

# BA A2K Platform Newsletter

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The BA A2K team would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



For the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, 2010 was a year of achievements. We held numerous projects and issued several publications; many of which were dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge. And the BA A2K project team is proud to announce the completion of the Creative Commons License for Egypt; one of our most important projects. The launch of the CC license is expected to take place in February.

*More news are coming very soon!*



## Launching “Global Innovation through Science and Technology” (GIST) Initiative



The BA hosted the launching of the “Global Innovation through Science and Technology” (GIST) Initiative on 14 and 15 December 2010. The event was attended by a number of eminent personalities, and representatives of the government, non-profit organizations, academia, and industry.

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## News Highlights



### WIPO and The Development Agenda

5 November 2010

[Lessig Calls For WIPO To Lead Overhaul Of Copyright System](#)

12 November 2010

[Global Copyright Reform: A View From The South In Response To Lessig](#)

25 November 2010

[Friction Arises Over WIPO Development Agenda Coordination](#)

17 December 2010

[US Ambassador: Over-Focus On Development “Will Kill” WIPO](#)



### Language Harmonization at Creative Commons

21 December 2010

We strive to make all of our tools human-readable, often bridging dissonant vocabularies and frameworks to ensure our tools are compatible and understandable the world over. Read [more](#)

### Stallman supports Internet sharing license in Brazil

8 December 2010

Richard Stallman (aka RMS), founder of the famous free software GNU project, published a letter addressed to Brazil's president-elect Dilma Rousseff, supporting the creation of an Internet sharing license. Read [more](#)

### WIPO SCCR Meeting (21)

[WIPO SCCR 21 Conferences, Meetings and Seminars](#)

11 November 2010

[A Tale Of A Visually Impaired Reader](#)

19 November 2010

[“Unprecedented opportunity for libraries and archives” - WIPO to work on library and archive copyright exceptions](#)



## Latest BA Open Access Publications

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### AFRABIA From Arabo-Hebraic Divergence to Afro-Arab Convergence



The very name of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina conjures up the image of a glorious past, of a shared heritage for all of humanity. For it was indeed at the Ancient Library of Alexandria that the greatest adventure of the human intellect was to unfold.

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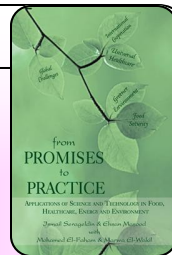
### Bibliotheca Alexandrina International Biennale for Miniature Graphics



Graphic art, with its multi-techniques, is among the visual arts that are related to the interaction between word and image, because it has been associated from the start with the art of books and with the illustration of word and thoughts.

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### From Promises to Practice



The topic of BioVisionAlexandria 2008, 'From Promises to Practice', is designed to highlight a fundamental difficulty experienced by almost everyone who lives in the South, in the developing world.

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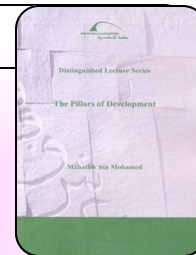
### The Bibliotheca Alexandrina Fourth International Biennale for the Artist's Book 2010

بينالي مكتبة الإسكندرية الدولي الرابع لكتاب الفنان  
THE BIBLIOTHECA ALEXANDRINA  
Fourth International Biennale for the Artist's Book  
2010

The Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) International Artist's Book Biennale has become an avant-garde artistic and cultural event in Egypt and for cultural bodies involved in that art genre all over the world.

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### The Pillars of Development



The Pillars of Development, is a booklet containing two lectures and two speeches by Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed, the former Prime Minister of Malaysia. Dr. Mahathir relates his country's experience in promoting Malaysia from a poor rice-cultivating country into one of the most competitive industrial giants in Asia.

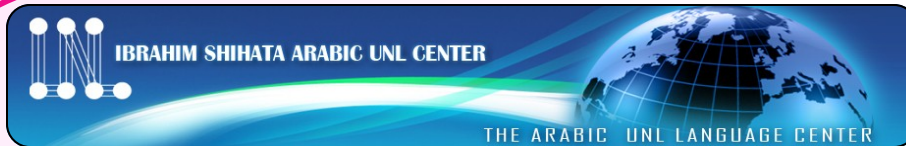
## Other Open Access Resources

# DAR

The Digital Assets Repository (DAR) is a system developed at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the Library of Alexandria, to create and maintain library's digital collections. DAR acts as a repository for all types of digital material, thus preserving and archiving the digital media as well as, providing public access to digitized collections through a web-based search

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## Latest Projects



### Introduction To UNL

The Universal Networking Language (UNL) is an artificial interlingua attempting to replicate the functions of natural human languages in communication. The mission of the Universal Networking Language Program (UNLP), as initiated by the United Nations and devised by the Universal Networking Digital Language (UNDL) Foundation, is to enable all people to generate information and have access to cultural knowledge in their native languages.

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### Heritage Preservation: The Documentation of the Ministry of Awqaf Drawings

This is an ongoing joint project between Alex Med and the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf (Endowments). The main objective is to document and classify the information from a collection of about 450 drawings and plates from the Ministry of Awqaf. These drawings, which are of mosques, houses and hammams in Alexandria, were firstly scanned in the digital laboratories of the Information Technology Department of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

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