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# Editorial

Dear readers,

We are pleased to publish the results of IRCICA's 12<sup>th</sup> International Calligraphy Competition, which were announced to the press and public at a ceremony held at IRCICA's headquarters on 21 May 2022. As you know, the first Newsletter issue of the year regularly covers up to the end of April, but the present issue appears later so as to include the results of the competition. A total of 697 works by 535 calligraphers from 31 countries were received for the competition out of which 61 works by 49 artists from 10 countries won awards - the first three prizes and three mentions in each of the ten different categories of writing styles. On conclusion of the competition, the Jury members observed that interest in Islamic calligraphy continued to grow world-wide and the artistic quality of the winning entries in all the writing styles was commendable. In many cases the entries were so closely competitive that the Jury had a hard time in selecting the winners and was extremely meticulous up to the minute detail. Judging by the numbers and profiles of the participants in each category as compared to those of earlier competitions, the contribution of this competition program to promoting interest in this art and enhancing the levels of performance was visible. I congratulate the winners and encourage the participants who could not be rewarded this time to participate in forthcoming competitions. The award-winning works of the competition will be given public view with exhibitions to be held on different occasions. On the day of the announcement of the competition results, we also had the pleasure of presenting *Ijazas* (licenses) to a group of calligraphers having completed the training courses coordinated by IRCICA. Along with these developments, other activities related to Islamic arts continued during the year. Following the calligraphy exhibition and practical workshop held at the World Expo Dubai at the end of December 2021, our Centre took part in the "Sarir e Khama" Second International Conference on Islamic Calligraphy in Lahore, Pakistan, in March 2022.

In other areas of activities, the many and varied projects relating to research on the history of the Muslim world, the preservation of cultural and architectural heritage, the library and archives, continue. The work programs of the Centre proposed

for 2022 and 2023 were adopted by the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States which was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 23 March 2022. Within the framework of its resolutions on the activities of OIC's subsidiary organs, the Council took note of the progress achieved by IRCICA in the context of its various programs and projects. It expressed its encouragement of the activities planned for the near future which include conferences on the history and cultural heritage of the Muslim world to be coordinated with the governments and cultural institutions of the Member States. The Council praised the geographical diversity of the planned thematic focuses, which cover Africa, Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Meanwhile, we announced a call for articles for publication in the next issue of the *IRCICA Journal* - Issue 19 which will be devoted to the theme, "Muslim Thinkers in Africa: Their History and Intellectual Heritage". I would like to invite all scholars and researchers concerned to participate in this publication.

During the period under review, we continued to co-organize and/or attend conferences related to our fields of activities. The conferences were on the following themes: "The Maturidiyya Teaching and the Present", organized in cooperation with the Imam Maturidi International Scientific Research Center, Uzbekistan; «The Contribution of Oriental Scientists to Islamic Civilization», co-organized with the Committee on Religious Affairs of Uzbekistan, the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan, and the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan; "*Sunan at-Tirmizi* Translation and Commentary in Uzbek Language", organized jointly with Imam Tirmizi International Research Center, Uzbekistan; "The Role of Religious Leaders in Achieving Sustainable Development of the World" coordinated by the Nur-Sultan Nazarbayev Center for Development of Inter-Faith and Inter-Civilizational Dialogue, Kazakhstan. This issue contains outlines of their proceedings.

Through these academic and practical platforms - conferences, workshops, art competitions and collective publications, we intend to enhance the interactive side of our activities and share information with wider audiences around the world. With best wishes.

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol KILIÇ  
Director General, IRCICA

# The 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States (Session on “Partnering for Unity, Justice and Development”) held in Islamabad

Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 22-23 March 2022

The 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 22-23 March 2022. The theme adopted for the 48<sup>th</sup> session was “Partnering for Unity, Justice and Development”. The meeting coincided with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Pakistan’s Independence; the delegations attending the conference were Guests of Honor at the Pakistan Day Parade performed on the occasion.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan H.E. Mr. Imran Khan gave the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session held on 22 March 2022. The Foreign Minister of Pakistan H.E. Mr. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi chaired the working sessions of the conference. H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC, addressed the Inaugural Session, where he reviewed the activities and programs of the General Secretariat, outlined the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolutions of earlier ministerial conferences, and appraised the status of the plans of action adopted in different fields. The conference adopted resolutions on more than one hundred issues included in its

agenda addressing political, economic, cultural, social, humanitarian, scientific and technological subjects. Some priority questions were “The Cause of Palestine, the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict”, “Muslim Communities and Minorities in Non-OIC Member States”, “Humanitarian Affairs”, “Higher Education, Science and Technology and Innovation, Health and Environment Sectors”, “The OIC-2025 Programme of Action”, “Information Technologies”. Progress reports were submitted by the different committees, including: the OIC’s Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir, the Contact Group on Accountability for Human Rights Violations Against the Rohingya, the Contact Group on Muslims in Europe. A brainstorming session was held on the sidelines of the conference, under the title: “Muslim World’s Role in Promoting Peace, Justice and Harmony”. The conference took resolutions on the ongoing cooperation with international



partners, including the United Nations agencies and the European Union. In each field of the OIC’s activities, the conference reviewed and adopted the reports for the previous year and the work programs proposed for the coming years presented by the OIC’s subsidiary organs including IRCICA, as well as the affiliated and specialized institutions, and the Islamic Universities of Bangladesh, Uganda, Niger and Malaysia. In its Resolution on IRCICA adopted within the framework of “Cultural, Social and Family Affairs”, the conference took note and expressed its appreciation of the Centre’s activities relating to research on the history of Islamic civilization, preservation of cultural heritage in the OIC



member countries, promotion of Islamic arts. It praised the Center's fruitful cooperation with cultural institutions in various countries and international organizations. (<https://www.oic-oci.org/docdown/?docID=8672&refID=4261>)

The Council of Foreign Ministers adopted the Islamabad Declaration, whereby the Foreign Ministers "commended the efforts of the OIC over the past 50 years to preserve and protect the interests of the Member States, defend their just causes, coordinate and fortify efforts to address the challenges facing the Muslim world in particular, and the international community in general". The Declaration touched on political, economic and cultural issues. On the subject of "Islamophobia", the Council "called upon the international community to prevent incitement to hatred and discrimination against Muslims and take effective measures to combat defamation

of religions and acts of negative stereotyping and stigmatization of people based on religion, belief or ethnicity". The Council welcomed the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution proclaiming 15 March as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia and also welcomed the decision by the OIC to appoint a Special Envoy of the Secretary General of OIC on Islamophobia to lead a collective effort and institutional engagement with the international community on this issue. The Ministers requested the OIC Secretary General and the Chair of the Council of Foreign Ministers to "engage the managements of social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram in order for them to take institutional and technical measures to filter and remove any content that incites violence and hatred against persons and communities based on their

religion, belief or ethnicity". The Declaration also touched upon questions relating to science and technology, to "acknowledge the growing role of innovation and emerging technologies in stimulating growth and digital transformation" and "express their shared resolve to promote linkages and partnerships" while they also "recognize the importance of people-to-people connectivity among the Member States and express their shared desire to further deepen pathways for tourism, academic and research linkages and mass communication exchanges" (<https://www.oic-oci.org/docdown/?docID=8656&refID=4261>). The 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers to be held in 2023 will be hosted by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the 50<sup>th</sup> Session, in 2024, by the Republic of Cameroon and the 51<sup>st</sup> Session, in 2025, by the Republic of Turkey. 🇺🇸



## IRCICA Director General addressed the Meeting of the Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC, New York)

Online, 8 February 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) was held at ambassadorial level, online and in person in New York, on 8 February 2022. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, delivered an address at the meeting, which was attended by the majority of the Group of Friends' members - 128 states and 28 international organizations, including the OIC and IRCICA.

The Group of Friends meeting was opened with welcoming remarks and chaired by H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for UNAOC. The opening segment of the meeting also heard the pre-recorded addresses of H.E. Mr. José Manuel Albares Bueno, Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain and H.E.

Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, representing the two co-sponsors of the Alliance of Civilizations (unaoc.org). The meeting proceeded with the presentation of a report on progress made during 2021 in the implementation of the Action Plan of the UNAOC covering the 2019-2023 period and initiatives envisaged for 2022. The representatives of states and organizations took the floor to express their support and underline the shared priorities of strengthening inter-faith and inter-cultural understanding, inclusiveness and multicultural diversity, combatting extremism and intolerance, respecting the freedom of belief and safeguarding religious sites and worshippers around the world. It was pointed out by many delegates that these objectives acquire pressing

importance during times of crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his address, the Director General of IRCICA Ambassador Prof. Kılıç said that IRCICA has been a member of the Group of Friends of the UNAOC since 2010 and the two organizations have cooperated fruitfully towards the common objective of promoting cultural diversity and intercultural harmony among peoples of the world. The Director General described the main axes of this cooperation, giving examples of key themes that were highlighted and promoted through the thematic sessions co-organized by the UNAOC and IRCICA during the Global Forums of the UNAOC through 2009-2016. He said that these sessions had introduced innovative, pertinent themes to the context of the Alliance, such as: "the role of history teaching as

a tool for promoting intercultural understanding”; “images of other cultures in textbooks”; “promoting multiculturalism for preventing violent extremism”. Prof. Kılıç also briefed the meeting on activities that are currently conducted by IRCICA within the framework of the OIC’s 2025 Action Plan and which serve universal goals and priorities in the field of international cultural relations.

