

Morocco Workshop – Digital Library for the Maghreb
Planning meeting, NSF, Room 1120 – Arlington, VA – October 19, 2006,
9-noon for participants & 9am-3pm for workshop leaders

Invited Participants:

1. Brett Bobley, Chief Information Officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities
2. Laura Campbell, Chief Information Officer at the Library of Congress
3. George Coulbourne, OSI Chief of Operations at the Library of Congress
4. John Van Oudenaren, Chief of the European Division at the Library of Congress
5. Latifa El Hadri, Chargée de Mission at R&D Maroc
6. Steve Griffin, Program Director in the Division of Information and Intelligent Systems at the National Science Foundation
7. Ken Hamma, Executive Director for Digital Policy at the J. Paul Getty Trust
8. Eric Howard, Executive Director at the Fulbright Academy
9. Maha Kaamel, Science Attache from the Egyptian Embassy
10. Ron Larsen, Dean of the School of Information at University of Pittsburgh
11. Osman Shinaishin, Senior Program Officer in the Office of International Science at the National Science Foundation
12. Joyce Ray, Assoc. Deputy Director for Library Services at the Institute of Museum & Library Services
13. Robert Senseney, Senior Advisor, Office of Science & Technology Cooperation, US Department of State
14. Khalid R. Temsamani, National Coordinator Materials Science; Ministère de l'Education Nationale, de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Formation des Cadres et de la Recherche Scientifique, Rabat, Morocco
15. Alastair Cook, Target Accounts Sales Manager at Thomson Scientific (via Phone)

Other possible attendees:

- Mary Ellen Lane, Executive Director of the Coalition of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)

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Agenda:

- 9:00 – 9:30 Welcome & Introductions (Griffin)
- 9:30 – 10:00 Background: Overview of the Alexandria, Egypt Workshop (Larsen & Joyce)
- 10:00 – 11:00 Plans for Morocco Workshop – differences & similarities
- 11:00 – 11:30 Budget Status – financial sponsors & in-kind supporters (Temsamani & Howard)
- 11:30 – noon Participant List (El Hadri & Howard)
- Noon – 12:30 Next Steps – expand participant list, identify other funding sources, establish planning committee
- 12:30 – 1:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 – 2:30 Planning Committee Meeting
- Revise timeline
 - More detailed review of budget
 - More detailed review of participants list
- 2:30 – 3:00 Meeting closure – summarize next steps and confirm leads for these steps

DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING:

Implementing a Maghreb Digital Library for Education, Science & Culture

(Location: Rabat Morocco - January 25-28, 2007)

Draft Agenda

Day One - THURSDAY, January 25, 2007

13:00 – 16:30	Tours
17:00 – 17:30	Registration
17:30 – 18:00	Presentation
19:00 – 21:30	Gala Dinner

Day Two - FRIDAY, January 26, 2007

8:30 – 9:30	Registration and Coffee
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Session:
10:00 – 10:50	Which is the Key Word: Digital, Library or Maghreb?
10:50 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:45	Plenary Session: Open to Public
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 – 14:30	The Digital Library for the Maghreb – Contents and Users
14:30 – 15:30	UNESCO and Digital Libraries - Towards a World Digital Library
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:15	Small Group Discussions of Vision, Key Aspects of a Mission Statement
17:15 – 18:00	Reports back to main group
18:00 – 18:30	Adjourn until reception
18:30 – 20:00	Reception
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner

Day Three - SATURDAY, January 27, 2007

8:30 – 9:00		Coffee			
9:00 – 10:00		The Digital Library for the Maghreb - Technical Architecture & Policy Issues			
10:00 – 10:30		Discussion			
10:30 – 11:00		Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:00		Small Group Discussions Work Product: Key issues or goals			
		Building a Shared Vision, Policies and Promoting Participation	Content, Collections and Users	Telecomm & Network Infrastructure	Interoperability and Digital Library Standards
12:00 – 13:00		Reports Back and Feedback from Full Group			
13:00 – 14:00		Lunch Break			
14:00 – 15:30		Small Group Discussions Continue Work Product: A set of action items			
		Building a Shared Vision, Policies and Promoting Participation	Content, Collections and Users	Telecomm & Network Infrastructure	Interoperability and Digital Library Standards
15:30 – 16:00		Reports back to main group			
16:00 – 17:00		Refinement of Mission Statement and Key Issues or Goals			
17:00 – 17:30		Wrap-up and Next Steps			
17:30 – 18:00		Meeting Adjourned			
17:30 – 18:00		Dinner			

Day Four- SUNDAY, January 28, 2007

9:00 – 17:00		Optional Tours
17:00		Program complete



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**Direction de la Technologie
DDT/KRT**

