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| <i>Information retrieval theory:</i> | Retrieval models and algorithms, Evaluation, Document and query presentation, extension to full text databases. |
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| <i>Natural Language Processing:</i> | Application of lexicons, parsing algorithms to IR |
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Dr Shawky Salem Grant for Arab Specialists in Library and Information Sciences

In April 1989 the idea of establishing a permanent grant in LIS for Arab specialists was raised by Dr Shawky Salem and put to both IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and FID (International Federation for Information and Documentation), as well as German and English professional organizations. The negotiations for establishing the grant came to an end on the first of May 1991, when the three parties (IFLA, FID and Dr Salem) signed the agreement between them for the implementation of this grant.

The first meeting for the grant will take place during the IFLA 57th General Conference (Moscow, USSR, 18–24 August 1991) to discuss the executing steps and procedures for the grant. IFLA and FID will manage the grant in all its technical, financial and administrative procedures, and will prepare a detailed brochure in English and French about the grant and application procedure to be distributed to Arab librarians.

The selection of a grantee will be made by a jury consisting of three members, and the grantee's name and organisation will be announced before the first of April of the relevant year. The jury can decide to publish the study report of the grantee as a separate publication or to combine several study reports in one publication.

Candidates who would like to be considered for the Dr Salem grant must have worked or taught in library and information science for at least ten years in an Arab country and should have Arab nationality, should not be over 50 years of age at the deadline for applications, and must have an adequate written and spoken command of either English, French or German.

The selected grantee shall submit to the Executive Director of FID a typewritten study report of at least 4,000 words no later than three months after the final day of the training programme, and will assign all rights concerning the report to FID and IFLA. He will receive a certificate that he has completed the training offered by the Dr Salem grant covering the place and country of training, period of training, subject of training and benefits of training.

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