

MELCOM (UK)

Minutes of the 70th Meeting held at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS) Exeter, on Tuesday 15th July 2003.

Present

Ahmed Abu Zayed	Exeter
Jasmine Ansari	Islamic Foundation
Paul Auchterlonie	Exeter
Humeira Ceylan	Al-Furqan
Peter Colvin	SOAS
Mastan Ebtehaj	Oxford
Yasmin Faghihi	Manchester
Derek Hopwood	Oxford
Nadeem el-Issa	Joppa Books
Olaf Kongden	Brill
Ian Netton	Leeds
Meline Nielsen	Birmingham
Geoffrey Roper	Cambridge
MuhammadIsa Waley	B.L.

The business meeting was preceded at 12 noon by the 4th Pearson Lecture which was delivered by John McIlwaine with the title "Crossing the bibliographical Sahara: uncertainties in the relationship between the bibliography of the Middle East and North Africa and of Africa South of the Sahara".

- 1 There were apologies from Heather Bleaney, Colin Baker, Mark Cerdan, Debbyox, Duncan Haldane, Maureen Pinder, Mamtimyn Sunuodula, Ursula Sims-Williams, and Colin Wakefield.

2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

Yasmin Faghihi's name was mis-spelled and Geoffrey Roper's name had been omitted from the list of those present

The Chairman had written to Cambridge University expressing concern at the freezing of the post of the Middle East Librarian following the resignation of Mark Muehlhauser. The Librarian had replied that he shared the worries of MELCOM UK and would be doing his utmost to get the post unfrozen as soon as possible.

The Secretary had written to the Skilliter Library expressing the Committee's regret that it was unable to subsidize their catalogue of rare Turkish books and recommending they mounted the list on their web-site, if they were not going to be listed in the University's union catalogue.

2a As an extra item included at short notice Olaf Kongden of Brill gave a short survey of current developments and plans for future publishing by Brill.

The twelfth edition of the Encyclopaedia of Islam is planned to be completed this year, with the remaining fascicules of the supplements being published with the previous