

MELCOM (U.K.)

Minutes of the 72nd Meeting held at SOAS Library on Wednesday 7th July, 2004.

The meeting was preceded by the fifth Pearson Memorial Lecture.

The Business Meeting was immediately preceded by a short talk on Index Islamicus by Albert Hoffstadter, on potential developments in the on-line version, and a request for information from users as to which direction these should take. The Chairman offered to send out the text of a questionnaire on lis-middle-east and melanet to reach the greatest numbers of specialist librarians. The meeting was followed by a reception given jointly by Index-Islamicus and SOAS Library for all members of MELCOM and their guests to celebrate the return of Index-Islamicus to SOAS and the launching of its online edition.

Present

Ahmed Abu Zayed	Exeter
Paul Auchterlonie	Exeter
Jasmine Ansari	Markfield
Mufti Bagia	London
Colin Baker	B.L.
Heather Bleaney	Index Islamicus
Humayra Ceylan	Markfield
Peter Colvin	SOAS
Wasim Faruqi	B.L.
Nadeem El-Issa	Joppa
Waleed El-Shobaki	Manchester
Dina Manisty	Ismaili Institute
Meline Neilsen	Birmingham
Ian Netton	Leeds
Maureen Pinder	Leeds
Anne Poulson	SOAS
Susanna Rayner	Index Islamicus
Daphne Roper	Cambridge
Geoffrey Roper	London
Nigel Allan	Wellcome Library
MuhammadIsa Waley	B.L.
Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb	SOAS

1. Apologies for absence

Yasmin Faghihi, Mamtimyn Sunuodula, Ursula Sims-Williams, Duncan Haldane, Alnoor Merchant, Shellina Karmali, Nickolas Serikoff, Debbie Cox, Mastan Ebtehaj

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Corrections:

The item on the British Library that stated that Debbie Cox had been granted sabbatical leave to research Algerian literature should have read: Debbie Cox was awarded a three-month research break to undertake research on Arabic prison narratives.