It is noteworthy that the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States which was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 22-23 March 2022 adopted a resolution on the “Alliance of Civilizations” in which, referring to the OIC-2025 Programme of Action, particularly the Goal 2.3 that focuses on “Moderation, Inter-Cultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony”, reemphasized its premise that

inter-civilization dialogue based on mutual respect and understanding and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful coexistence. In this respect, the Council of Foreign Ministers acknowledged the important role played by the UNAOC towards these objectives and invited the Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the UNAOC. 🇹🇷



## “Human Rights Violations Faced by Muslims”: seminar organized by the Government of Turkey and the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission

Istanbul, 16-17 February 2022

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) and the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), an expert body of the OIC with advisory capacity, held an international seminar on “Human Rights Violations Faced by Muslims”, on 16-17 February 2022 in Istanbul. The Secretary General of the OIC was represented by the Assistant Secretary General for Palestine and Al-Quds, Ambassador Samir Bakr Diab. The seminar was attended by representatives from the OIC Member States, international organizations, human rights institutions, NGOs, experts and academicians. The participants discussed the human rights situation in Europe, Asia and Palestine and the conditions of Muslim communities in various regions of the world ([https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_the\\_international\\_seminar\\_on\\_human\\_rights\\_violations-68340](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_the_international_seminar_on_human_rights_violations-68340)).

The pre-recorded addresses of the Speaker of the Turkish Parliament Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, were presented. The inaugural session was also addressed by the Deputy Minister of Justice of Turkey Mr. Yakup Moğul, the Assistant Secretary General of the OIC Ambassador Samir Bakr Diab, the OIC-IPHRC Chairperson Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine Ambassador Ammar Hijazi. IRCICA was represented at the seminar by Prof. Dr. Sadık Ünay, Consultant to the Director General.

The participating experts analyzed the root causes of discriminatory behavior and policies against Muslim communities and

minorities in various regional contexts. They dwelt on the ongoing acts of Islamophobia in different parts of the world, and recommended best practices to improve legal, political and socio-cultural strategies. The seminar called upon all OIC countries to maintain a unified position at all regional and international forums to defend Muslim causes, protect and promote the rights of Muslim minorities and communities at the legal, political, and socio-cultural levels. It urged the Muslim communities and minorities to exhaust all available domestic remedies, including respective national courts, for redressal of grievances and sensitize media for raising awareness. It also underlined the international community’s responsibility to control stereotyping and populist propaganda against Muslims in accordance with international human rights law. 🇹🇷

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## Conference on “Ḥājī Khalīfa/Kātip Çelebi and his book *Kashf Al-Zunūn ‘An Asāmī Al-Kutub Wa Al-Funūn’* organized by Al-Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation, London and IRCICA

IRCICA, Istanbul, 25 March 2022

A conference on “Ḥājī Khalīfa / Kātip Çelebi and his Encyclopedic Work *Kashf Al-Zunūn*: Observations, Method of Analysis” was organized jointly by IRCICA and Al-Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation (London), at IRCICA, Istanbul, on 25 March 2022. The conference marked the launching of a recent publication by Al-Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation: the critical edition of Kātip Çelebi’s *Kashf Al-Zunūn* prepared by Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu (Turkey) and Prof. Dr. Bashar Awad Marouf (Iraq). The work was published in 2021, in 10 volumes.

In his opening address, Director General of IRCICA, Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç outlined IRCICA’s research and publications in the field of the history of science and culture. He underlined the importance of studying and publishing the works of leading scholars and scientists such as Kātip Çelebi and announced IRCICA’s project to publish the critical edition of another voluminous work by Kātip Çelebi, the *Fadhlakat al-Tawārīkh* (Compendium of history) being prepared for publication in 5 volumes. The Director General congratulated Al-Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation for the



publication of the study and critical edition of *Kashf Al-Zunūn* and many other important works.

Two keynote lectures were delivered during the conference, by Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu on “Kātip Çelebi/Ḥājī Khalīfa: The Last of the Great Encyclopedists” and Prof. Dr. Bashar Awad Marouf about “Observations on *Kashf Al-Zunūn* and Method of Analysis”.

Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu, in his lecture, spoke of Kātip Çelebi’s fields of scholarly inquiry, intellectual characteristics, methods of data collection, analysis and presentation. Prof. İhsanoğlu amply described each of

Kātip Çelebi’s major works. As to Prof. Dr. Bashar Awad Marouf, he explained the methodology that was adopted by the two editors in preparing the critical edition, the difficulties they encountered, the criteria and solutions they applied. A question-and-answer discussion followed the lectures.

The conference, attended by scholars, cultural and media circles from London and Istanbul, concluded with the address of Mr. Salih Shahsuvari, Executive Director of Al-Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation. Mr. Shahsuvari expressed his pleasure that the long-standing cooperation that was established between Al-Furqan Foundation and IRCICA back in the 1990s was revived on this occasion. He recalled that the cooperation had involved the organization of training programs on the restoration and conservation of historical manuscripts, which were attended by specialists from African and Central Asian countries.

Muṣṭafā b. ‘Abd Allāh al-Qaṣṭānīnī al-‘Uthmānī, renowned as Kātip Çelebi and as Ḥājī Khalīfa, had an important place in 17<sup>th</sup> century Ottoman scholarly and intellectual life. His alphabetic



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bibliographic work *Kashf Al-Zunūn* is an encyclopedia of the sciences. It won recognition in both the Islamic and the Western worlds as an exemplary work in its genre. Kātip Çelebi's most well-known works other than the above include: *Cihannūma*, a systematic geographical book, which was translated into European languages and studied, and *Sūlemū'l-Vusul ilā Tabakāti'l-Fuhūl* which records renowned personalities – statesmen and intellectuals from pre-Islamic and Islamic times, their genealogies, lives and works (for an entire list of works authored by Kātip Çelebi: [http://aregem.ktb.gov.tr/TR-](http://aregem.ktb.gov.tr/TR-12569/katip-celebinin-bilinen-tum-eserleri.html)

12569/katip-celebinin-bilinen-tum-eserleri.html). A critical edition of *Sūlemū'l-Vusul* prepared

by E. İhsanoğlu was published by IRCICA in 2010. 🇹🇷



## Second International Online Scientific-Practical Symposium on “The Maturidiyya Teaching and the Present”

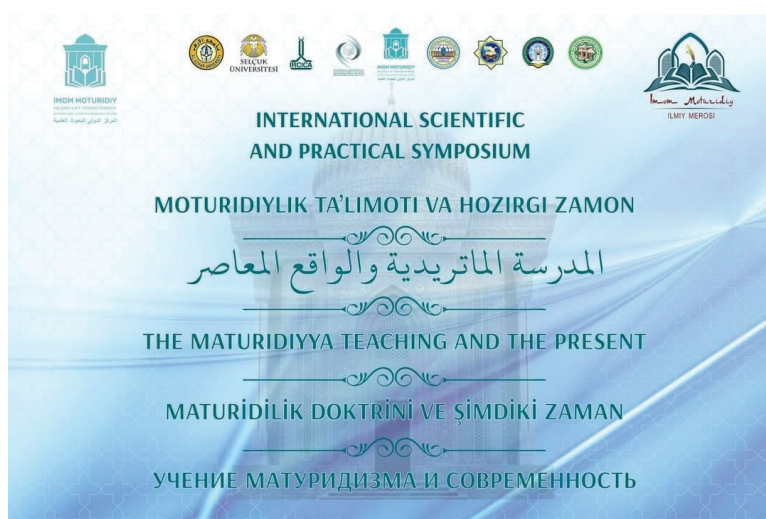
organized by the Imam Maturidi International Scientific-Research Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and IRCICA

Tashkent, 26 May 2022

The Second International Online Scientific-Practical Symposium on “The Maturidiyya Teaching and the Present” was organized by the Imam Maturidi International Scientific-Research Center under the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, in cooperation with IRCICA, on 26 May 2022. The first symposium was conducted by the two institutions one year before.

The opening ceremony of the symposium was moderated by Prof. Dr. Zohidjon Islamov, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation of the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan. The Introductory Speech was given by Dr. Muzaffar Kamilov, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Rector of the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan. Congratulatory speeches at the opening were by: Dr. Salim al-Malik Director General of ISESCO (Rabat); Mr. Sodiq Toshboev, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, IRCICA; Grand Mufti Nuriddin Khaliqzazarov, Chairman of the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan; Prof. Dr. Recep Tuzcu, Director of the Imam Maturidi Research Center at Seljuk University (Konya).

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, alluded, in his address, to the hundreds of Islamic religious



scholars and natural scientists of Uzbekistan and Central Asia who earned distinguished places not only in the Islamic world but in global civilization. Prof. Kılıç outlined IRCICA’s research projects aiming to highlight the works of the prominent Islamic scholars and scientists having lived in different regions of the Muslim world. The Director General said that one of the main subjects of study is the vast spiritual and scientific heritage of Abu Mansur al-Maturidi and underlined the importance of the studies conducted by the Imam Maturidi International Scientific Research Center, Tashkent, as well as various institutes affiliated to universities in the OIC Member States.

The themes of the working sessions were:

1. Imam Maturidi and the Teachings of Maturidiyya: Representatives of the

Maturidiyya School and Their Works

2. Modern Research on the Teachings of Maturidiyya
3. The Importance of Moderate Islamic Teachings in the Process of Globalization: Modern Islamic Research.

Scholars and researchers from institutes and universities in Bulgaria, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, and Turkey delivered papers. Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov (Kazakhstan), Advisor to the Director General of IRCICA, moderated the second session together with Dr. Shovosil Ziyodov (Director, Imam Bukhari International Scientific Research Center, Samarkand). During the same session, Prof. Muminov presented his research paper titled “The Spread of Maturidiyya in Khorezm During the Golden Horde”.📖

## International Conference on “The Contribution of Oriental Scientists to Islamic Civilization”

organized by the Committee on Religious Affairs of Uzbekistan, the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan, and the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan

Tashkent, 19 May 2022

An International Online Scientific and Practical Conference on the theme «The Contribution of Oriental Scientists to Islamic Civilization» was organized by: the Committee on Religious Affairs of Uzbekistan; the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan; the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan; Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies; Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; Imam Maturidi International Scientific Research Center; Imam Bukhari International Scientific Research Center; Imam Tirmizi International Scientific-Research Centre; the Institute of Islam Hadhari, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), and IRCICA. The conference was coordinated from Tashkent on 19 May 2022. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, was invited to deliver an address at the conference.

