

To: Maria Jankowska, Librarian for Economics, Geography, Maps, GIS, Federal, and British Government Information
From: David Hirsch, Librarian for Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, UCLA
Re: LAUC-LA RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION GRANT Report
Date: August 15, 2016

In February 2016 I applied for a LAUC Statewide Presentation Grant of \$600 towards airfare to Amsterdam, The Netherlands to give a presentation which took place at the Middle East Librarians Committee International (MELCOM) Conference in Leiden, The Netherlands. From May 30-June 2, 2016. I was the sole presenter of this paper.

Paper title: **Syrian publishing in Southeastern Anatolia**

Abstract: Events over the past few years in Syria have caused well over a million Syrians to relocate to southeastern Turkey with centers in Gaziantep, Antioch (Antakya) and Istanbul, among others. These communities have begun producing their own periodical publications of many types including newspapers, women's and children's magazines, satirical publications, etc. in both Arabic and Kurdish. Some commercial publishers from Syria have also relocated to Turkey. I presented an overview of the publishing situation including examples of the variety of publications being issued in the region and described a recent acquisitions trip to the region.

The paper was well received. I submitted all paperwork on time but have yet to be reimbursed for my trip.

I would like to thank LAUC STATEWIDE for its support of my professional activities.