

# PAC Centre Annual Report 2019-2020

## PAC Centre (hosting institution, country and contact information)

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## International Cooperation (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

- The IFLA World Library and Information Congress 85<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 24-30 August 2019, Athens, Greece

The Center's Specialists participated in the 85th World Library and Information Congress. Took part in the meetings of the Preservation and Conservation Section, the business meeting of the participants of the Strategic Programme on Preservation and Conservation (PAC).

- Interdisciplinary scientific and practical conference «Rare books in terms of preservation», Library for Foreign Literature, 15 – 17 October 2019, Moscow, Russia.

The main topics of the conference included the study of rare book collections of Russia and Austria, problems of preservation and conservation of rare books and sheet music, documents, photographs, in addition to other library materials. More than 100 specialists from Russia, Austria, Switzerland and Qatar, attended the conference. The conference was also webcasted online; the webcast received more than 220,000 views, giving this conference a wide exposure worldwide.

- During the business meeting within the framework of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2018, an agreement was reached on the professional exchange between specialists from the IFLA PAC Centres: For Arabic Countries and Middle East, located in Qatar National Library (Doha, Qatar) and for the CIS and Eastern Europe, located in the Library for Foreign Literature (Moscow, Russia).

The second visit took place in October 2019. Fareed AlShishani, the Conservation technologist at the Qatar National Library, with a presentation of an insightful paper on the Qatar National Library's experience in risk management. In his presentation Fareed described the different types of disasters and their risks, how to prepare for them, and minimize the damage before, during, and after the disaster. The presentation also introduced the different types of damage on library collections, resulting from various disaster hazards, and the measures to prevent such damage, with the aim to preserve the library resources and the authenticity of library materials.

- The specialist from the PAC Center participated in the IFLA PAC and IFLA Preservation and Conservation Sections meetings through the Zoom platform.

Among the topics discussed were: the current work of the Centers, planning, strengthening of cooperation, representation of the Centers on the world stage, FAQ Document, response on the COVID-19 and the IFLA WLIC.

**Local Cooperation** (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

**Workshops/trainings/events** (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in? both on international and national level)

**Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Initiatives (i.e. the Risk Register/FAQ )**

FAQ Document

**Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network** (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)

We would like to arrange a meeting of the PAC Centres directors in M.I.Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature (Moscow, Russia). We planned to offer such a meeting in 2020, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is now impossible to hold such a meeting. We hope that in 2021 it will be possible to hold a meeting of the directors of PAC Centers in Russia.

**New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community**

**Any other comments**

Add additional resources and pictures at the end of the document.

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Fareed AlShishani, the Conservation technologist at the Qatar National Library