The conference brought together researchers and scientists from around the world who are engaged in the study of Islamic sciences in the heritage of Oriental scholars. It focused on topics such as the development of natural and exact sciences in Mawarannahr, the influence of Muslim scholars on the development of world science, the coverage of the issue of intercultural tolerance in the

works of Muslim philosophers, among others.

Speaking at the plenary opening session, Dr. Muzaffar Kamilov, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Rector of the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, underlined that the scientific activities carried out by Eastern people and specifically in Central Asia during the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> centuries and the institutions such as the Bayt al-Hikma in Baghdad are recognized all over the world and their discoveries are still embodied in European sciences. He evoked the major figures having made discoveries in each field of science. The plenary also heard the addresses of Grand Mufti Nuriddin Kholiqnazarov, Chairman of the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan; Grand Mufti Dr. Nauryzbai Qazhy Taghanuly, Chairman of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Kazakhstan; Grand Mufti Zamir Qary Rakiev, Chairman of the Muslim Board of Kyrgyzstan; Dr. Salim al-Malik,



Director General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO). In his scholarly address in the same session, the Director General of IRCICA, Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç highlighted the central role played by scientists and philosophers of the Golden Age in the history of world civilization with the transmission of their works into Europe and also other cultures and civilizations around the world starting from medieval times, and also, in recent centuries, by their teachings and heritage forming common grounds for rapprochement among the Muslim peoples and communities around the concept of Islamic cultural solidarity.

Participants from universities in Egypt, Germany, Iran, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan presented research papers during the conference, which was organized in four parallel sessions:

First session: The Study of Islamic Sciences in the Heritage of Eastern Scholars

Second session: Development of Natural and Formal Sciences in Mawaraunnahr

Third session: The Influence of Muslim Scholars on the Development of World Science

Fourth session: The Contribution of Muslim Scholars to World Civilization.

At the second session, moderated by Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Advisor to the Director General of IRCICA, and Dr. Saidmukhtor Akilov, Associate Professor at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, a comprehensive presentation was made by Prof. Muminov together with Mr. Veysel Bulut, Researcher, IRCICA, on the project they are conducting jointly at IRCICA to compile a comprehensive bibliography of the copies of the works of Ibn Sina preserved in the manuscript libraries of Turkey. Prof. Muminov spoke of the theoretical aspects – background, objectives, necessity,

and scientific importance of the project, taking into consideration the knowledge and records available previously. Mr. Bulut described the methods followed and technical aspects of the compilation of information about each handwritten copy of *Kitab al-Shifa'* and *al-Qanun fi'l-Tibb* found in the libraries. He gave figures relating to the copies assessed, which had added to the numbers previously known through the earlier bibliographies. 🟩



## Conference on “*Sunan at-Tirmizi* Translation and Commentary in Uzbek Language” organized by Imam Tirmizi International Research Center, Uzbekistan, and IRCICA

Tirmiz, 29 March 2022

A conference organized by Imam Tirmizi International Scientific-Research Center (Tirmiz, Uzbekistan) and hosted in partnership with IRCICA featured the launch of an Uzbek academic translation and commentaries of the first three volumes of a ten-volume copy of *Sunan at-Tirmizi* and a set of pamphlets titled *The Great Tirmizi Scholars* published by Imam Tirmizi International Center. The conference was held on 29 March 2022 online (and in presence at Imam Tirmizi Center). Scholars and specialists from Uzbekistan and Turkey presented papers.

*Sunan at-Tirmizi* or *Jāmi' at-Tirmizi* (with its most widely used names)

is one of the *Kutub as-Sittah*, the six major collections of authentic (“*sahih*”) Hadith – Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>. Imam Tirmizi International Research Center undertook a long-term project to prepare and publish a translation and commentary of this work in the Uzbek language, based on the Hanafi School and the Maturidi doctrine. The first three volumes resulting from this project were introduced during the conference, together with a set of pamphlets about the great Tirmizi scholars published by the same Center.

The conference was opened with the addresses of Dr. Shukurillo Umarov, Director of Imam Tirmizi

International Scientific-Research Center, and Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov (IRCICA) representing the Director General of IRCICA Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç.

In his address at the opening, Dr. Homidjon Ishmatbekov, First Deputy Chairman of the Muslims’ Board of Uzbekistan, underlined the vital importance of studying and promoting the teaching of the works of the great Hadith scholars; he expressed his gratitude to the conference organizers and participants for the important service they were fulfilling in this respect.

The participants addressing the conference touched upon the

major works in Hadith sciences, the history of studies, translations and commentaries of the *Sunan*, and present-time scholarly research and education in this area. The speakers were: Dr. Shovosil Zoyodov, Director, Imam Bukhari International Scientific-Research Center, Samarkand, Uzbekistan; researchers at Imam Tirmizi International Scientific-Research Center, Tirmiz, Uzbekistan - Dr. Hamidullo Aminov, who described in detail the contents of the volumes and the methods adopted in its study and translation, Dr. Maqsudkhan Ismailov, and Dr. Jurabek Chutmatov; Dr. Ender Büyüközkara, Sakarya University, Sakarya, Turkey; Dr. Odil Hamidov, Researcher, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Istanbul, Turkey; Ali Askarkhan Kasimov, Researcher, Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Ankara.

Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov (IRCICA) gave concluding remarks, expressing congratulations to the

Imam Tirmizi Center for their important activities.

A documentary film introducing the Imam Tirmizi International Scientific-Research Center was shown. The Center consists of the departments of Hadithology, Source Studies, International Relations and the Development of Pilgrimage Tourism, in which 16 staff members are currently engaged in research work. To

date, the Center's staff translated and published more than 30 works by Tirmiz scholars. Over 100 articles written at the Center were published in local and international publications. The Center also makes efforts to identify and conduct research on the written heritage of Tirmiz preserved in collections of manuscripts around the world. 🌍



## International Online Conference on “The Role of Religious Leaders in Achieving Sustainable Development of the World”

organized by Nursultan Nazarbayev Center for Development of  
Inter-Faith and Inter-Civilizational Dialogue, Kazakhstan

Nur-Sultan, 18 May 2022

The Director General of IRCICA Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç was invited to address the International Online Conference on “The Role of Religious Leaders

in Achieving Sustainable Development of the World” which was organized online by the Nursultan Nazarbayev Center for Development of Inter-faith and Inter-Civilizational

Dialogue, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Religious and cultural authorities from different countries and organizations addressed the conference. It was opened and moderated by Ambassador

Bulat Sergazievich Sarsenbayev, Chairman of the Board of the Nursultan Nazarbayev Center. The opening address was delivered by the Vice Minister of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Serik Rakhmetollayevich Egizbayev, who underlined, in his speech, the increased new role religious authorities are expected to play in promoting mutual understanding between peoples to stabilize their relations. Addresses were given by: Dr. Nazir Ayad, Secretary General of Al-Azhar Islamic Research Academy; Monsignor Khaled Akashe, Head of the Bureau of Islamic Affairs of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican; Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, IRCICA; Dr. Majed Al-Turki, Director of the Russian-Arab Center for Research and Information, Riyadh; Dr. Zahra Rashid Beigi, Chair of the International Center for Interreligious Dialogue of the Organization for Culture and Islamic Relations, Iran; Dr. Rudraksha Sakrikar, Assoc. Prof. of Sanskrit at the Dharma Institute, Vidyavihar, India; Archbishop Yuri Novgorodov, Head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kazakhstan; Yeshaya Cohen, Chief Rabbi of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Archpriest Evgeny Korolkov, Kazakhstan; Nurlan Kayirbekov, Head of the Department of Religious Expertise of the Spiritual



Directorate of Muslims of Kazakhstan; Monsignor Dr. Peter Pytlovany, Press Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Kazakhstan and Central Asia (BCKCA); Toleu Temirlan, Leading Manager, Kazakhstan Institute of Social Development "Rukhani zhangyru", Kazakhstan.

In his address, IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç pointed out that the world's peoples have become increasingly interdependent for their survival and sustainability in the face of the multiple global problems faced in all spheres; in this situation, constructive management of inter-faith and intercultural relations can contribute invaluable towards reinforcing trust, harmony and cooperation between peoples of the world. Prof. Kılıç underlined the goals adopted by international organizations, including the UN and the OIC, to attain the conditions conducive

to sustainable development, among them the reinforcement of inter-faith and inter-civilizational dialogue; the Director General outlined IRCICA's international cooperation and cultural activities aiming to contribute to this dialogue.

The various speakers underlined the roles incumbent upon religious leaders in reinforcing inter-faith and inter-cultural tolerance and harmony which are necessary conditions for sustainable development in the world. They alluded to the salient aspects of the theme with references to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and made recommendations, which will be taken into consideration by the Nursultan Nazarbayev Center during the preparations for the Seventh Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions to be held on 14-15 September 2022 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. 🇰🇿



## Participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> International Forum on “The Algerian-Ottoman Common Heritage”

Algiers, 9-12 March 2022

At the invitation of the Directorate General of the Algerian National Archives attached to the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, the expert from IRCICA, Prof. Dr. Fadel Bayat, participated in the activities of the Fourth International Forum on «The Algerian-Ottoman Common Heritage in the Traces of Piri Reis: the History of Algeria in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century AD through the *Kitab-ı Bahriye* (The Book of Navigation)» which took place in Algiers, from 9 to 12 March 2022. The forum was organized by the Directorate General of the National Archives and the National Center for Manuscripts, in coordination with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and with the contributions of some Turkish institutions, among them: the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), the State Archives of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, the Atatürk High Authority for Culture, Language and History, and the Turkish Historical Society.

