

MELCOM (U.K.)

Minutes of the 73rd Meeting held at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery on Monday 14th February, 2005.

The meeting was preceded by a Tour of the Exhibition - Illuminating Faith: Art and Culture from the Middle East

Present

Ahmed Abu Zayed	Exeter
Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb	SOAS
Paul Auchterlonie	Exeter
Jasmine Ansari	Markfield
Humayra Ceylan	Markfield
Peter Colvin	SOAS
Mastan Ebtehaj	Oxford
Yasmin Faghihi	Cambridge
Wasim Faruqi	B.L.
Nadeem El-Issa	Joppa
Martyn Minty	Oxford
Meline Neilsen	Birmingham
Maureen Pinder	Leeds
David Pulford	Birmingham
Geoffrey Roper	London
Waleed El-Shobaki	Manchester
Mamtimyn Sunuodula	Durham
MuhammadIsa Waley	B.L.
Colin Wakefield	Oxford

1. Apologies for absence

Colin Baker, Ursula Sims-Williams, Heather Bleaney

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Corrections:

End of paragraph 4 (Helping Iraq Libraries) should read:

Colin Baker reported that the BL would be prepared to bring Iraqi librarians to Britain for training and provide assistance for refurbishing Libraries in Iraq, funding permitting, but as yet there had been no progress on these proposals.

Item 10: Geoffrey Roper was working for "The Institute for the Study of Muslim civilizations."

The Chairman reported on the questionnaire on "Index Islamicus" that he had sent out over the middle-east at the request of Brill's.

There had been enough responses to make the exercise worthwhile.

The most common request had been for material in Arabic to be added.

A common question had been why the online version was behind the printed version in its information, when the opposite might have been expected. The online version is only up to the last accumulation.