

## QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2014

Visitors Will Benefit From On-site Registration And Information on QNL`s High-Quality Reference Material

**Doha, 16 November 2014:** Qatar National Library (QNL), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), will participate in the upcoming Annual Research Conference (ARC'14) by offering visitors a host of unique and valuable services at a specially-designated booth in Qatar National Convention Centre's (QNCC) exhibition hall.

The QNL Access Team will be readily available to help conference participants register onsite and to provide them with information about the valuable science and research online databases available through the QNL website. Visitors will also benefit from a number of research handouts, and brochures that shed light on QNL's leading role in the dissemination of culture and knowledge.

The conference, which is being held at QNCC on 18 and 19 November under the theme 'Towards World-Class Research and Innovation,' will bring together renowned national and international experts, as well as distinguished researchers and scientists from key entities in Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D).

ARC'14 builds on nationwide efforts to advance Qatar's ambitious research agenda across cyber and water security, solar and renewable energy solutions, health management systems, as well as social challenges, by providing a platform to activate multidisciplinary knowledge sharing and collaboration.

The annual conference, which is hosted by QF R&D, supports QF's mission to cultivate lifelong learning and interest in science and research. It is also in keeping with Qatar National Library's commitment and sustained efforts to support Qatar as an international centre for research and development excellence, and innovation.

Saadi Al Said, Associate Director of Administration and Planning at QNL, explained the importance of Qatar National Library's contribution to the nation's premier scientific research conference: "The Annual Research Conference plays a crucial role in developing the capabilities of Qatar's students and researchers. Participants at the conference will have the chance to learn about the Library's latest databases that provide easy access to high-quality referenced materials."

Over the course of two days, the Qatar National Library team will facilitate the on-site registration of conference participants and engage members of the public by outlining the vast array of online databases and resources.



The library regularly organises community events and training sessions to introduce researchers, students and residents to its vast collection of digital content including research and science online databases such as SpringerLink, ProQuest, ScienceDirect, Oxford University Press Journals, Nature, in addition to many others.

Dr Claudia Lux, Project Director at Qatar National Library, said: "The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing the community with exceptional resources, and all the assistance they need to innovate and excel in their chosen field. In keeping with the objectives of Qatar National Vision 2030, we are committed to supporting the nation in its journey towards a knowledge-based economy. As a member of Qatar Foundation, our aim is to enhance the lives of students, educators, researchers, and members of the community by encouraging them to seek knowledge and unlock their human potential, in order to develop their full capabilities."

QNL is engaged in forging high-level national, regional and international partnerships. Moreover, it takes a leading role in organising and partnering in local community events, regional initiatives, as well as international exhibitions and conferences.

QNL carries out its core mission and shares information pertaining to the rich culture and history of Qatar through three functions: National Library, University and Research Library, and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age.

Qatar National Library is currently offering free online access to a vast collection of online resources including the latest bestsellers, classical works, concerts, top academic journals and documentaries. Anyone who lives in Qatar and has a valid Qatari ID/Residence Permit is eligible for free library registration. To register, please visit www.qnl.qa and to access the complete list of online resources, please visit http://www.qnl.qa/find-answers/online-resources.

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## Qatar National Library – Bridging with knowledge Qatar's Heritage and Future

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organisation under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). QNL is supporting Qatar on its journey from a carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. It was announced in November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNL carries out its mission through three functions: National Library, University and Research Library, and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age. The National Library function collects and provides access to global knowledge relevant to Qatar and the region. It also collects, preserves, and provides access to heritage content and materials about Qatar and the region. The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing printed and digital library materials for students and researchers. Metropolitan Public Library delivers library services and information for everyone to enjoy reading, meet people, and become information literate.

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