The forum was dedicated to Piri Reis [Ahmed Muhiddin Piri], Turkish admiral and cartographer who lived in Algeria in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. His work *Kitab-ı Bahriye* (The Book of Navigation) is an authentic reference on maritime navigation in the Mediterranean Sea at his time. It also represents an important part of the two countries' common memory. A documentary exhibition entitled “In the Traces of Piri Reis: The



L.-R.: THE MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, MR. BENZIANE; THE ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, DR. SIKHI; THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND ARTS, MRS. MOULOUDJI

History of Algeria in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century According to The Book of Navigation” accompanied the forum.

The opening ceremony was held in the presence of Mr. Abdelbaki Benziane, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Algeria representing the Prime Minister, and Mrs. Soraya Mouloudji, Minister of Culture and Arts of Algeria. The Turkish side was represented by Prof. Dr. Uğur Ünal, President of the State Archives of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey; Prof. Dr. Muhammet Hekimoğlu, President of the Atatürk High Authority for Culture, Language and History; and delegates from partner institutions. The opening ceremony also heard the speeches of Dr. Abdelmadjid Shikhi, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Algeria in charge of the National Archives and Memory, and Mrs. Mahinur Özdemir Göktaş,

Ambassador of Turkey in Algiers.

It was pointed out that the forum, which coincided with the sixtieth anniversary of bilateral relations between Algeria and Turkey, was throwing light on realities rooted in their common historical memory.

More than 20 researchers from Algeria and Turkey presented research papers relating to the following three main themes: “Analysis and evaluation of *Kitab-ı Bahriye* (The Book of Navigation) with regard to the description and the history of Algeria in the 16<sup>th</sup> century”; “Characteristics of the contents of the first and the second copies of *Kitab-ı Bahriye* (The Book of Navigation)”; “Algerian-Ottoman relations in the 16<sup>th</sup> century”.

Dr. Fadel Bayat presented the Advisor to the President of the Republic of Algeria with the last three volumes resulting from

IRCICA's research project and book series entitled "The Arab Counties in Ottoman Documents" which deal with the history of Algeria and the Ottoman provinces of North

Africa in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

On the sidelines of the conference, Dr. Fadel Bayat (IRCICA) and the Algerian academician Dr. Mohamed Darrag were hosted

in a program on the Algerian TV where they spoke on the conference theme in general, and the discussions held during the working sessions in particular. 🗣️

## Academic cooperation with Aktobe Regional University named after Qudaybergen Zhubanov, Kazakhstan

Professor Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Doctor of historical sciences, Advisor to the Director General of IRCICA, was invited by the Aktobe Regional University named after Qudaybergen Zhubanov, Kazakhstan to teach a special course on "Kazakh Culture and Islamic Values" in the context of the history of Islam and international relations. The lectures were held online on weekly basis throughout January-May 2022.

As defined in its synopsis, the course introduced the origins of the ethical concepts of Islam in Kazakh culture at the intersection of philosophical, historical, cultural and religious sciences, in a broad interdisciplinary framework.

The topics of the lectures given by Professor Ashirbek Muminov were:

Course Title: "Kazakh Culture and Islamic Values"

1. Introduction to the course "Kazakh Culture and Islamic Values"
2. Stages and Directions of the Spread of Islamic Civilization in Kazakhstan
3. Islamic Philosophy (Abu Nasr al-Farabi, Ibn Sina)
4. Islamic Turkic Literature in the Qarakhanids Khanate (Yusuf Balasaguni, Ahmet Yugneki, Mahmut Kashgari)
5. The Holy Qur'an and Qur'anic Sciences (Mushafs, Translations into Turkic, Qisas al-Anbiya' by Nasir al-Din al-Rabguzi)

6. Islamic Culture in the Golden Horde and the Kazakh Khanate
7. Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh)
8. Islamic Theology (Kalam)
9. Sufism (Kubraviya, Yasaviya, Naqshbandiya)
10. Changes in Culture in the Imperial Period. Madrasah system
11. Ethical Teachings (morality). Works by Abay Qunanbayev
12. Architectural and Epigraphic Exhibits in Kazakhstan
13. Reform Actions
14. Kazakh Literature in Reformed Arabic Script
15. Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Kazakhstan and Traditional Islamic Culture. 🗣️



## Participation in the International Conference on “Ahmed Yesevî and His Teachings”

Istanbul, 21-22 May 2022

An international conference on “Ahmed Yesevî and His Teachings” was hosted by the Municipality of Maltepe, Istanbul, on 21-22 May 2022. The conference was opened by the Mayor of Maltepe Mr. Ali Kılıç and the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Turkey, Ambassador Yerkebulan Sapiyev. Scholars from various countries presented around 15 papers, around the following session themes:

“Ahmad Yesevî and Yesevîyya”, “The History of Yesevîyya”, “The Heritage of Yesevîyya”, “Yesevîyya and Literature”, “Yesevîyya Today”. Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov,



Advisor to the Director General of IRCICA, and Dr. Betül Ayaz, Researcher, IRCICA, jointly presented a paper titled “The

Genealogy of Ahmed Yesevî and the Khokand Khanate” at the session on “The Heritage of Yesevîyya”.🌍

## Training Program on “The Importance of Oriental Manuscripts in Conducting Research in the Field of Islamic Studies” organized by IRCICA and the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan

IRCICA, 25-26 May 2022

A training program on “The Importance of Oriental Manuscripts in Conducting Research in the Field of Islamic Studies” was organized by IRCICA and the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan (Tashkent) on 25-26 May 2022 at IRCICA’s headquarters in Istanbul. Five faculty members – professors, associate professors,

and assistant professors (Dr. Rakhimjanov Durbek Abidjanovich, Dr. Yusupova Nigora Jaloliddin kizi, Dr. Khakimova Nigora Alisherovna, Dr. Okilov Saidmukhtor Saidakbarovich, Dr. Tuychieva Nilufar Makhsutjanovna) and three MA students (Mr. Ruziev Toir Bobanazarovich, Mr. Abdullaev Fozil Rakhimovich,

Mr. Saydakbarov Khalilullokh Saidmukhtor ugli) from universities in Uzbekistan, participated in the program. The program, moderated by Prof. Dr. Sadık Ünay and Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, was supplemented by study visits to IRCICA Library and Archives and to the historical Süleymaniye Library. The program of lectures was as follows:

*Lecture 1: Library of IRCICA: Book Funds, Archives and Programs (Dr. Didar Bayır, Head of IRCICA Library and Archives)*

*Lecture 2: Conducting Research in the Ottoman Archives (Prof. Dr. Fadel Bayat, Senior Researcher, IRCICA)*

*Lecture 3: Manuscripts of “Shamail al-Nabi” by al-Imam al-Tirmidhi (Mr. Mehmet Serdar Bekar, Senior Researcher, IRCICA)*

*Lecture 4: Research Project “Catalogue of the Works by Ibn Sina” (Mr. Veysel Bulut, Senior Researcher, IRCICA)*

*Lecture 5: Critical Edition of “Wafiyat al-Aslaf” by Shihab al-Din al-Marjani (Prof. Najat Khalil, Senior Researcher, IRCICA).*

*Lecture 6: Islamic Architecture (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arch. Alidost Ertugrul, Head of the Architectural Heritage Department of IRCICA)*

*Lecture 7: Islamic Calligraphy (Mr. Ferhat Kurlu, Master Calligrapher)*

*Lecture 8: Islamic Culture in Africa (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore, Assistant Director General, IRCICA)*

The program was finalized with the Concluding Address of Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, IRCICA Director General. Certificates were presented to the participants. 🇹🇷



## IRCICA LIBRARY'S ACTIVITIES

### *Visit of a group of students from Nigeria to IRCICA Library*

A group of teachers and students from two educational institutions in Abuja, Nigeria - Ibn Mas'ud Islamic Center and Noble Guide Academy, made a study visit to IRCICA Library on 21 February 2022. Dr. Didar Bayır, Head of IRCICA Library and Archive Department, and her colleagues briefed the visitors on the library's collections and activities.



### *Participation of IRCICA's Library and Archive Department in the 58<sup>th</sup> Library Week and the "Heritage Istanbul Fair and Conference"*

Dr. Didar Bayır, Head of IRCICA Library and Archive Department, attended the talk titled "Sustainability and Libraries" by Barbara Lison, President of IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions), hosted by SALT Galata, Istanbul, on 30 March 2022. Dr. Bayır also represented the IRCICA Library at the roundtable meeting held at ANAMED (Koç University Research

Center for Anatolian Civilizations) with the participation of library directors and representatives of professional associations.

The following day, Mrs. Neslihan Sandal, Assistant Head, introduced IRCICA's Farabi® Digital Library during the panel on "A New Approach: Digital Libraries and Conservation Processes of the Physical Resource" organized by Fenerbahçe University Library, Istanbul.

IRCICA Library was also represented in the context of the "6<sup>th</sup> Heritage Istanbul Fair and Conference" which took place through 11-13 May 2022. Dr. Didar Bayır, Head of IRCICA Library and Archive Department, was invited to moderate the panel on "The Changing Roles of Libraries and Archives Within the Framework of Cultural Heritage" on 12 May 2022.



## ACTIVITIES ON THE ARTS

# Results Announcement Ceremony of the 12<sup>th</sup> IRCICA International Calligraphy Competition dedicated to Mustafa Rākım Efendi (1757-1826) and Distribution of Ijaza to Participants in IRCICA's Calligraphy Courses

21 May 2022

The results of the 12<sup>th</sup> IRCICA International Calligraphy Competition dedicated to Calligrapher Mustafa Rākım Efendi (1757-1826) were announced at a ceremony held at IRCICA's headquarters on 21 May 2022. During the same ceremony, *Ijazas* (license, certificate) in the art of calligraphy were distributed to calligraphers having completed the training programs coordinated by IRCICA.

