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## Newsletter 1 - December 2014

Welcome to the December 2014 edition of our newsletter which brings you

## Our Very Best Wishes for a Joyful Christmas, And an excellent New Year with LHF!

As already reported on our website, 2014 has seen a very successful Conference held in Istanbul early November. More details on <u>Istanbul Conference</u> and a conference book will be published in the New Year.

A presentation on the equally successful <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Izmir Symposium</u> was made during our AGM of 15 December2014. A short version is available on the website via the link. A longer version of George Galdies' synopsis of each talk is available to our members Free of Charge. It pays to become a member!

The 15<sup>th</sup> December AGM adopted a resolution to appoint **Mrs. Zeynep Cebeci Suvari,** a resident of Istanbul, as our new Trustee. We extend a warm welcome to Zeynep who has gracefully accepted this appointment.

On Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February we shall be holding our first 'informal meeting' of 2015, once again at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, at 6.00 for 6.30PM (ties and jackets please). Please book through: <u>https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/15022772517/</u> as usual. Our guest speakers on this occasion will be Joanna Hyslop and Joe Murat. They will each be delivering the full texts of the abstracts which they presented in Izmir last October: 'The Life and Work of the Reverend Charles Dobson' and; 'The Murat Family of Bornova'. Both are fascinating tales from the aftermath of WW1.

The Foundation very much hopes that this will be an excellent opportunity to enroll **new members,** as per fees posted on the LHF website, and for sponsors to renew their donations. We're looking forward to hearing from new sponsors as well! Fees and donations are the only means of **funding LHF activities;** please be generous!

Some members have made verbal suggestions for **future events and activities** that could take place in the course of 2015. It would be much appreciated if those of you who did make these suggestions to kindly repeat them to us at: <u>membership@levantineheritagefoundation.org</u>

Looking forward to seeing you on 4th February,

Yours sincerely, Events Secretary