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Upcoming events

20 January 2021, 6pm (UK time)

3rd LHF online presentation with guest speaker Deniz Türker: 'The Yıldız Palace and Sultan Abdülhamid II's Flat-Pack Homes' - [flyer](#) - [registration](#):

17 February 2021, 6pm (UK time)

4th LHF online presentation with guest speaker Houssine Alloul: 'Belgium and the Ottoman Empire: 'Transnationals' and Diplomacy in an Age of Global Capital' - [flyer](#) - [registration](#):

Vision for our Future Events

Clearly this past year has been challenging for all of you and wishing you good health in these troubling and uncertain times. Like all cultural institutions this has meant all of our physical events have had to be put on hold and this situation is clearly going to continue through at least till next summer. We are however already in the early stages of our post-Covid plans for events both in the UK and overseas and these will be announced in due course. We are of course always on the look-out for collaborator organisations and sponsors. Please get in touch with us if you would like to like to get involved in some way.

There are other opportunities to support the LHF by becoming a member, making a donation, sponsoring a gathering or contributing your time. If you wish to contribute in some way towards the activities of the LHF, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop at chairman@levantineheritage.com.

Membership and Events Secretary

The LHF is looking for a volunteer to help with membership support and the organisation of LHF events. The tasks include corresponding with new and renewing members, producing the guest lists for events and maintaining the LHF's contact and research enquiry database. It would require a commitment of 1-2 days a month. For more details, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop at chairman@levantineheritage.com to arrange a conversation.

Message from the Levantine Association / Levantenler Derneği'den mesaj

İzmir Levantenler Derneği 2016 yılında Sn. Piero Papi, Sn. Rodney Simes, Sn. Noel Micaloff öncülüğünde 17.yüzyıldan günümüze bu topraklarda yaşamış ve Levanten olarak anılan çeşitli etnik ve dinsel toplulukların kültürel, sanatsal ve mimari alanda bıraktığı mirasın araştırılması ve korunması ve Levanten mirasını anlatmaya ve tanıtmaya yönelik eğitici ve bilgilendirici etkinlikler düzenleyip, tarihte bu topraklarda yaşamış farklı sebeplerden ötürü farklı yerlere göç etmiş Levanten ailelerine bu topraklardaki geçmişleri ile ilgili aidiyet ve uzman kişiler aracılığı ile araştırma, inceleme ve geliştirme çalışmaları yapmak üzere kurulmuştur. 2020 yılı Şubat ayında göreve başlayan yönetim kurulumuz şu isimlerden oluşmaktadır: Başkan Giuliano Gloghini, 2.Başkan Enrico Filippucci, Genel Sekreter Frederich De Cramer, Sekreter Anna Maria Erem, Sayman Jacqueline Buttigieg. İzmir Levantenler Derneği Yönetim kurulu olarak dünyaya yayılmış olan tüm Levantenleri kucaklar her zaman her konuda desteğe hazır olduğumuzu bildirmek isteriz.

The İzmir Levantines Association was founded in 2016 under the leadership of Mr. Piero Papi, Mr. Rodney Simes and Mr. Noel Micaloff, with the aim of organizing educational and informative activities aimed at researching and preserving the cultural, artistic and architectural heritage of various ethnic and religious communities that lived in this land since the 17th century and known as the Levantines, and to explain and promote this Levantine heritage. The Association was established to carry out research, examination and development activities for Levantine families who migrated to different places through their culture and with the help of experts analysis delve into their pasts in these lands. Our board of directors, which took office in February 2020, consists of the following names: Chairman Giuliano Gloghini, vice President Enrico Filippucci, General Secretary Frederich De Cramer, Secretary Anna Maria Erem, Treasurer Jacqueline Buttigieg. As the Board of the Izmir Levantines Association, we would like to announce that we are always ready to support in all aspects and embrace all Levantines spread around the world.



Left to right: Enriko Filippucci, Piero Papi, Giuliano Gloghini, Rodney Simes and Frederich De Cramer

Current research

If you are seeking help with research, please write to Craig Encer who will endeavour to point you to sources of material or connect you with people in the LHF network who may be able to help. Additionally, we can post requests for assistance in our newsletter.

Looking for information on a coin dealer or coin collector in the early 20th century Mary N. Lannin
(marylannin@gmail.com)
American Numismatic Society
New York NY

He is described in coin catalogs as 'Fenerly Bey' or 'Fenerly Bey du Phanar'. He was also known as Pavlakis

Fenerlis Pasha or Pavlaki Fenerly Pacha. He died in 1911. He lived and died in the same house in Cumbali.

His daughter was 'Mrs. Marie Fenerly Christitch' and she sold his collection at an auction in Vienna in November, 1912.

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Dr. Pavlakis Fenerlis (OB/GYN), Coroner of the Patriarchates and ephor [member of the school board] of communal education.

