

# The Levantine Heritage Charitable Foundation

*Advancing education in the heritage, arts and culture of communities in the Levant region*



The Levantine Heritage Charitable Foundation is a membership association which promotes research, preservation and education in the heritage, arts and culture of the communities of the wider Levant region encompassed by the former Ottoman Empire between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The Ottoman Levant covered much of Greece, the Balkans, Turkey, Syria, the Lebanon, Palestine and Egypt and its influence extended far beyond. The peoples and communities who traded and settled in the area were diverse in origin and faiths, including Greeks, Italians, Turks, Persians, Arabs, French, British, many other Europeans and Americans. With the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire in 1923, many of the cosmopolitan communities of the Levant region scattered around the globe.

The Levantine Heritage Charitable Foundation is piecing together these communities' histories and legacies for future generations to study and build on. Many of our members actively contribute to a central body of knowledge which we are gradually digitising and making available to all. We raise funds through membership subscriptions and donations which we put to good use in advancing research and making it publicly accessible. For example, capturing, preserving and sharing the memories, records and artefacts of Levantine organisations and families wherever they may now be.

Our members receive the benefits of participating in a community of interest in the Levant region's culture and history. We arrange conferences and formal publications and a programme of informal talks and visits to sites of Levantine interest. The first Levantine Heritage Conference was held in Izmir in 2010 and hosted by the Izmir Chamber of Commerce. It attracted over 100 participants from the Levant region and from as far away as the USA and Australia. Several academic papers and other presentations were given and the event received front-page local and national press coverage.

We have a sister website [www.levantineheritage.com](http://www.levantineheritage.com) where old Levantine families share their memories. We are establishing affiliations with other organisations with which we can exchange knowledge and coordinate events for our members and for the wider public. Members can take satisfaction in knowing that whatever contribution they make will add to the preservation and distribution of knowledge about this fascinating area and period in history.

Please make a donation or become a member of The Levantine Heritage Charitable Foundation by completing the attached form and returning it to the address below. Or you can apply online at [www.levantineheritagefoundation.org](http://www.levantineheritagefoundation.org) :

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