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From June 19 to June 21 2006, the Ottoman Bank Archives and Research Center library will be hosting the annual Melcom (European Association of Middle East Librarians) conference. In its earliest form, it was founded in the UK, in the 1970s. Over time, Melcom's mission became to secure cooperation between individuals and institutions interested in librarianship, book collecting, selling, and publishing, in Europe, North America, and the Middle East. With the aim of advancing Middle Eastern librarianship in Europe, Melcom International organizes its yearly conferences around five main axes: the digital transfer of Middle Eastern book collections, research on manuscripts, valuable and rare book collections, purchasing policies and cooperation among libraries.



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