



Program 2004

January (school holidays from 24 January – two weeks until 7 February)

NATIONAL MUSEUMS FOR WORLD CULTURES

(17-18 January)

Visit by a delegation of Museum directors and other academics from Sweden with the purpose of networking with colleagues in Egypt, especially museums and other cultural institutions as well as the University and the Bibliotheca in Alexandria.

TRANSLATION, GLOBALISATION AND THE CRISIS OF INTELLECT

(27-29 January)

An international workshop organized in co-operation with the PEN Club in Egypt. Participants from Egypt, Scandinavia and the Arabic world will discuss matters like support of writers and new literary developments in the Arab world. Also experiences from the different PEN Centers in the region will be discussed. In addition, literary sessions will provide time for participants to read and discuss their work.

February (Eid al-Adha approx. 1-3 February)

PEACE RESEARCH IN ARABIC (17-18 February)

Launching of the Arabic translation of the SIPRI Yearbook 2003 (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) in collaboration with the Centre for Arab Unity Studies (CAUS)/ the Arab Organization for Translation (AOT), SIPRI and Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

[Guest lectures by: Directors Bailes and Anthony, SIPRI, and Director Haseeb, CAUS;

lecturers also invited from Al-Ahram Centre for Strategic Studies and the National Centre for Middle East Studies]

VISIT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE EC (17 February)

A delegation of ten EU parliamentarians and nine officials from various EC bodies to visit SwedAlex for a briefing focussed on Euro-Mediterranean dialogue.

March

UPPSALA UNIVERSITY FIELD STUDY GROUP (5-6 March)

Klas Lundström with a group of students from Uppsala university

ARAB HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT II

Thematic seminar: “Building a Knowledge Society” (i.e. research, reading encouragement, education) from the UNDP report launched in October 2003 and a follow-up of the AHDR 2002 entitled “Creating Opportunities for Future Generations”. Focus of the seminar to be decided.

WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH CO-OPERATION (18-19 March)

(Joint project with the Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, CNRS, Beirut.)
A meeting of researchers from Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and Sweden, specialized in the following fields: material physics, diet food science, seismology. To be hosted by CNRS in Beirut. A total of 20 delegates; SwedAlex to cover travel and hotel. Funding requested from Sida/SAREC.

OMBUDSMAN SEMINAR (29 March - 1 April)

Sharing of experience between countries in the region (Egypt, Tunisia, Palestine) that have established an Ombudsman office for women. Also to advise other countries (Syria, Lebanon, Morocco and Jordan) about the role of an Ombudsmanna office. Finally to build a network of the participating countries. Sweden and Ireland will participate with their experience in the field.

April (Easter 9-12 April)

STRINDBERG IN ALEXANDRIA (Preliminary)

Workshops about Strindberg's writing. Exchange of experiences and methods for performing Strindberg in Sweden and Egypt. Joint performances will be set up in Alexandria and in Gothenburg.

REDISCOVERING OLD HARBOUR CITIES (5-7 April)

Workshop in co-operation with the Swedish city of Gothenburg, the Goethe-Institut, Alexandria, and the Hamburg-based organization "Hafen-City". A major seminar is envisaged for October.

YOUNG WOMEN AND MINORITIES (19-27 April)

A Euro-Mediterranean project organised in co-operation with the Council of Europe and the European Commission.

Theme: Participation of young women and minorities in developing citizenship projects.

This training course will bring together participants, aims at addressing issues relating to women's and minorities rights.

May

REBUILDING TRUST BETWEEN THE MUSLIM WORLD AND THE WEST (3-6 May)

(In co-operation with Wilton Park, UK, partly sponsored by the British Council.)

What can be done to re-establish trust between the Muslim world and the West? Which images prevail of the West in political life, the media and popular opinion? What must change in the policies of the West and the Muslim world in order for trust, mutual respect and confidence to return? Can a "dialogue of civilisations" be achieved? Topics for discussion include:

Living together in one world: contemporary experiences of building trust; Models of cultural interaction: a Mediterranean perspective; Diagnosis of misunderstandings and the anatomy of dialogue; Towards an Arab understanding of the West.

SwedAlex BOARD MEETING (10-11 May)

On the agenda: budget issues, policy document.

YOUTH IN THE MEDIA (25-27 May)

A seminar about how youth are covered in the media and how youth can participate. Journalists writing for and about children and youth will be invited. To be followed-up by projects/activities or training for young journalists.

June

SHARI'A AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (1-2 June –yet to be confirmed)

A first effort in a planned series of seminars with the aim to bring together experts in Islamic law with colleagues from the field of international law. Themes: constitutional law, international conventions and charters, international private law.

SwedAlex ADVISORY COMMITTEE (14-15 June)

Joint seminar in Stockholm with the SwedAlex Board.

August/September

***LITERATURES AND BORDERS – DELIMITATIONS AND TRANSGRESSIONS
(30 Aug – 9 Sept)***

A Summer Academy in co-operation with Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin/ Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam, sponsored by Ri9ksbankens Jubileumsfond and the Goethe Institutes in Kairo and Alexandria. Forty participants from Scandinavia, Germany and the Arab world.

Migration, hybridisation, and the undermining of boundaries are often accompanied by phenomena of redrawing linguistic, political, social, religious or aesthetic dividing lines. Globalisation seems to go along with the search for local traditions, cultural 'authenticity', including "invented traditions" as means for self-assertion in a situation of crisis and ideological reorientation. "World literature" opens up borders while reinforcing the national identity of literatures.

This Summer Academy's approach will be interdisciplinary, including the philologies of the concerned regions, literary criticism, comparative literature, cultural studies and cultural history.

***GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH CONVENTION IN ALEXANDRIA
(GEYC)***

The convention will be held at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina but SwedAlex will host/organise related activities together with the University of Lund.

***CORRUPTION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE ARAB WORLD
(20-23 September) (in co-operatiopn with the CAUS)***

A conference based on six case studies: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia.

The purpose is to identify measures to be taken in the Arab world to combat corrupt practices and to promote good governance, as defined by international bodies such as the UN.

October

RESEARCH CO-OPERATION (18-20 October)

Workshop with Arab and Persian research leaders.

Annual meeting with the Joint Technical Committee for the Swedish Links programme (Sida/SAREC and Vetenskapsrådet). Funding requested from Sida/SAREC.

November

SwedAlex BOARD MEETING
