and research methodology in management sciences. She also has extensive literary activities; she participates in many literary gatherings and publishes her literary and critical articles in several Egyptian newspapers and websites. She published her first novel The Book of Jerusalem in 2013, and she is currently working on her second novel and her first story collection.

Media Department



Mohamed Mottosh

Deputy

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