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NEWSLETTER 2: MARCH – APRIL 2015

From: membership@levantineheritagefoundation.org

Welcome to the March – April edition of our newsletter. And a warm welcome to Members who have joined us since January this year!

Becoming a member is easy. Our members enjoy significant advantages. Please check our link to discover them and subscribe. <http://levantineheritagefoundation.org/become-a-member.html>

Good News! Our membership year now runs from 1 October to 30 September. Those joining or renewing now will get a bonus membership to 30 Sep 2016 or 2020, in the case of 5 years membership.

Forthcoming Levant and LHF related Publications & Events:

More details on **Istanbul Conference** and a conference book will be published this year.



May: Kalliopi Amygdalou : "Byzantium as a referent in early-20th century architecture: The University of Ionia, Saint Demetrius and Aristotelous Street". On 29th May 2015 at 19.15 Hellenic Centre, London

www.helleniccentre.org and <http://www.helleniccentre.org/pages/events-culture/upcoming-events.php> Doctor

Amydalou sums up her talk as:

"The late 19th century saw a valorisation of Byzantine heritage both in Greece and abroad - yet for different reasons - with significant implications for architecture, archaeology and urban planning. By examining selected examples, this lecture aims to highlight the plurality of ideological flows and symbolisms that these buildings acquired in their respective contexts in a period of competition between national, religious and imperial identities in the region."

2nd July: Edward Charlton-Jones: 'White Russian Émigré Society in Constantinople, 1918-23'. Talk and photos of local cartoons.

And:

George Vassiadis: **Egypt: the Greek and Levantine Built Heritage as it is Today.** Following his recent trip to Egypt will talk about surviving churches, schools and residential buildings in Cairo and Alexandria, with photos of Port Said and Ismailia.

September or October: John Mole and Rebetika music (with dinner). **To be confirmed.**

December. The works of Liotard at Royal Academy: we are hoping to organise a group visit to be followed by dinner. LHF members are invited to contact us expressing their interest, giving their preferred dates and times.

Promotional Notice on LHF Conference, London: 2, 3, & 4 November 2016.

Call for papers expected soon.

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THE LEVANT AND EUROPE
“RETHINKING THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN”

TRIUMPHS AND TRAGEDIES OVER SIX CENTURIES

2 & 3 November 2016
At EUROPE HOUSE, London
continues at
THE HELLENIC CENTRE, London
4 November 2016

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Planned LHF Symposium in Alexandria Egypt 2017

“Biblioteka Alexandrina: the modern Pharos ?” (suggested temporary title)

Proposed Co-host and key speaker: James Watt CVO, HBM Ambassador to Ambassador to Egypt 2011 to 2014

The following is just a promotional idea.

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Symposium in Alexandria
Egypt 2017

BIBLIOTEKA ALEXANDRINA: THE MODERN PHAROS?

NEW BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS TITLES:



Welcome to on-line Italian publication <http://nuovolevantino.it/>

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The English version of Maria Iliou's documentary and a book on 'Smyrna: The Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City - 1900-1922' <http://www.dailymotion.com/CosmosgreekDocumentaries>

The video link is: <http://www.dailymotion.com/video/k71WovfiLFzhYK8UtNf>

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The island of Crete has been of major importance in the history of the Aegean throughout the ages. Professor Dr Ergun Lafli of 9 Eylul University of Izmir, has given a talk on 11 March on the role played by Crete and Cretan populations in the Aegean and southern Greece from Antiquity to today.



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Quote: Historian Eugene Rogan explains one of the most poorly understood aspects of the First World War – the defeat of the Ottomans and the clearing of the way for a new Middle East that has endured until today. The Ottoman Empire was one of the most powerful states in Europe and ruled the Middle East but had weakened significantly by 1914. Rogan explains how Britain, France and Russia decided to finish off the empire by invading Gallipoli after the Ottomans joined the Central Powers. Rogan teaches the modern history of the Middle East at the University of Oxford. His book, *Frontiers of the State in the Late Ottoman Empire*, won the Albert Hourani Prize. **The Fall of the Ottomans The Great War in the Middle East, 1914-1920**

Eugene Rogan ISBN: 9781846144387 Hardback

Publisher: Penguin Books Ltd



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A reminder from our Foundation Secretary Craig Encer, that the Barker archives encompassing some 3000 family photos, are deposited on behalf of our Foundation at: <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/a/A13531965>

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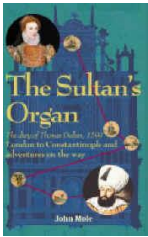
Greek Songs from Asia Minor by Christos Tsimoulis <http://www.helleniccentre.org/pages/books/cds.php> Price: GBP 15.00. Single CD. Direction of Production, Thanassis Moraitis

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Art exhibition by Andreas Georgiadis - "The Alexandria Quartet" Friday 13 March-Sunday 15 March, 6:30-8:30pm(Fri)/10:30am-6:30pm (Sat-Sun) - Hellenic Centre. Based on the novel by Lawrence Durrell. <http://www.helleniccentre.org/pages/events-culture/upcoming-events/andreas-georgiadis---the-alexandria-quartet.php>



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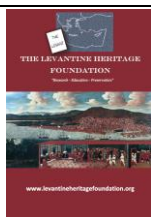
- + **The Sultan's Organ** The diary of Thomas Dallam 1599 Put into modern English by **John Mole**. *Friend of LHF'*
<http://www.johnmole.com/Fortune/The%20Sultan's%20Organ.htm> ISBN 9-780955-756924

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- + The **NEW American hard back** edition of **"A Lexicon of Smyrneika"** by Baltazzi, Galdies, and Poulimenos; *'Friends of LHF'* is now catalogued at the US Library of Congress.