The ceremony, conducted by the Director General of IRCICA, Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, was held in the presence of heads and members of diplomatic and consular missions together with personalities from artistic and academic circles and representatives of the press and media. The following members of the diplomatic and consular corps were present at the ceremony: Ms. Khotijahtus Sadiyah, Consul, Social and Cultural Affairs, Consulate General of Indonesia, Istanbul; Mr. Hasan Didban, Cultural Attaché, Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Istanbul; Mr. Thoalfiqar Tawfiq Humoud Al-Yasiri, Consul, Consulate General of the Republic of Iraq, Istanbul; Mr. Mazen Kabbara, Consul General of the Republic of Lebanon, Istanbul; Mr. Ahmed Muhammed Ageel, Acting Consul General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Istanbul.



Addressing the audience, IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç said that the occasion marked the completion of the 2022 editions of two main programs of IRCICA on arts: the 12<sup>th</sup> IRCICA International Calligraphy Competition and the 2021-22 round of the Calligraphy Training Courses. Thus, he said, two distinct groups of calligraphers were being acknowledged for their talent, effort, and dedication. The Director General briefed the audience on the objectives, rules, and procedures of the competition program in general and its twelfth round in particular, giving figures on the rate of participation in this round.

Announcement of the Competition results

IRCICA's calligraphy competition, held every three years since 1986, is dedicated to eminent masters of this art to commemorate their achievements, make their works known, and set them as examples for their intellectual qualities and ethical attitudes as well as their artistic excellence. Calligrapher Mustafa Rākım Efendi, to whom the 12<sup>th</sup> competition is dedicated, lived in Istanbul. He brought innovations relating to measurements and composition, particularly in the Jaly Thuluth script.

The 12<sup>th</sup> International Calligraphy Competition was declared open in June 2021 in ten categories

of writing styles, namely: Jaly Thuluth, Thuluth, Naskh, Muhaqqaq, Thuluth-Naskh, Jaly Taliq, Taliq, Jaly Diwani, Diwani, and Kufi. In accordance with the competition calendar, the entries were received by 20 March 2022. The Jury met during the period from 9 to 17 May 2022 to examine and evaluate the entries.

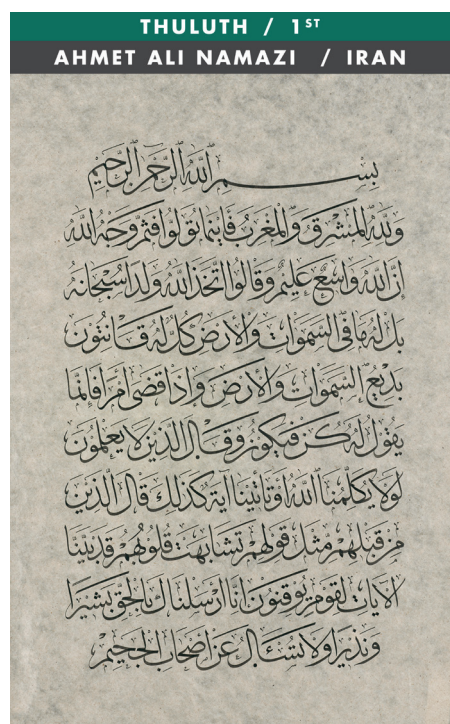
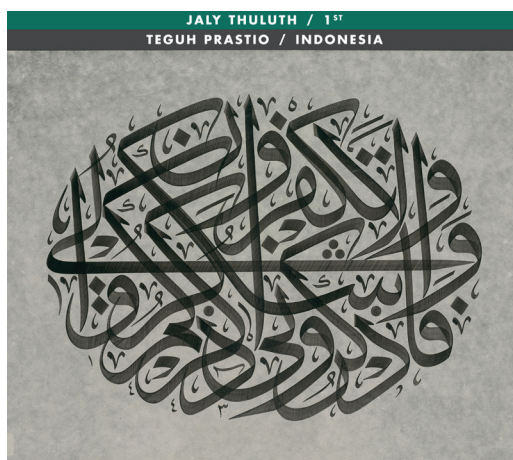
The Jury, chaired by IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, was composed of the following experts: Prof. Dr. Abdulridha Baheya Dawood

from Iraq; Mr. Belaid Hamidi from Morocco; Mr. Davut Bektaş from Turkey; Mr. Fuat Başar from Turkey; Mr. Jalil Rasouli from Iran; Mr. Mehmed Özçay from Turkey; Mr. Mosaad Mostafa Khodeir from Egypt; Mr. Ubayda Albanksi from Syria, and, as honorary members, Mr. Ahmed Ziya İbrahim from Saudi Arabia; Mr. Hasan Çelebi from Turkey; Dr. Mohammed Cherifi from Algeria; Prof. Dr. Muhittin Serin from Turkey; Prof. Mustafa Uğur Derman from Turkey.

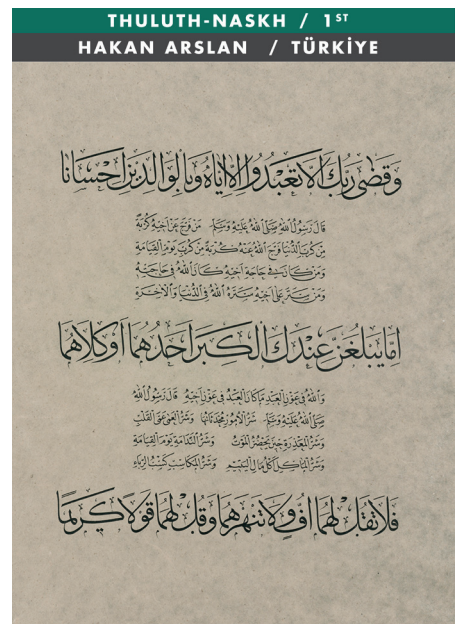
A total of 697 works were submitted to the competition in the ten categories of writing styles by 535 calligraphers from 31 countries. After the evaluations, 61 works by 49 calligraphers from 10 countries won awards. A total amount of US\$ 197.500,- was distributed, divided into first, second, third prizes and three mentions in each category.

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç then read the list of the winners.

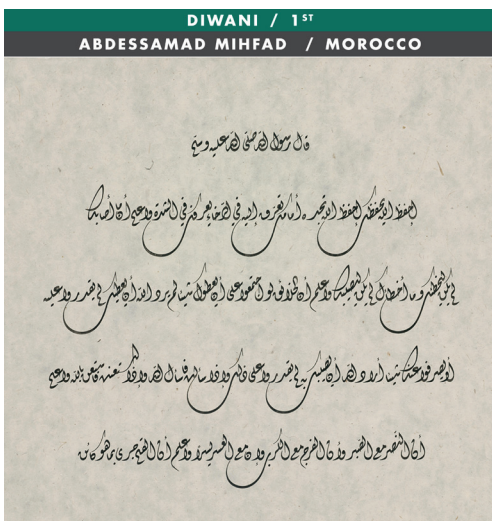
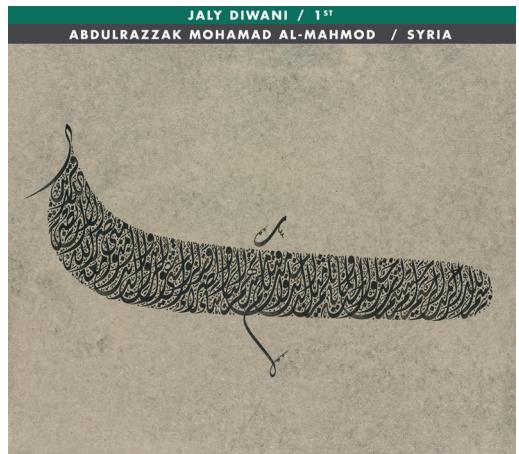
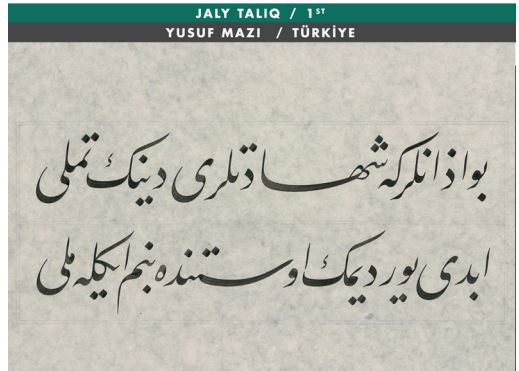
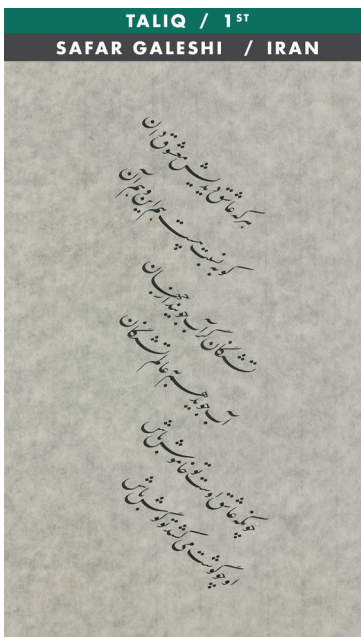
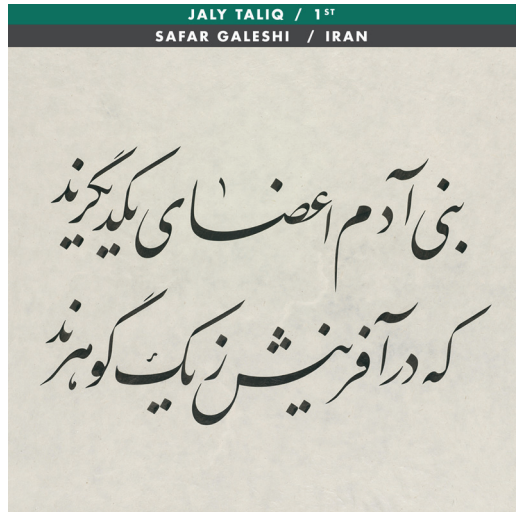
JALY THULUTH			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	10.000 \$	Teguh Prastio	Indonesia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Rivi Pratama Putra	Indonesia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	3.500 \$	Ali Mamdouh Abd al-Halim	Egypt
Mention	1.000 \$	Belal Mokhtar	Egypt
Mention	1.000 \$	Yılmaz Turan	Türkiye
Mention	1.000 \$	Huda Purnawadi	Indonesia
THULUTH			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	10.000 \$	Ahmet Ali Namazi	Iran
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Meryem Nuruzihalilani	Türkiye
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	3.500 \$	Abdah Muhammad Hasan al-Jamal	Egypt
Mention	1.000 \$	Muhammet Nuri Çelikkaya	Türkiye
Mention	1.000 \$	Abdul Wahab Ali Hasan Saif	Yemen
Mention	1.000 \$	Ali Irani	Iran
NASKH			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	10.000 \$	Ihab Ibraheem Thabet	Jordan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Nafang Permadi Mulyani Utama	Indonesia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	3.500 \$	Sirwan Kamal Ali	Iraq
Mention	1.000 \$	Noman Rajab	Syria
Mention	1.000 \$	Abd al-Rahman Hasan Ibrahim al-Saidi	Yemen
Mention	1.000 \$	Hadi Kadhim Deraja	Iraq
MUHAQQAQ			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	8.000 \$	Meryem Nuruzihalilani	Türkiye
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	5.000 \$	Mounir Tahraoui	Algeria



