

Subject: the 11th EURAMAL Conference

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Dear all,

it is with great pleasure that I inform you, that during the last bureau meeting in Rome, we confirmed that the 11th EURAMAL conference will be held in **Madrid 7-10 May 2014** at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in collaboration with other institutions.

Thanking all you who have sent us your invaluable suggestions, the bureau has decided that the title of the incoming conference will be:

New geographies and genres: the function of literature

Under the umbrella of new geographies and genres in modern Arabic literature, the 11th EURAMAL conference would like to explore all kind of mutations and transportations (physical, conceptual, linguistic...) in the literary scene, as well as new thematic, up to recently marginalized. Since many of these transformations are taking place in the last years, the conference would like to primarily focus on the two recent decades, although many issues will inevitably require historic or diachronic perspectives. Closely related to this processes of change is the role of translation and its impact in new conceptions of literature/adab, its understanding, spreading and function. It is envisaged that the research papers presented may relate, primarily although not exclusively, to possible topics such as:

- New roles and concepts of literature/*adab*
- New genres, (for ex. Science Fiction, Graphic novel...)
- Emerging Arab writers from the Gulf to the Ocean
- Arabic literature and World Literature
- The religious as an essential element in contemporary creative writing
- What happened to *iltizam*?
- Reception: readers and/or translations
- Transforming the canons

Further information will follow later, but in the mean time, please remember to book the date.

I hope that the delayed summer will soon appear in all of Europe.

All my best,

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