11th Meeting of the International Friends
17-22 October 2008

Program

Friday, 17 October 2008

7:00 pm                      Transportation to the reception venue

8:00 pm
Informal Gathering & Cocktail Reception
“Distribution of conference folders” (Salamlek Hotel)

Saturday, 18 October 2008

9:00 am                      Transportation from the Hotels to BA
“Registration upon arrival”

10:00- 11:00
Opening of Meeting by: Mrs. Mona El Nashar
Welcome by: Dr. Ismail Serageldin (Venue: Small Theater)

11:00 – 12:00 am
Launching of Australian Exhibition
“In The Houses of The Muses”
(Faces of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and Antipodeans of Note)
by Dr. Ismail Serageldin and the Australian Ambassador

Gift Donation Ceremony

Group Photo (Venue: B1 BACC)

12:00 -1:30 pm
Workgroups
1. Election of Officers
2. Discuss items (4-9) on 2007 agenda (Venue: 3rd Floating)

1:30-2:30 pm
Lunch & Coffee (Venue: Greco-Roman)
Monday, 20th October 2008

2:30-3:30 pm  International Friends’ Reports  (Venue: Small Theater)
4:00–6:00 pm  Poetry Reading  (Venue: Small Theater)

8:00 pm  Dinner at the Greek Club  “Optional”

Sunday, 19 October 2008

9:00 am  Transportation from the Hotels to the BA
10:00-1:00 pm  Workgroups  (Venue: 3rd Floating )
1:00-2:00 pm  Lunch  (Venue: Hilton Cafeteria )
2:00 – 3:00 pm  International Friends’ Reports  (Venue: 3rd Floating )
3:00-5:00 pm  Workgroups  ( coffee running)  (Venue: 3rd Floating )

5:00 pm-6:00 pm  American author  
(Amy Riolo, chair of Baltimore Friends: introduces her book Arabian Delights and talks about it)  (Venue: Multipurpose Hall)

7:00-8:00 pm  Mexican Percussions (Concert)  
Group of students from German School in Mexico  (Venue: Great Hall)

Free Evening

Monday, 20th October 2008

9:00 am  Transportation from the Hotels to the BA
10:00-12:00 pm  Workgroups  
Setting a plan (2 – 5 years)  (Venue:  3rd Floating Hall )

12:00-1:00 pm  Presentation by Departments  
1- Dr. Sohair Wastawy  
2- Mrs. Heba El Rafey  (Venue: Lectures Hall )

1:00 – 2:00 pm  Lunch  (Venue: Greco-Roman )
2:00-5:00 pm  Workshop  
(coffee running)  
Lecture on the Greek Language  
Speakers: 1- Professor Antonios Kounadis  
2- Professor Georgios Bambiniotis  

5:30 pm  Inauguration of the Exhibition on Greek Language Rare Books by Dr. Ismail Serageldin and H.E Mr. Theodoros Kassimis  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece

Venue: B1 BACC

6:30 pm  Cocktail Reception

8:00 pm  Dinner at Greek Club  
"Optional"

Venue: B1 BACC

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

9:30 am - 7:00 pm  The Reading of Homer  
(Venue: Small Theater)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Lunch  
(Venue: Hilton Cafeteria)

5:00 pm  Coffee Break

8:00 pm  Dinner at Greek Club  
"Optional"

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

9:00 am  Transportation from the Hotels to the BA

10:00 – 11:00 pm  Session:  
How to use and access BA Friends Website.  
(Venue: Small Theater)

11:00 – 1:00 pm  Session:  
How to use the BA as a catalyst to improve relations between Egypt and your countries.  
Panel Speakers: 1. Ambassador Ali Maher  
2. Ambassador Hagar Islamboly  
(Venue: Small Theater)

1:00-2:00  Lunch  
(Venue: Hilton Cafeteria)

2:00 - 4:00 pm  Workgroups
(Coffee running)

5:00-6:00 pm  Closing and Wrap-up  
(Venue: Small Theater)

Thursday, 23 October 2008

A two or three-night trip to Siwa with the Egyptian Friends.
Departure: Thursday 23rd October at 8:00 am
Return: Saturday 25th October or Sunday 26th October.

This is a draft program and is therefore, subject to change