

Meeting to discuss the proposed formation of a
SYRIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

Smithsonian Institution, October 4-5 2016

Sponsored by the Gerda Henkel Foundation and the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative

Day 1: Tuesday, October 4

17:00 Evening Talk

Corine Wegener (Cultural Heritage Preservation Officer, Smithsonian)

18:30-20:00 Reception

Day 2: Wednesday, October 5

Session 1: Introduction and Background (moderated by Corine Wegener)

09:00 *Welcome*

Corine Wegener (Smithsonian) and Dr. Michael Hanssler (Gerda Henkel)

09:30 *Safeguarding the Heritage of Syria and Iraq Project*

Dr. Brian Daniels (Penn) and Dr. Shaker al Shbib (Smithsonian)

09:45 *Hekkaya Heritage Initiative and Refugee Education*

Mariam Bachich (Smithsonian)

10:00 *Heritage Preservation Work in Turkey and Beyond*

Osman Kavala (Anadolu Kultur)

10:15 *Deutsches Archäologisches Institut*

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10:30 Coffee Break

Session 2: The Syrian Cultural Heritage Center: Need, Objectives, Mission

11:00 *Introduction to the Syrian Cultural Heritage Center*

Dr. Salam al Kuntar (Penn)

11:30-12:30 *Open Discussion, moderated by Dr. Salam al Kuntar*

12:30 Lunch Break

Session 3: Implementing Programming

13:30-15:00 *Open Discussion, moderated by Dr. Brian Daniels and Dr. Peter Gould (Penn)*

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

Session 4: Next Steps: Oversight, Administration, Support

16:00-17:00 *Open Discussion, moderated by Dr. Richard M. Leventhal (Penn)*

19:00 Dinner