

# PROGRAMME

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM  
**DIGITAL ARCHIVING IN THE ARAB WORLD**  
ABU DHABI, OCTOBER 29-30, 2024

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 29

### NATIONAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- 8:30am** Gathering in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel and departure to the National Library and Archives of United Arab Emirates
- 9:30am** Registration
- 10:00am** Inaugural session at the amphitheatre Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed

#### PART 1: OFFICIAL SPEECHES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANIZING COUNTRIES

**10:15am** **Opening of the conference**

Speeches by:

His Excellency Abdallah Majed Al Ali, National Library & Archives

General Director

Prof. Frédéric Lagrange, CEDEJ Director

Prof. Ahmed Zayed, Bibliotheca Alexandrina Director

Prof. Nathalie Martial-Braz, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Vice-chancellor

Dr. Hala Bayoumi, Scientific Head of the conference

#### PART 2: INAUGURAL THEMATIC SESSION

Presentation: 15 min, questions: 5 min

**11:15-12:00pm** **Challenges and Innovations**

President: Dr. Hala Bayoumi, CNRS/CEDEJ

- Mr. Hamad Al Mutairi, Mr. Hatem Mohamed Younis, Mrs. Shaikhah Alabdouli

#### PLENARY CONFERENCE

Presentation: 50 min, questions: 15 min

**12:00-1:00pm** **AI and Digital Archiving**

President: Prof. Basma Makhoul-Shabou, HEG-University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland

- Prof. Muhammad Abdul-Mageed: Generative AI for Arabic Digital Archiving

**1:00-2:00pm** Lunch

## THEMATIC SESSION

### SESSION I

Presentation: 15 min, questions: 5 min

#### 2:00-3:20pm **Heritage Preservation – Case Studies**

President: Dr. Ramadan Elkhoully, The Africa Institute – Global Studies University

- Dr. Al-Ghalia Al-Mughairi: The Role of the Sultanate of Oman’s Cultural Institutions in Preserving Historical Documents and Archives through Electronic Archiving (the National Records and Archives Authority as a model)
- Mr. Mohammad Hammam Fekry: The Journey of British Documents from English to Arabic
- Dr. Azza Ezzat, Dr. Ahmed Mansour: The Importance of Personal Archives in Writing History: A Case Study on the Archive of Ahmed Pasha Kamal
- Dr. Emad Hussein: Archives of foreign institutions in the Arab countries “American University in Cairo Archive” Case Study

3:20-4:10pm Coffee Break

### SESSION II

#### 4:10-5:30pm **Digital Archiving – Other fields**

President: David Wrisley, New York University Abu Dhabi

- Dr. Ahmed Ebeid: Folksonomy and its Role in Archiving Heritage Photographs: Global Experiences
- Mr. Ebrahim Fawzy, Mrs. Eman Khereba: Hockey: From Pharaonic Hucksha to Modern Sports Heritage in Sharqia Governorate
- Mr. Mohamed Hussein Ahmed: Specialized Digital Archives: A proposal to create a digital archive for commercial records in the Arabian Gulf during the period between the 19th and 20th centuries

8:30pm Official Dinner at Byblos-Sur-Mer restaurant – Intercontinental Marina Hotel

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30

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### SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI

8:20am Gathering in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel and departure to Sorbonne University

#### 9:00am **Opening of 2nd day conference at the Amphitheatre Richelieu**

Official speech by Prof. Nathalie Martial-Braz, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Vice-chancellor

#### 9:10-9:45am **AI and Digital Humanities**

President: Dr. Forget Chaterera-Zambuko, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

- Keynote speaker, Prof. David Wrisley: From Sparse Data to Shared Wisdom: Leveraging Collective Intelligence in Emerging Spaces of Digital Humanities

## THEMATIC SESSIONS

### SESSION I

Presentation: 15 min, questions: 5 min

#### 9:45-11:10am **Ancient Arabic and Islamic Documents and Manuscripts – Preservation and Access**

President: Prof. Maurice Pomerantz, New York University Abu Dhabi

- Prof. Walid Ghali: Digital Philology Textual Criticism of Arabic Manuscripts in the Digital Age
- Dr. Nagmeldeen Morshed Hamza: Beyond the Visible: An integrated study of Islamic and Arabic manuscripts at the National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah
- Dr. Ahmed Mansour: The Role of Writing and Scripts Center (BA) in Investigating the Egyptology Archives: Obstacles and Challenges
- Dr. Andrew Simon: Alternative Archives: Writing Egypt Recent Past

11:10-11:30am Coffee Break

### SESSION II

#### 11:30-12:45pm **Heritage Archiving: Case Studies**

President: Mr. Hatem Mohamed Younis, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

- Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Ali: Developing Sustainable and Enhanced Access to Archival Collections from the Arab World: A Case Study on Customized Cataloging and Access Strategies
- Dr. Francesca Biancani, Dr. Costanza Lisi: For a Connected History of Vernacular Cosmopolitanism through Endangered Archives: The VERNACOSM Project
- Dr. Ali Fathy Alsherif: Digital Knowledge and Archive Services in the Post-Digital Repositories Era: A Case Study of the Digital Repositories for National Heritage Preservation Centers of the United Arab Emirates

12:45-1:45pm Lunch

### SESSION III

#### 1:45-3:10pm **Scientific Data Analysis in the Arab World**

President: Mr. Brad Bauer, New York University Abu Dhabi

- Dr. Ismael Awad: The Maryut Lake region: Historical GIS case study from Egypt
- Dr. Aymen A. Solyman: The Power of Location: Location-based Information in Archives and Documentation
- Mr. Mohamed Shalaby, Mr. Rune Bjerkestrand: The often forgotten aspect of archiving and digital preservation, – Piql's storage solutions
- Dr. Dalia Galal Elabady: New Considerations Toward a wide Data Transition in Official Statistics

## SESSION IV

### 3:10-4:20pm **Digital Humanities – Towards Sustainable and New Methodologies**

President: Prof. Walid Ghali, The Aga Khan University, London

- Dr. Forget Chaterera-Zambuko: Towards sustainable digital records management in the UAE
- Dr. Radwa Zaki: From the Library of Alexandria to ChatGPT: Exploring Modern Egypt's Historical Archives Using AI in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- Mr. Marcin Werla: Long-term Digital Preservation of Cultural Heritage Content at the Qatar National Library
- Eng. Eslam Mesbah: Preserving History: The Imperative of Digital Archiving in the Arab World

4:20-4:40pm Coffee Break

## SESSION V

### 4:40-5:50pm **Digital Libraries in the Arab World**

President: Dr. Yann Rodier, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

- Mrs. Shatha El-Own, Eng. Ahmed Omar: Digitization at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
- Dr. Tarek Ouerfelli, Dr. Aïda Chebbi, Dr. Hanae Lrhoul: Web archiving and digital repositories in the Arab Universities
- Eng. Eman Abuemera, Eng. Peter Soccar: Memory of Modern Egypt: A Case Study about Egyptian Cultural and Historical Preservation through Digital Archiving

## SESSION VI

### 5:50-6:00pm **Synthesis, Conclusion and Perspectives**

Prof. Frédéric Lagrange, Dr. Hala Bayoumi, Dr. Ahmed Samir, Dr. Yann Rodier

Reporters' conference:

Dr. Andrew Simon, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA

Mrs. Carolina Sonja, Mr. Graig Andrew, Mrs. Reem Mubarak Saeed,

Mrs. Rosanna Elizabeth Tharakan-May, Trends Research & Advisory