3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	3.000 \$	Ahmed Mohamed Sayed Mostafa	Egypt
Mention	1.000 \$	Karzan Abubaker Kareem	Iraq
Mention	1.000 \$	Hakan Arslan	Türkiye
Mention	1.000 \$	Mohammad Gaber Elsayed Aboueillela	Egypt
THULUTH - NASKH			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	8.000 \$	Hakan Arslan	Türkiye
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	5.000 \$	Abdul Wahab Ali Hasan Saif	Yemen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	3.000 \$	Mounir Tahraoui	Algeria
Mention	1.000 \$	Sirwan Kamal Ali	Iraq
Mention	1.000 \$	Safoh Al-Mustafa	Türkiye
Mention	1.000 \$	Benabdallah Said	Algeria
JALY TALIQ			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Safar Galeshi	Iran
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Yusuf Mazı	Türkiye
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	4.000 \$	Shahram Rouhi	Iran
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	4.000 \$	Sevim Şirikçi	Türkiye
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	2.500 \$	Ehsan Ahmadi	Iran
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	2.500 \$	Züleyha Öztürk Yaylakcıoğlu	Türkiye
Mention	1.000 \$	Hamed Faghihi Badjani	Iran
TALIQ			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Safar Galeshi	Iran
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	4.000 \$	Sajad Hagh Jouy Chavari	Iran
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	2.500 \$	Habib Ramezanpour	Iran
Mention	1.000 \$	Ehsan Ahmadi	Iran
Mention	1.000 \$	Vali Mahboubi	Iran
Mention	1.000 \$	Fatemeh Moghimi	Iran
JALY DIWANI			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	7.000 \$	Abdulrazzak Mohamad al-Mahmod	Syria
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	4.000 \$	Hüseyin Karakelle	Türkiye
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	2.500 \$	Rifqi Dhulqornain	Indonesia
Mention	1.000 \$	Ahmed Raafat Abdelhamid	Egypt
Mention	1.000 \$	Abdelaziz Ait Bihi	Morocco
Mention	1.000 \$	Muhammad Abd al-Djalil Faradj Allah Ali	Egypt
DIWANI			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	6.000 \$	Abdessamad Mihfad	Morocco
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3.000 \$	Al Balki Youssef	Morocco
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	2.000 \$	Hüseyin Karakelle	Türkiye



Mention	1.000 \$	Ahmed Raafat Abdelhamid	Egypt
Mention	1.000 \$	Abdulrazzak Mohamad al-Mahmod	Syria
Mention	1.000 \$	Achmad Jalaludin	Indonesia
KUFİ			
AWARD	AMOUNT	NAME & SURNAME	COUNTRY
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	6.000 \$	FatemeH Moghimi	Iran
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3.000 \$	Aseel Koojan	Syria
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	2.000 \$	Seyedeh Sanaz Alborzi Dareh Ria	Iran
Mention	1.000 \$	Sarina Ghazaei	Iran
Mention	1.000 \$	Saber Safaei	Iran
Mention	1.000 \$	Habib Ramezanpour	Iran



### Presentation of Ijazas

Addressing the second part of the ceremony, IRCICA Director General Prof. Kılıç said that calligraphers from around the world who had participated in the training courses coordinated by IRCICA during the 2021-22 period and successfully completed their courses, qualified to receive the

Ijaza of their teachers, that is, the authorization, in the traditional way, to practice and teach calligraphy in the specified script. The Director General expressed his thanks to the masters of calligraphy who had taught the courses namely Mr. Ferhat Kurlu, Mr. Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu, Mr. Efdaluddin Kılıç, and Mr. Haythem Salmo. 15 calligraphers

from 9 countries (India, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Yemen) were receiving Ijazas that day which raised the total number of calligraphers trained under IRCICA's coordination to 196, from 29 countries.

Calligraphers who received Ijazas from IRCICA in 2022			
Calligrapher	Country	Master Calligrapher who gave the Ijaza	Style
Samirah Abdulrahman Qurban	Saudi Arabia	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Assylbek Urynbassarov	Kazakhstan	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Mohamad Badenjki	Netherlands	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Fatih Karabulut	Türkiye	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Abdulrahman Hasan Ebrahim al-Saeedi	Yemen	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Ahmet Emir Akbulut	Türkiye	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Abdulhamit Dündar	Türkiye	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Remzi Koç	Türkiye	Ferhat Kurlu & Mümtaz Seçkin Durdu	Thuluth-Naskh
Nesrin Asal Azizlerli	Türkiye	Efdaluddin Kılıç	Diwani
Muhammad Ubaidah Aamir Bin Bumidin	Malaysia	Efdaluddin Kılıç	Thuluth-Naskh
Bilal Badat	U.K.	Efdaluddin Kılıç	Thuluth-Naskh
Ridwan Ahmed Khan	U.K.	Efdaluddin Kılıç	Thuluth-Naskh
Mohammed Muneeruddin	India	Efdaluddin Kılıç	Thuluth-Naskh
Safiye Kaya	Türkiye	Hasan Çelebi & Efdaluddin Kılıç	Thuluth-Naskh
Khader Ali Al Mohamad Laila	Lebanon	Haytham Salmo	Thuluth-Naskh



ACTING CONSUL GENERAL OF SAUDI ARABIA MR. A. M. AGEEL (First on the right) RECEIVED MS. SAMIRAH ABDULRAHMAN QURBAN'S CERTIFICATE ON HER BEHALF



ASSYLBEK URYNBASSAROV (KAZAKHSTAN) First on the right



MOHAMAD BADENJKI (NETHERLANDS)  
First on the right



ABDULRAHMAN HASAN EBRAHIM AL-SAEEDI (YEMEN)  
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AHMET EMIR AKBULUT (TÜRKIYE)  
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MUHAMMAD UBADAİH AAMİR BIN BUMİDİN (MALAYSIA)  
First on the right



BİLAL BADAT (U.K.)  
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RIDWAN AHMED KHAN (U.K.)  
Second on the right



MOHAMMED MUNEERUDDIN (INDIA)  
First on the right



SAFIYE KAYA (TÜRKİYE)  
First on the right



KHADER ALI AL MOHAMAD LAILA (LEBANON)  
Second on the right

The *Ijzas* were presented by the Director General of IRCICA and the teacher(s) of the calligraphers together with the diplomatic representative of the countries of some of those from outside Turkey.

At the end of the ceremony, the guests were invited to see the award-winning works of the 12<sup>th</sup> Calligraphy Competition on display in and around the same hall. The exhibition was open for visits between 21-27 May. Exhibitions will be held in the Member States on different occasions. A catalogue of the winners' plates will be published.



## IRCICA's presentations at "Sarir-e Khama - Art of the Pen" Second International Conference on Calligraphy organized by the College of Art and Design of the University of The Punjab and the Calligraphers Association of Pakistan

Lahore, Pakistan, 8-14 March 2022

"Sarir-e Khama - Art of the Pen" Second International Conference on Calligraphy organized by the College of Art and Design of the University of The Punjab and the Calligraphers Association of Pakistan, took place in Lahore, Pakistan, on 8-14 March 2022. The event was conducted on the University campus. Its first three days were devoted to conference sessions, and the following two, to workshops. Several workshops were conducted by international and local teachers, on calligraphy and other "arts of the book". Throughout the period, a large-scale international exhibition of calligraphy curated in the main hall of the College of Art and Design featured works by contemporary and earlier artists, including a sample of works that were rewarded at IRCICA's calligraphy competitions. Artists, academics, collectors, critics, students, gallery and museum professionals and a large public participated in the events; more than fifty persons attended the practical workshops. The conference revived the international artistic and scholarly platform that was established by the first conference, which was held in 2012 in the same venue.

The opening ceremony began with the welcoming remarks of Prof. Dr. Sumera Jawad, Principal of the College of Art and Design, and the Keynote Address by Prof. Dr. Anis Siddiqi, Head of the Department of Architecture at

the College of Art and Design. The address of Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, titled "Arabic Calligraphy, An Intangible Heritage of Humanity; The Role of IRCICA in Promoting Islamic Calligraphy" was read by Master Calligrapher Mr. Efdaluddin Kılıç, Lecturer in Calligraphy at Marmara University (Istanbul) and IRCICA. The ceremony continued with the addresses of Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice Chancellor of the University of The Punjab and Mr. Shahzad Nawaz, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Culture, Arts and Related Communications, as Chief Guest. Other presentations gave highlights of the first conference held in 2012 and artistic activities carried out in and around the University since then, including training programs and competitions. Mr. Irfan Qureshi, Head of the Pakistan Calligraphers Association and Curator of Sarir-e Khama Calligraphy Exhibition, gave a specialized address in which he cast light on the particularities of calligraphy in Urdu script.

