

OFFSITE SESSION RELIGIOUS LIBRARIES

BABEL, BIBLE AND KOR'AN FROM TEXTS TO CONTEXTS

*Dalle culture ai libri di culto:
funzioni moderne delle biblioteche
nelle tradizioni religiose delle civiltà del Mediterraneo*

*From Cultures to Sacred Books:
Modern functions of Libraries
in the religious traditions of Mediterranean Civilizations*

09.00 – 12.30

Registration

Presiding mons. **FRANCO BUZZI**,
Prefect of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana

Greeting: Card. **DIONIGI TETTAMANZI**
Archbishop of Milan

Greeting: **CLAUDIA LUX**
President IFLA

Introduction: **STEVE W. WITT**
IFLA II. Division of Special Libraries

Speeches/reports

Prof. **BEIT-ARIÉ MALACHI**
Professor emeritus of Codicology and Paleography

Mons. **CESARE PASINI**
Prefect of the the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana

Libraries of Islamic Area

Debate

Lunch

15.30 – 18.30

Presiding: mons. **PIER FRANCESCO FUMAGALLI**,
Vice Prefect of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana

Reports

BETH. Bibliothèques Europeennes de Théologie
CEI. Conferenza Episcopale Italiana.
Ufficio Nazionale per i beni culturali ecclesiastici
CDEC. Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea
ABIE. Asociación de Bibliotecarios de la Iglesia en España
ABEI. Associazione dei Bibliotecari Ecclesiastici Italiani
URBE. Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche

Debate

THE BIBLIOTECA AMBROSIANA, founded in Milan by cardinal **Federico Borromeo** in 1607, was conceived as a centre for studies and culture, with a College of Doctors, a library supplied for the different spheres of knowledge and a picture-gallery with paintings of the most well-known Italian and foreign authors.. The library has an historical, religious, particularly classical retrospective character, that is directed to study the past. To the College of Doctors, composed by at least five ecclesiastics and a Prefect as its president, is committed the scientific and cultural activity of the Ambrosiana. The Doctors are co-opted by election of the College itself, while the Prefect is appointed by the Archbishop of Milan, patron of the Ambrosiana.
(<http://www.ambrosiana.it>)

BETH. Bibliothèques européennes de théologie. European theological libraries. Europäische bibliotheken für theologię. **Beth** is an ecumenical association of the national theological library associations in Europe, with additional members gathered from among the various individual theological libraries that are recognised as extraordinary in their scope, either from their collections or from their influence in the international sphere. The structure of the organisation is open-ended, thus inviting observers to attend the annual general assemblies, and welcoming applications for membership from other theological library associations in Europe, as well as from individual libraries that meet the membership criteria.
(<http://theo.kuleuven.be/beth/>)

ABIE. La Asociación de Bibliotecarios de la Iglesia en España is a public canonical association of national sphere, a no profit-making association, instituted in 1993 for the Episcopal Spanish Conference, for the defence, conservation and circulation of the Church bibliographical patrimony. They can be part of the ABIE capitular libraries, diocesan and Episcopal libraries, Seminaries' libraries, parish libraries, libraries of universities, faculties and centres of catholic studies, monastic libraries, conventual libraries and libraries of secular institutes, particular or specialized libraries and centres of ecclesiastical documents. That is to say all the libraries requiring it, provided that they are bound to an ecclesiastical institution.
(<http://www.abie.es>)

URBE. Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche. The network Urbe coordinates the informatics activity among 17 academic papal institutions of the City of Rome, whose library patrimony is impressive for the quantity and most of all for the qualified specialization in the fields of religious and theological sciences. Founded in 1991, in a spirit of collaboration among the ecclesiastical libraries in Rome, at present it includes all the papal Universities of Rome (Gregoriana, Lateranense, Urbaniana, Angelicum, Salesiana, Santa Croce, Antonianum), and the Pontificio Istituto Biblico, the Pontificio Istituto Orientale, the Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, the Pontificia Facoltà Teologica Marianum, the Auxilium, the Istituto patristico Augustinianum, the Accademia Alfonsiana, the Pontificio Istituto di studi arabi e d'islamistica, the Istituto Giovanni Paolo II and the Centro pro Unione. (<http://www.urbe.it>)

Conferenza Episcopale Italiana. Ufficio Nazionale per i beni culturali ecclesiastici. The Office main aim is to cooperate in a permanent form with the Italian Episcopal Conference, the Dioceses, the Regional Episcopal Conferences and the Societies of apostolic life in all the aspects concerned with conservation and increasing in value, liturgical adaptation and increment of the cultural ecclesiastical goods. The Office, besides, intends to promote the collaboration between the Church and the public Administrations – particularly between the C.E.I and the Ministero per i beni culturali e ambientali – with the purpose of favouring the conservation and the increase in value of the ecclesiastical cultural patrimony, according to the provisions of the Review Agreement of the Concordat subscribed in 1984 February 18th. The Office's competence is extended also to the administration of the archives, libraries, museums and ecclesiastical collections. In its activities the Office has relations with the ecclesial Associations (as the Associazione Archivistica, Ecclesiastica, the Associazione dei Bibliotecari Ecclesiastici Italiani, the Associazione dei Musei Ecclesiastici Italiani, the Unione Cattolica Artisti Italiani) and with the Associations and Movements involved in the spheres of its competence.

ABEI. Associazione dei bibliotecari ecclesiastici italiani is the Italian Catholic Librarian Association. It was founded in 1978, and nowadays it has about 300 members (persons and institutions, that is libraries of every part of Italy and of different typology), but it has relations with over 1.500 Italian catholic libraries; it is the Association of catholic librarians which in Europe has the major number of members. Among its main activities, we remember ACOLIT, an Authority List in catholic religious field, three volumes of which have already been published: 1. Bible, Catholic Church, Roman Curia, Papal State, Vatican, Popes and Antipopes; 2. Religious Orders; 3. Liturgical Works (at least other two volumes are planned, concerning the early Christian writers and the saints of the Catholic Church). ABEI has carried out two censuses of the Italian catholic libraries, whose data are contained in two volumes (published in 1990 and 1995) and now are available in its website. ABEI periodically organizes courses of training for librarians, congresses and seminars (and publishes their proceedings) and publishes the “Bollettino di informazione”, printed in 2.000 copies. (<http://www.abei.it>)

CDEC. The Fondazione Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea – CDEC onlus (non lucrative organization of social utility) is an historical, cultural, independent and no profit making institution, with legal status, recognized by DPR 4th April 1990, with seat in Milan. In 1955, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Liberazione, of the end of the Repubblica Sociale Italiana and the Nazi occupation, the Federazione giovanile ebraica d'Italia constituted the Centro di Documentazione ebraica contemporanea - with the purpose of "the research and the registration of every kind of documents about the anti-Semitic persecution in Italy and the Jewish contribution to the Resistenza" and their divulgation. The current statute of the Foundation states that it is an independent institute, under the protection of the **Unione delle comunità ebraiche italiane** and subject to the supervision of the Ministero per i beni e le attività culturali and to the statute supervision of the Unione delle comunità ebraiche italiane. Owing to the particular undertaking of the documentation, research and memory of the Shoah, the Foundation CDEC can be considered the "place of memory" of the thousands of Italian Hebrews killed during the deportation. The historical Archives of the Foundation have been declared "of remarkable historical interest" by the Ministero itself. The Foundation CDED is part of the Italian delegation in the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research.

(<http://www.cdec.it>)



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