

joined the list of NPAC offices. This means that libraries will continue to receive library materials from Egypt and other Arab countries, but that they will reimburse the Library of Congress for book and periodical receipts and contribute toward administrative cost. Each participating library has chosen to receive publications in subject fields and from geographic regions suited to its collecting interests. A library may elect to receive books from the following geographic areas: Egypt, Lebanon and Syria, Iraq, other eastern Arab countries, and North Africa. Subject groups are: Language and Literature, Islamic Studies, Modern Social Studies, Modern Law, and Science Technology.

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Harvard University	University of Utah
University of Illinois	University of Virginia
Indiana University	University of Washington
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#### Middle East Outreach Council

At the MESA meeting in Salt Lake City, November 7-10, 1979, conference participants interested in outreach activities formed the Middle East Outreach Council (MEOC). The MEOC is independent of MESA, though it will meet in conjunction with it. Charlotte Wright, Outreach Coordinator at The University of Michigan Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies and editor of the Near East Outreach Newsletter, has agreed to chair the MEOC. Mobil Oil Corporation has contributed \$2,500 to underwrite expenses for the new organization.

The MEOC's purpose is to facilitate outreach activities on the Middle East through the exchange of information among outreach programs and personnel and the dissemination of information on the Middle East. The major vehicle for information exchange and dissemination is the Near East Outreach Newsletter. In addition, the MEOC plans to apply for funds to evaluate and disseminate materials for teachers. A committee composed of:

Barbro Ek, Outreach Coordinator, Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies;  
Jonathan Friedlander, Outreach Coordinator, UCLA Center for

Near Eastern Studies;  
Sheila Scoville, Outreach Coordinator, University of Arizona Near  
Eastern Center; and  
Charlotte Wright, Outreach Coordinator, University of Michigan Cen-  
ter for Near Eastern and North African Studies,

will investigate possible funding sources and suggest priorities for  
the MEOC.

The formation of the MEOC is the culmination of several years of  
discussion and effort. It formalizes contacts among the outreach pro-  
grams and lessens unnecessary duplication of effort, allowing the dif-  
ferent programs and groups to learn from each other. The organiza-  
tion's structure remains informal, however.

Membership is open to anyone interested in outreach. There are  
no dues. If you wish to receive the Newsletter and become a mem-  
ber, write to:

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