In this address to the opening ceremony, the Director General of IRCICA praised the College of Art and Design and the Calligraphers Association of Pakistan for the important contribution that would come from this conference toward promoting the art of calligraphy on international level. The Director General outlined the

activities conducted by IRCICA to preserve and promote the art of Islamic calligraphy and enhance the interest shown to this art around the world: the activities include the international calligraphy competitions, the training courses taught online and in class, the albums and reference books published, and exhibitions in different countries. Professor Kılıç evoked the long-standing cooperation carried out between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and IRCICA in the field of arts which materialized in major events, such as the International Festival of Handicrafts (Islamabad, 1994) and "Al-Qalam" International Calligraphy Exhibition (Islamabad, 2017).

The themes of the conference sessions were: "Historical Perspective and Philosophy" (seven papers presented); "Aesthetic and Spiritual Dimensions" (eight papers); "Living Tradition" (five papers); "Related Arts and Modern Technology" (seven papers). During the conference, Master Calligrapher Mr. Efdaluddin Kılıç, an international lecturer of calligraphy who teaches at IRCICA's training courses, presented a paper on the "Philosophy and Spiritual Message of Calligraphy" which pointed out the spiritual hardships to be faced by the calligrapher and suggested guidelines to overcome them. Mr. Kılıç also conducted a four-day workshop

with lectures and demonstrations. The Iranian calligraphers Prof. Dr. Kazim Khurasani and Ms. Mahza Davachi demonstrated calligraphy applications in Nasta'liq style and gave lectures on the particularities of this style. A workshop on the

art of "Ebru" (paper marbling) was conducted by Ms. Betül Eser from Marmara University, Turkey. Pakistani calligraphers Mr. Khalid Mehmood Siddiqui, Mr. Jameel Hassan Nafisi and Mr. Wajid Mehmood Yaqut Raqam gave a

workshop on Lahori Nasta'liq; Mr. Ismatullah Saeedi, on Shakista Nasta'liq; Mr. Arif Khan and Mr. Muneeb Ali, on modern applications of calligraphy (<https://academiamag.com/sarir-e-khama-concludes-at-pu/>)



MASTER CALLIGRAPHER MR. EFDALUDDIN KILIÇ DURING THE CONFERENCE AND THE WORKSHOP



MR. IRFAN QURESHI, HEAD OF THE PAKISTAN CALLIGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION, WITH MARBLER MS. BETÜL ESER



## OBITUARY

# The international scholar and professor of architecture Amir Pašić, a distinguished friend of IRCICA and former Head of IRCICA's Architectural Heritage Department, passed away

IRCICA is deeply saddened to announce the death of Prof. Arch. Amir Pašić, an internationally renowned scholar and professor of architecture, urban planning and architectural heritage, former Head (1993-2018) of IRCICA's Architectural Heritage Department, a beloved colleague and friend of the staff of IRCICA. Amir Pašić passed away in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 28 April 2022.

His sudden death has been a deep shock for IRCICA whose

many members cherished their continuing friendship and contacts with him after he left the Centre to continue to teach and serve towards the preservation of historical architecture in his home country Bosnia and Herzegovina and also around the world as an international expert working with international organizations.

Amir Pašić will always be remembered with high esteem for his scholarship, multi-disciplinary expertise, professional accomplishments and important

contributions to the restoration and conservation of architectural heritage as is eloquently exemplified by his coordinating role towards the restoration of the Old Bridge of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina and many other historical structures, mostly those which were destroyed during the 1992-95 war. After 2016, Amir Pašić was the President of the Commission to Preserve National Monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Professor Amir Pašić joined



IRCICA during the period of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as he was teaching at the Department of Architecture of Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul. At IRCICA, Pašić was the mind and the guide behind the innovative and authentic architectural preservation programs conducted by IRCICA which won the Centre recognition world-wide as a focal point of the OIC in the field of the restoration and conservation of Islamic architectural heritage. One of the activities he conducted during his tenure at IRCICA was the ten-year program of annual architectural workshops (1994-2004) bearing the symbolic title of “Mostar 2004” with the wish to see the Old Bridge of Mostar fully restored by the year 2004. With the help of Professor Pašić’s international academic collaboration skills, the program enjoyed the participation of many organizations and universities from all continents. The program was completed in 2004 with its

last session held concurrently with an international ceremony celebrating the reconstruction of Mostar. Building upon this experience, IRCICA launched another program in 2006 with Pašić as its coordinator, this time on a first-priority issue for IRCICA, the Islamic cultural heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif. It was implemented through field missions to Al-Quds, seminars and studio work, with the participation of experts and architects from around the world. Other pioneering initiatives which were developed owing to Professor Pašić’s expertise and coordination include: the Prince Sultan bin Salman Architectural Heritage Database and the series of short-term architectural training schools on “Islamic Urban Heritage: Research, Preservation, Management” organized jointly by IRCICA with Al-Turath Islamic Heritage Foundation (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). Other professional accomplishments of Professor Pašić include the following: lead

consultant for the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, Geneva (1995-2006), the World Monuments Fund, New York (1998-2004), and several missions for ICOMOS Paris. He won six architecture awards, including the 1986 Aga Khan Architecture Award for the successful restoration of Mostar’s Old Town. Amir Pašić authored or co-authored 21 books and 47 articles. He served as the Editor-in-Chief of Architecture and Science Journal, Mostar, and the regional editor for Arab States in the Journal of Cultural Management and Sustainable Development, London.

Amir Pašić will be fondly remembered by his friends and colleagues for his exceptional personal qualities, as someone who was always engaged and interested in the people he met, who enjoyed cooperation on any personal or professional matter - qualities which he had brought into the Centre together with his professional knowledge 🟢

## MEETINGS, VISITS, COOPERATION

### Director General Ambassador Kılıç attended the Iftar shared by President Erdoğan with the diplomatic corps

IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç attended the Iftar that H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey, shared with the Heads of Diplomatic Missions accredited in Turkey on 18 April 2022, in the capital Ankara.



### IRCICA Director General's visit to OIC-SESRIC, Ankara

Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, paid a visit to H.E. Mr. Nebil Dabbour, Director General of the OIC Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in Ankara, on 18 April 2022. The meeting was an occasion for the Director Generals to exchange information on the activities of their respective centres.



### IRCICA Director General's visit to OIC-SMIIC, Istanbul

Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Mr. İhsan Övüt, Secretary General of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), an affiliated organ of the OIC based in Istanbul, on 17 February 2022. The discussions touched upon the areas of common interest for SMIIC and IRCICA in the OIC context.



### Visit of a high-level delegation from the Republic of Chad

Mr. Jibril Said Amme, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Chad for Religious Affairs and Sheikh Dr. Abakar Walar Modou, Vice-Rector of King Faisal University, N'Djamena and Secretary General of the League of Ulama, Preachers and Imams of Sahel Countries, paid a visit to Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, at the Centre's headquarters on 15 February 2022. The guests congratulated the Director General on his taking the office. The discussions were centered on the existing cooperation between academic and



cultural institutions of Chad and IRCICA and its future development prospects.

### ● IRCICA Director General attended the Meeting of the UNESCO National Commissions of TÜRKSOY Member States

IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, who is also a member of the Turkish National Commission to UNESCO attended, with other members of the National Commissions of Turkic States, the meeting held in honor of Bursa (Turkey) chosen as the 2022 Cultural Capital of the Turkic World, on 13 May 2022.



### ● Visit of the TURKPA Secretary General

Ambassador Mehmet Sureyya Er, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries (TURKPA) (and former Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Tashkent), paid a courtesy visit to IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç on 2 March 2022 and congratulated the Director General on his taking the office.



### ● Visit of the Mayor of Beykoz, Istanbul

The Mayor of Beykoz Municipality, Istanbul, Mr. Murat Aydın paid a visit of courtesy to IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç on 8 March 2022. The meeting provided an occasion to exchange views on cultural activities and cooperation.



### ● Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç visited the Imam Bukhari Center, Samarkand

Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, IRCICA, paid a visit to the Director of Imam Bukhari International Scientific-Research Center Dr. Shovosil Ziyodov, in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on 9 April 2022. The meeting was an occasion to review the progress of cooperation between the Center and IRCICA, particularly since the previous meeting at IRCICA on 4 November 2021. During the tour of the Center's premises, experts from Imam Bukhari Center's various departments and museum briefed Prof. Kılıç on the



research projects and the studies relating to historical manuscripts and their preservation.

🌐 **Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation with the Institute of History and Ethnography named after Sh. Valikhanov, Almaty, Kazakhstan**

A Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation was signed with the Institute of History and Ethnography named after Sh. Valikhanov of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, during the visit of Prof. Dr. Zakish Tulekhanovna Sadvokasova, Leading Researcher, and Dr. Aida Serikkizi Margulan, Researcher, to IRCICA on 28 February 2022. The delegation was received by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore, Assistant Director General, Prof. Dr. Sadık Ünay and



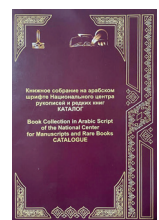
Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Consultants to the Director General of IRCICA. The memorandum traces the framework for joint academic activities.

🌐 **Visit of a delegation from the National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books of Kazakhstan, 31 May 2022**

IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç received the delegation chaired by Dr. Zhandos Bekdildaevich Boldykov, Director of the National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books, Ministry of Culture and Sports, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 31 May 2022. Discussions were held on the activities relating to the preservation and study of historical manuscripts and rare books, as they are evolving throughout the world and in the programs of the Center and IRCICA. The delegation accompanying the Director Dr. Boldykov was composed of Prof. Dr. Zdash Dukenbaeva, Senior Researcher, Mrs. Kamshat Parimbekova, Head of Department, and Mr. Almat Absalikov, Senior Researcher. Preparations were appraised, in view of the book launching to be held at IRCICA headquarters on 3 June 2022 for the Catalogue of the Book Collection in Arabic Script of the National Centre for Manuscripts and Rare Books which was compiled by experts from the two centers and published in Nur-Sultan in December 2021.