**Workshop – Digital Library for the Maghreb
Rabat-Morocco
25-27 January 2007**

- **Venue/Accommodation:** Hôtel Sofitel Diwan (Place de l'Unité Africaine 10005 RABAT – MOROCCO. Tel : (+212)37/262727 ; Fax : (+212)37/262828 ; E-mail : H2820@accor.com).
http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/fr/sof/2820/fiche_hotel.shtml
- 30 single rooms have been already booked for workshop attendees for the nights of January **25, 26 and 27**. Double rooms are available too but need to be ordered. Those who plan to stay more than 3 nights must contact directly the Hotel.
- Special Workshop prices: Single room B&B: 990 DH (equivalent to \$100)
Double room B&B: 1200 DH (equivalent to \$120)
Taxes /day/person: 12 DH (equivalent to \$12)
- **Meals:** will be served at the Sofitel Diwan Hotel. A package has been agreed with Hotel on a daily basis as follow: 320 DH/participant/day including 2 coffee breaks + a buffet lunch.
- **Opening ceremony:** will take place at the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research conference room.
- **Small working groups:** Ministry of Higher Education Headquarters (2 rooms will be available – 10 minute walk each way); Direction of Technology (1 room available – 5 minute walk each way) and Sofitel Diwan Hotel (1 room)
- **Coffee break:** (2/day) will be offered at each meeting room place
- **Transportation:** Arrangements will be made with a private company. In addition, a mini bus will be made available by the Ministry (in-kind donation).
- **Gala Dinner:** Still not confirmed

Proposed Planning Schedule

- October 19 – Planning meeting for the US delegation, Washington, DC
- October 19 – Finalize system for reimbursing meeting participants
- October 22 – Finalize arrangements with hotel (and ministry if meetings will be held there)
- October 22 – Finalize arrangements with simultaneous translation service
- October 24 – Send invitations to invited participants
- October – Confirm receipt of MEPI funds
- October – Solicit additional in-kind contributions from entities in North Africa.
- October – Complete transfers of funds from UNESCO, NSF, Thomson Scientific & others

- November 1 – Begin posting papers & reports on the English & French websites
- November 7 – Second round - send additional invitations – to fill spots where invited participants have declined.
- November 15 – Final response date for first round of invited participants.
- November 21 – Final response date for second round of invited participants.
- November – Complete arrangements with Hotel for food.

- December 1 – Continue posting relevant papers & reports on English & French websites
- December 10 – Confirm travel arrangements for the participants – hotel, travel, visa, etc.
- December – Complete arrangements for agencies, corporations and ministries that wish to set up a display at the meeting venue.

- January 25 – Workshop begins

**PROPOSAL TO THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
International Planning Visit/Workshop Award Proposal.
NSF (04-035) – Proposal OISE-0634655**

**International Workshop on Digital Information/Communication -
Implementing a Maghreb Digital Library for Education, Science & Culture**

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Access to digital information in developing countries is a critical issue of international concern. Nearly 20,000 attended the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunisia last fall. This Tunis meeting significantly enhanced the interest of entities in Northern Africa with respect to the digital world. One particular area of interest is digital libraries – the creation of a networked digital library covering the cultural heritage of the Maghreb region.

The workshop will be hosted by the Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Scientific Research and held in Rabat, the capitol of Morocco. Ministry and other representatives from Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, and Tunisia have confirmed their interest in attending. UNESCO and Egypt are also expected to send representatives. NSF will directly fund 12 US specialists, cover a portion of the in-country meeting costs for participants from developing countries, and facilitate the dissemination of the results via the internet.

The four day program January 25-28, 2007 will include presentations, panel discussions and tours. US researchers and students will be involved in the process. Their role will be to review the background papers from Alexandria and prepare additional ones to fill critical gaps in our knowledge as it relates to the Maghreb region. A planning meeting will be held in October 2006 (most likely during the National Science Digital Library Annual Meeting in Washington, DC).

Intellectual Merits:

A primary goal of the Rabat workshop is to develop a vision and mission statement for a digital initiative covering the Maghreb region. The meeting will bring together key constituents so that this vision can be realized - content development, management structures, networked infrastructure, research and educational applications, and training for digital managers and users. The findings will be incorporated in a report and plan of action that can inform government agencies, libraries, universities, research institutes and grant-making entities.

The workshop will include researchers, specialists, and administrators working in the following technical fields: library sciences, information technology, museum studies, and education. We also will invite specialized experts on topics such as databases for scientific information, broadband & telecommunications infrastructure, digital library standards, and metadata. Expertise is also needed on tools for the creation, delivery and scholarly use of digital library content. Because the workshop is focusing on a particular geographic region and culture, there is also the need for individuals with expertise on the Maghreb region.

Broader Impacts:

The workshop will have long-term broader impacts, not only for the region but also for the United States. The meeting will support interactions between US experts and specialists in a region where we do not have strong ties (e.g. the US re-established diplomatic ties with Libya on 15 May 2006). Therefore, we expect that the workshop will include a discussion of how digital libraries can advance knowledge and foster international cooperation in the spirit of the Fulbright Exchange Program. Once implemented, this resource will facilitate international access to cultural heritage resources held by US institutions and vice versa. It also could serve as a security and preservation repository in the case of the loss of materials due to fire, theft, or natural degradation.

The workshop will also have impacts on the US scientific community resulting from the interaction of US experts with international scientists. Our goal is to have approximately 70 workshop participants, of whom 18-20 will be Americans (12 will be fully supported by NSF, the others include government employees and self-funded participants). Confirmed participants come from UNESCO, government ministries, research & development agencies, telecommunications firms, university libraries, information service providers, and museums and other non-profit organizations.

Demographics:

In terms of American participants, we expect to have eight senior scientists, four junior scientists, two graduate students, and four professionals who are not PhD scientists. None of the attendees will be undergraduate students. Of the eighteen American participants, we expect that one-third (six) will be women. The group will also include several minority participants.