Even though his medical specialty had no military applications, Pavlakis used his connections to rise to the rank of colonel and formally serve in a military office. When on duty, Fenerlis wore a full military uniform. In his later years, Fenerlis was promoted to the rank of Chief Surgeon. He wore a general's uniform and changed his honorific from *Bey* to *Pasha*.

He was an avid archaeologist and numismatist, and cultivated several collections.



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He held the title of Coroner to the Patriarchate in 1886.

BRÜDER EGGER, Wien, I. Opernring 7.

Nr. XLI.

Auktions-Katalog.

Sammlung M^{me} Ch.
vormals Dr. Fenerly Bey etc.:

Griechische, Römische und Byzantinische Münzen.

Die öffentliche Versteigerung findet statt: Montag den 18. November 1912
und folgende Tage im Lokale und unter der Leitung der Experten Brüder Egger,
Wien, I. Opernring 7, Mezzanin.

Telegramm-Adresse: Numus Wien.

———— Auktionsbedingungen unanfechtbar. ————

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Verlag von Brüder Egger, Wien, I. Opernring 7.
Katholischen-Druckerei, Wien, VII.

I am also seeking information about Mrs. Christitch, and I understand her married name to be of Serbian origin. Possibly her marriage may have been announced in the newspaper? Or possibly her father (and partner) took out an advertisement?

I am interested in women who have collected coins, as they were unusual for the times.

Request for information for research – Burgon, de Cramer, Maltass

I am writing a book on Thomas Burgon (1787-1858), in particular on his travels and archaeological activities. He was a Levant Company merchant based in Smyrna 1808-1814; in 1811 he married Catherine Margeurite de Cramer (1790-1854), who was also related to the Maltass family. I am trying to find answers to the questions listed below. I have already examined the following: London Metropolitan archive (documents from the Anglican church in Smyrna and Bournabat); and Levant Company correspondence for 1811-1814.

Questions:

1. Where did Thomas Burgon / the de Cramer family live in Smyrna? (I am aware of the de Cramer house in

Hadjilar, painted by William Page in 1812)

2. What were the dates of Catherine Margeurite's siblings (Joseph Gustave, Frederic, Adolphe, Charles and Susan) particularly of Charles de Cramer.
3. Any information on the occupation of Charles de Cramer.
4. Dates and occupation of William (Bill) Maltass (married Mary Barker in 1806).
5. Dates and occupation of Stephen Maltass.
6. Any information on 'Manoli Curmuzi' (travel companion of Thomas Burgon from Hadjilar to Sardis in 1811).
7. Any information on 'Manoli Stamo' at Vourla (Ulra) (where Thomas Burgon and companions stayed the night in 1812 on an excursion to Teios).

If you have any information or suggestions of archives to consult please get in touch with me on aidp@st-andrews.ac.uk. I would be very grateful!

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Recent Events



1st The Association of Levantines online presentation with guest speaker Philip Mansel: 'Istanbul and Smyrna through the eyes of Levantine artists from Luigi Mayer to Fausto Zonaro', 12 December 2020 - [flyer:](#) - [slides:](#) - [video:](#)



2nd LHF online presentation with guest speaker Diana Darke: 'Stealing from the Saracens: How Islamic Architecture shaped Europe', 16 December 2020 - flyer: - [flyer](#): - [slides](#): - [video](#):



2nd The Association of Levantines online presentation with guest speaker Fabrizio Casaretto: 'Sebah & Joallier merceğinden siyah beyaz Osmanlı' [The black & white Ottoman world through the lens of Sebah & Joallier], 2 January 2021 - [flyer](#): - [video](#):

External Upcoming Events

28 January 2021, 8 pm (UK time)

Online book launch: Pious Pilgrims, Discerning Travellers, Curious Tourists (2020) — with readings, music and discussion - Association For The Study Of Travel In Egypt And The Near East – [link:](#)

1 February 2021, 5 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: C.P. Cavafy in the World: Origins, Trajectories and the Diasporic Poet, Dr Foteini Dimirouli – British School at Athens – [link:](#)

16 February 2021, 6 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: 'Epidemiologies: The Discourse of Disease in Victorian Britain and Late Ottoman Istanbul', Erik Blackthorne-O'Barr – Anglo-Turkish Society – [flyer:](#) - [registration:](#)

3 March - 31 May 2021

Exhibition: The Romance of Ruins: The Search for Ancient Ionia, 1764 – Sir John Soanes Museum, London – [link:](#)

until 14 March 2021

Exhibition: Between Empires, Beyond Borders: The War and Armistice Years through the eyes of the Köpe Family – Salt Beyoğlu, İstiklal Caddesi 136, Beyoğlu, Istanbul – [link:](#)

1 April 2021, 8 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: British Diplomatic Travellers in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul, Dr. Gemma Masson – Association For The Study Of Travel In Egypt And The Near East – [link:](#)

Recent Publications

Port Cities of the Eastern Mediterranean: Urban Culture in the Late Ottoman Empire - Malte Fuhrmann, Cambridge University Press, 2020 – [link:](#)