**\* Book Collection in Arabic Script of the National Centre for Manuscripts and Rare Books. Catalogue**, Republican State Institution “National Center of Manuscripts and Rare Books” of the Committee for Archives and Documentation Management of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan and IRCICA. Ed. Zhandos Boldykov, Mahmud Erol Kılıç; Compilers: Ashirbek Muminov, Nurlan Erezhepov, Kamshat Parimbekova, Selahaddin Uygur, Almat Absalikov, Anuar Arykbaev. Nur-Sultan, 2021.



### 🕒 Visit of experts from the National Archives of the United Arab Emirates, 31 May 2022

Dr. Hamad Abdulla Al-Mutairi, Director of the Archives Department, and Mr. Hamad Slayem Al Hamiri, Director of the Research and Knowledge Services Department, at the National Library and Archives of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi,

paid a visit to IRCICA, met with the Director General of IRCICA Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç and Senior Researcher Prof. Dr. Fazıl Bayat, on 31 May 2022. Extensive talks were held on international cooperation among countries' state archives. Prof. Bayat led the guests to the library and archives of IRCICA, introduced them with the collections as well as the Centre's publications.

### 🕒 Visit of a cultural-diplomatic delegation from France

IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç received at IRCICA on 24 March 2022 Mr. Nicolas Chibaeff, Director, and Ms. Isabelle Nathan, Chief of the Department of Publics, of the Directorate of Archives of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France together with Mr. Bayram Balcı, Director, French Institute of Anatolian Studies, Istanbul, and Mr. Martin Godon, Attaché for Scientific Cooperation at the Embassy of France, Ankara. The meeting focused on issues relating to collections of historical documents, their conservation, and uses for scholarly purposes. Director General Prof. Kılıç guided the guests to the library of IRCICA to inform them about the holdings of books and the archives of historical photographs.



### 🕒 Lecture introducing IRCICA and its activities

The Director General of IRCICA, Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, gave a lecture introducing IRCICA and its activities during the international session on culture and arts held by the Turkish Touring and Automobile Association, Istanbul, on 27 February 2022. The session, devoted to the theme of "Institutions", was part of a series of conferences attended by cultural and media circles, professionals, researchers and students.

IRCICA Director General's lecture described the objectives of IRCICA, its research projects, international conferences, art events, activities relating to preservation and promotion of cultural heritage, and contributions to enhancing acquaintances between peoples of the world by means of interactive cultural platforms.



Turkish Touring and Automobile Association is an international organization dedicated to development of tourism, mainly cultural tourism. It was founded in the first years of the Turkish Republic by a group of deputies, diplomats, intellectuals and professionals and later recognized as a public benefit institution serving tourism and international cultural relations (<https://www.turing.org.tr/en/our-history/>).

البلاد العربية في الوثائق العثمانية

(The Arab provinces in Ottoman documents)

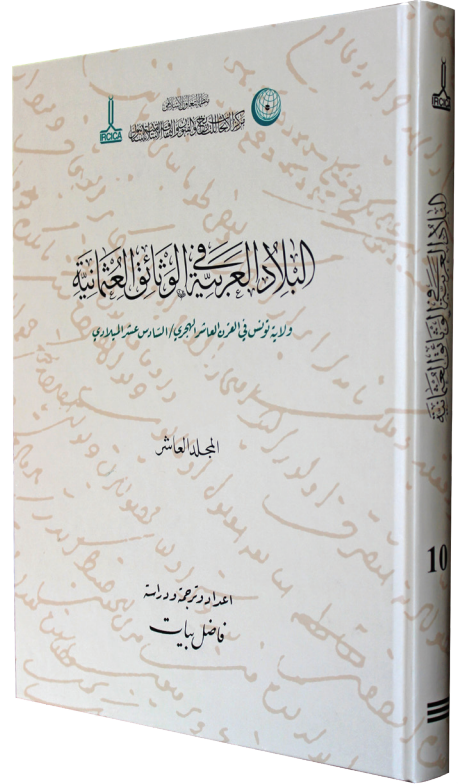
The Wilaya of Tunis in the Tenth century AH / Sixteenth century AD.

PREPARED, TRANSLATED AND STUDIED BY PROF. DR. FADEL BAYAT. ISTANBUL: IRCICA, 2021. HISTORY OF MUSLIM COUNTRIES IN THE LIGHT OF OTTOMAN ARCHIVE DOCUMENTS SERIES NO. 3, VOL. 10, 410, [2] P. (IN ARABIC AND OTTOMAN TURKISH)

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One of the main objectives of IRCICA is to help the progress of scholarly research on the history and the cultures of the Islamic countries. To this aim, the Centre endeavors to facilitate the access of researchers around the world to the historical and present sources –texts, documents, publications, etc. that contain information needed for their studies. With regard to the history of Arab countries, the official documents dating from the Ottoman State are first-hand records of facts in all spheres of life. However, they demand proficiency in deciphering Ottoman texts. As a contribution in this respect, and to facilitate the task of researchers whose working language is Arabic, the Centre undertook to publish samples of Ottoman documents, selected for the relevance of their contents or their importance as landmarks, relating to the administrative, cultural, social, and international relations history of Arab lands. The documents are accompanied by their Arabic translations and brief analyses and classified according to the geographic regions. These volumes form a series titled “History of Muslim Countries in the Light of Ottoman Archive Documents”. Ten volumes, prepared by Prof. Dr. Fadel Bayat from IRCICA, have been published. The last one, relating to the Wilaya of Tunis, appeared at the end of 2021.

The Preface by Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, is followed by the author’s Introduction, which describes the methodology, the difficulties encountered, and the importance of scholarly studies concerning the history of the region.



The book consists of seven chapters that bring together documents about the political status of Tunis in the Ottoman period, administrative affairs, judicial affairs, endowments and religious affairs, economic affairs, military affairs, the Hafsid rulers of Tunisia, local leaders, families, notables. The analysis of each document is accompanied by its image. A general index of names, places and terms is provided, to facilitate researchers' use of the information contained in the documents. The majority of the documents presented in the volume were unpublished before. Altogether, they contribute to shedding light on the history of Tunis in the 16th century.📖



## IRCICA JOURNAL - CALL FOR PAPERS

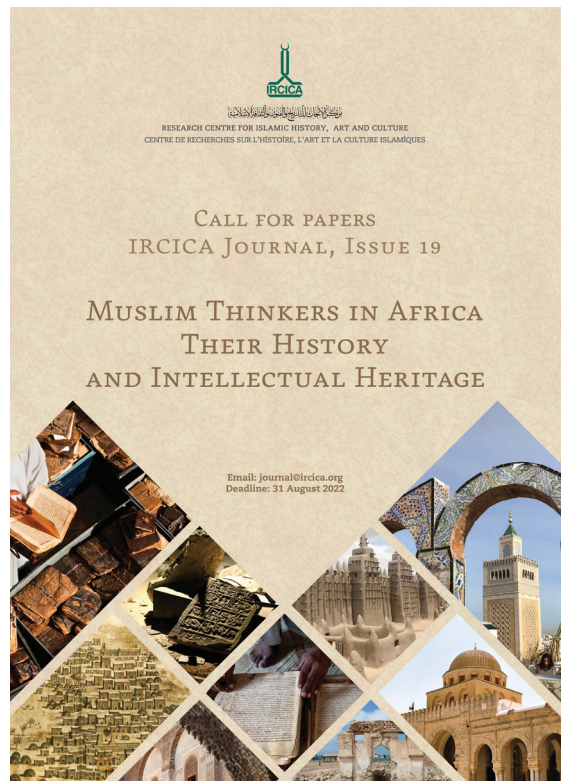
IRCICA *Journal* (ISSN 2148-2772) announces an open call for contributions to its forthcoming issue (Issue 19), which will focus on “Muslim Thinkers in Africa – Their History and Intellectual Heritage”. The deadline for submissions is 31 August 2022.

The choice of theme responds to a need to revisit, revise, and renew the body of scholarly work that has been produced about the interrelationship between Islamic thought and African cultural heritage. This approach is motivated by the observation that, although research interest in the cultural, political, and social aspects of the history of Islam in Africa has increased in recent years, many researchers working on Islam and Muslim societies in Africa are still unaware of the quantum of intellectual production existing in Arabic and local languages. There is a dire need to highlight and document the intellectual productions of various prominent scholars, especially those that reflected and influenced the social dynamics of their times.

The journal issue thus aims to provide a platform for multidisciplinary researchers, including academics, artists, and architects, invested in the study of Muslim thought in Africa, to contribute their current academic research. It seeks to feature articles about the Islamic philosophers, theologians, mystics, artists, scientists, scholars, and teachers who are recognized as outstanding thinkers throughout Africa in

religious and human sciences, including theology, sufism, letters, architecture, and other areas of intellectual and scientific pursuit. The great Islamic scholars represent the bedrock and embodiment of Islamic values; as transformers of society, they contributed to guiding individual and collective consciousness and shaping society and politics throughout the African continent.

The *IRCICA Journal* is published by the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture (IRCICA), which is the cultural centre of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It is committed to promoting research and education in fields of scholarly inquiry relating to the Islamic history and civilization. Within this framework, the *IRCICA Journal* publishes articles in humanities and social sciences, covering history, philosophy, religious sciences, natural sciences, letters, international and interfaith relations, arts, architecture, archaeology, anthropology, economy, and other aspects of culture and development in the Islamic world.



### Submission Requirements

Contributions should be between 4,500-10,000 words without footnotes and should include an abstract up to 150 words. Contributors should also attach a short resume including affiliations and contact addresses. Submitted articles will be subject to evaluation according to common scientific principles, they are expected to be original, fulfilling the requirements of methodological research, and should not be published in any other journal at the time of submission.

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