<http://www.gorgiaspress.com/bookshop/showproduct.aspx?ISBN=978-1-4632-0251-4>



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Help us recruit new members: please download and distribute our new LHF 4 page leaflet and membership form! New membership bonus: apply now, renew Sept 2016!

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

- + Works of Fausto Zonaro the Italian Orientalist painter who gave us so many scenes of Ottoman Istanbul, are being exhibited at Palazzo Medici Riccardi, via Cavour n.1, Florence from 1st April – to 30th April 2015.

Italian title: ***Fausto Zonaro, Vita e luce tra fasti ottomani e la Belle Époque italiana. Fausto Zonaro, Life and Light between Ottoman pomp and the Italian Belle Epoque.***

with critiques and contributions of: **Erol Makzume, Francesca Midiri, Philip Mansel and Valeria Falchi**

Read the full story on: <http://www.cornucopia.net/events/fausto-zonaro/>

- + Brussels, Palais des Beaux-Arts (BOZAR), **Europalia Turkey-Istanbul**, 13 October 2015 to 24 January 2016.
http://www.bozar.be/webpage_searchresult.php?q=EUROPALIA%20Turkey
- + Brussels, Palais des Beaux-Arts (BOZAR), **Europalia Turkey: Myths and Rituals**, 6 October 2015 to 17 January 2016.
http://www.bozar.be/webpage_searchresult.php?q=EUROPALIA%20Turkey

✚ **Jean-Etienne Liotard** is in The Sackler Wing at the RA from 24 October 2015 – 31 January 2016.



<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/article/jean-etienne-liotard-the-story-so-far>

[Please note we are trying to secure a special viewing and talk for December this year. Watch this space!]



News from Researchers and 'Friends of LHF':



Richard Seivers a resident of Daintree, Queensland, Australia.
Istanbul, Turkey and the Arnold Family, 1862 to 1924
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It would be interesting to know if there were any conversions by one of the Bonofacio's descendants. Chris Stamboulis iamstos@gmail.com is researching his ancestor named Plato who had two sisters Andromache and Athena, and a brother named Rallis. He is looking for any connection with the famous Ralli family, or the reason why he would have been given this name. How strong was the Ralli name to bear any influence politically or artistically in 18th century Constantinople?

Again, thank you all for your help, thoughts and suggestions.

More News from 'Friends of LHF' overseas:

✚ Buca Cultural Centre has published an article on the Rees mansion in  Buca, together with a

report on our 2014 LHF Symposium in Izmir.  <http://www.uzumkokansem.com/>

- ✚ Interesting 'country history'. Aviva Group companies have had a presence in Turkey since Commercial Union appointed an agency in Izmir almost 150 years ago.
<http://www.aviva.com/about-us/heritage/countries/turkey/>
- ✚ Yaman Alkan is making progress in his researches into Burgaz island photos and comparison with old maps and their historical significance

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- ✚ Chris Horner was recently able to electronically scan the diary of Donald Andrus, who came out from England to Smyrna in 1889 to work as an assistant engineer on the Smyrna-Aidin (Ottoman) railway under Edward Purser, and eventually married Purser's second daughter, Sarah (sister of Chris' great grandmother, Dora). The diary was kept almost daily from 1889-1890, and then less frequently between 1893 and 1903. Descendants of Donald Andrus and Sarah Purser in Toronto, Canada, kindly allowed Chris to scan the original of the diary and gave permission for it to appear on the LHF site.
- ✚ Chris has given us several files of this diary which are being uploaded onto our Levantine Heritage family recollections.
- ✚ But furthermore today Chris informs us that he also obtained in 2014 the actual physical diaries of Edward Purser, from another relative in Canada, who is also a descendant of Dora Purser (Edward's oldest daughter) and Henry de Jongh. These diaries consist of a formidable collection of 35 bound volumes, stretching from 1862 to 1904 with virtually daily entries in a quite difficult-to-read handwriting. Chris is up to the volume for 1872, and reports that so far the overwhelming majority of entries concern the building of the railway, in its engineering, business-related and political aspects. The descendants would love to see excerpts from this Purser diary on the LHF site along with the Andrus diary, where they say, these materials can be viewed by many people, and in the context of all the other recollections and resources which we have assembled on LHF website.
- ✚ Our colleague Dr George Vassiadis who has already done some research on the 'Smyrna – Aidin railway families' will conduct further studies with Chris, but we would welcome all cooperation from any other parties who may have even more material on the Pursers in particular.

Dear Reader,

Having resigned as a trustee and Membership & Events Secretary of the Levantine Heritage Foundation, this is my last newsletter from the LHF. I wish to thank you for your kindness and cooperation during my tenure and look forward to seeing LHF members on future occasions.

Yours sincerely,

George Galdies

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