EDUCATING LIBRARIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Building Bridges for the 21st Century
ELIME-21

Partnership between
• School of Information and Library Science and the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilization at UNC-Chapel Hill
• Al Akhawayn University in Morocco
• American University in Cairo

• The partnership is supported by a three year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
ELIME -21 objectives

To help plan and lay the foundation for the establishment of graduate level LIS programs in Morocco and Egypt

- designed to meet the local needs of each partner institution
- instruction in English
- courses taught by UNC faculty, faculty from the partner institutions and a cohort of ELIME-21 Ph.D. students
Partnership will provide benefits to all involved

This project addresses the urgent need for preparing future U.S. library educators with a greater familiarity with the Middle East and, at the same time, assists in the developing of programs for the training of librarians in a region of the world of critical importance.
ELIME-21 Tentative Schedule

July 2010-June 2011
- Work with partners to plan program
- Recruit first 3 PhD students

July 2010-June 2012
- First cohort of PhD students enroll
- Recruit second cohort
- First classes to partner institutions

July 2012-June 2014
- Full cohort of six students will work with faculty to develop and deliver courses and to plan for the development of full fledged LIS programs at AUI and AUC

- Of Special Interest to this group:
  
- June 2011—Summer workshop at AUI on the topic of digital curation and libraries