

Cities Born of the Desert
Bibliotheca Alexandrina
12-13/12/2005

First Day (Monday, 12 December 2005)

9:00-10:00 **Registration**
10:00-11:00 **Opening Session**

Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Library of Alexandria
Dr. Youssef Zeidan, Director of the Manuscript Center and Museum
Prince Hussein Tousson, Ferdinand De Lesseps Association
Mrs. Marie Christiane Glas, French Consul, Alexandria
Lieutenant General Ahmed Fadel, Director of the Suez Canal Association

11:00-11:15 **Break**
11:15-1:15 **First Session: *The Birth of the Canal Cities***

Chairman: Dr. Ahmed Youssef
Dr. Fathi Abou Ayana: *Suez Canal, A Distinguished Site*
Dr. Fathi Abou Rady: *The City of Suez*
Dr. Mohamed Aly Bahgat: *The City of Ismailia*
Dr. Mohamed Morsi: *Suez, Problems of a Society Based on Immigrations – An Anthropological Study*
Dr. El-Said Hussein Galal: *The City of Port Said- Port to the East*

1:15-1:30 **Break**
1:30-2:30 **Second Session: *The Cities of Port Said and Port Fouad***

Chairman: Mr. Arnault Ramiere de Fortanier
Dr. Mohamed Farid Fathi: *The City of Port Said*
Mr. Amin Naguib
Mrs. Claudine Piaton
Mrs. Mercedes Volet

2:30-4:00 **Lunch**
4:00-5:30 **Third Session: *Documentary Film (History of the Lyre(Simsimiyya) – An interview with Mrs. Arab Lotfy, Director of the Film***

Second Day (Tuesday, 13 December 2005)

10:00-11:30 First Session: *Rediscovery of a Common Heritage*

Chairman: Mr. Philippe Joutard

Mr. Arnaud Ramiere de Fortanier

Mr. Alain Roussillon

Mrs. Marie Paul Arnaud

Dr. Mohamed Awad

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45 -1:00 Second Session: *Suez Canal- Economics and Politics*

Chairman: Dr. Hany Helal

Speakers: Mr. El-Said Zakaria El-Saaty: *The Impact of the Evolution of Suez Canal Revenues on the National and International Economy*

Dr. Samer Soliman: *The Relation of the Suez Canal with the Rest of the World*

Dr. Mostafa Fouad: *The Neutralism of the Suez Canal during the World Wars I & II*

1:00-1:15 Break

1:15-2:30 Second Session: *Ship Industry and Digging and Expansion Operations*

Eng. Wael Quadour: *The Suez Canal's Relation to Ship Industry and Repair in Egypt*

Dr. Abbas Abou Ghazala: *The Techniques of Digging the Suez Canal*

Eng. Galal Abdel Latif El-Deeb: *The Techniques of the Suez Canal Expansion and Development Processes*

Mr. Jean Pouchol: *Digging and Expansion Projects*

2:30-4:00 Lunch