Not yet published:

Midnight in Cairo: The Female Stars of Egypt's Roaring '20s - Raphael Cormack, Saqi Books, 2021

The Romance of Ruins: The Search for Ancient Ionia, 1764 - Sir John Soane's Museum, 2021 - edited by Ian Jenkins, to accompany the exhibition at the Soane Museum, March to May 2021

New External digitisations:

Το ταφικό μνημείο της οικογένειας του βαρόνου Frédéric de Charnaud Πηγή [The burial monument of the family of Baron Frédéric de Charnaud], source www.lifo.gr, 9-12-2020 – [link:](#)

Italian Threads in Constantinople - From Lancs to the Levant, Travels into my family's past, Angela Fry, 4 January 2021 – [link:](#)

New Historical novel:

Le Levantin, René Otayek, 2020 – [review](#) - [interview:](#)

New Video productions:

Dr Philip Mansel online lecture: 'The Lily and the Crescent: Louis XIV and the Ottomans, Culture, Commerce

and Crusades', 15 December 2020 – [link:](#)

İzmir'in son Levantenleri: "Ne et ne balık, arada bir kişiyim" [The last Levantines of Izmir : "Neither meat nor fish, I am somebody in the middle"], +90 (Deutsche Welle, VOA Türkçe, BBC Türkçe & France 24), 22-12-2020 – [link:](#)

Enriko Filipuçi ile Söyleşi, İzmir Araştırmaları Derneği, 13 January 2021 - [part1:](#) - [part2:](#)

New news articles:

Last Levantines of Turkey working to keep their culture alive - Daily Sabah, 28-1-2019 – [link:](#)

Ephemera:

Genoese medicine chest, 1562-1566 - [link:](#)

Constantinople of Edmondo de Amicis, Rana Yalvaç, Whats up mags, 10 December 2019 – [link:](#)

A Visit to the Feriköy Cemetery with Paolo Girardelli: Commentary by Paolo Girardelli, Monica Fritz, Cornucopia Blog, December 2020 – [link:](#)

In Memoriam:

Unfortunately we are sad to report an author on Levantine / Persian studies ("Ottoman and Persian Odysseys" published in 1998), Henry McKenzie Johnston who has died peacefully aged 99 on October 29, 2020. He attended some of our early London gatherings and contributed to the [website:](#)

Latest Website additions

Photo galleries / analysis:

The French benevolent foundation of Constantinople celebrations – [link:](#)

Beykoz British community – [link:](#)

Levantine manger displays – [link:](#)

Advertising boards – [link:](#)

Requests

Become a member of the LHF

We hope you find our website and events interesting and useful. Our work is mainly achieved thanks to our volunteers and site contributors. However, we do have significant real costs in adding to and maintaining the website, funding small research projects, organising events and preparing publications and other materials. Where we charge for events, we aim to cover only the direct costs of venue hire and catering in order to make them accessible to as wide an audience as possible, including students and early career researchers.

The Levantine Heritage Foundation is reliant on membership subscriptions, donations and sponsorship. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership. Membership is just £20 a year, or £80 for 5 years or you can become a life member for £500. Benefits include priority booking for events and discounts on LHF publications and events where we have to charge a fee.

In response to residents of Turkey asking us how they can join without PayPal, we have arranged for people to be able to join through Eventbrite with an extra button added in all upcoming events allowing people to pay for annual membership via credit cards which of course gives free access for the online events during that subscription.

You can join the LHF or renew your membership on line at <http://www.levantineheritage.com/join-us.html> or email membership@levantineheritage.com. You can also pay by cheque and send it to: The Levantine Heritage

Foundation, 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ.

We would appreciate a volunteer to help us manage our membership lists, renewals, reminders better. If you can spare the time, please get in touch.

Donations and legacies

If you wish to make a donation to the LHF, you can also do this online at <http://www.levantineheritage.com/support-us.html>. Or request our bank details if you wish to make a direct transfer. Or you can send cheques to the LHF at The Levantine Heritage Foundation, 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ.

If you wish to provide a legacy for the LHF in your will or if you have family archives that are relevant to Levantine research, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop at chairman@levantineheritage.com to discuss your wishes.

Gift Aid:

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Purchasing copies of past LHF Conference books:

If you wish to purchase copies of conference presentations books: **First Levantine Conference in Istanbul**, 'The Levantines: Commerce and Diplomacy', held in Istanbul November 2014 - [details](#) or **Levantines Past, Present, Future Symposium**, Izmir, November 2010 - [details](#):
Please refer to the pricing instructions here ([doc](#) / [pdf](#) version), and send the correct amount (including postage) through our [paypal buttons](#) (or bank transfer - details on support us page) with your address details please:

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Contribute to our newsletter

Next newsletter is scheduled for 15 April 2021; contact us if you wish for an entry / announcement.

Craig Encer

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Wishing our friends a good 2021 to come, and be safe...

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