Bibliography of catalogues and surveys of Arabic MSS.

This is a reference work listing known collections and catalogues published and unpublished.

Describes collections in Czechoslovakia.

Contains references to published catalogues.

A list of published catalogues of collections of Christian Arabic MSS arranged by town.

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UNION CATALOGUES


Describes some MSS in the David Collection, and in the Royal Library, including some MSS in the Arthur Christensen collection there.


A detailed catalogue, with extensive translations, which includes description of 2 Malay MSS in the Royal Library and one housed in the National Museum.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

COPENHAGEN

Davids Samling

Kronprinsessegade 30
1306 København K.
Date of establishment: 1945
Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 12 (7 Arabic; 4 Persian; 1 mixed Arabic/Persian/Turkish). 8 MSS belong to the David Collection; 4 MSS belong to Kunstindustrimuseet (Museum of Industrial Art), on permanent loan to the David Collection.
Description of collection: Qur’ān fragments and literature. The manuscripts of the David Collection are of artistic significance.
A librarian and a conservator care for the manuscripts. The building is quite suitable.
Published catalogue: 1967 – 68. See article by Afshār under Union Catalogues under s above.
Unpublished catalogues: The collection is not catalogued, but registered on cards, containing full description of each manuscript, the main interest being art.

Kongelige Bibliothek

Christians Brygge 8
1016 Kopenhagen K.
Date of establishment: 1653
Status: Public
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1167 (534 Arabic; 2 Malay; 497 Persian; 70 Turkish; 51 Arabic/Persian/Turkish; 15 Urdu).
Description of collection: Islamic science and literature. Part of the collection (533 MSS) is catalogued and published, part of the collection (337 MSS) is catalogued, but not published, and 97 MSS are still not described.

The staff in The Royal Library care for the collection. The building is quite similar. See also:


A bibliography of known works (341 texts) with locations of known MSS (1240 MSS) including holdings in the Royal Library at Copenhagen.


Published catalogues:


Copenhagen: The Royal Library of Copenhagen.

A detailed catalogue giving format, number of pages, number of volumes, type of script, description of script, subject, name of author, title in original language, title in Latin, date, place of copying, references to other catalogues and other relevant literature, first and last words of the manuscript in original language, ex libris. Vol. 2 contains Codices Hebraici 1–46 and Codices Arabici 1–309 and covers the collection up to 1851. Vol. 3 contains Codices Persici 1–143, Codices Turcici 1–24, Codices Mixtii 1–35, Rotulæ et collectiones imaginum 1–5, Codices Hinduastanici 1–13, Codices Malaiici 1–2, Codices Syriaci 1–2, Codices Syro-Arabici 1–2, Codices Aethiopi 1–2, Codices Coptici 1–4, Codices Armenii 1–3, Codex Georgius, Codex Mogolicus; Addenda: Codices Hebraici in parte antecedente omisi 1–2; (total: 234 MSS) and covers the collection up to 1857.


These MSS are now in the Royal Library.

1967. Some Persian MSS in the collections are described in Afshar’s Union Catalogue.

1977. The Malay MSS are described in NAERSSEN’s Union Catalogue.

Not published. The collection was transferred to the Royal Library of Copenhagen from the University Library of Copenhagen in 1938. The cards give the following details: type of script, form, size, number of pages, nationality of copyist (oriental/occidental), name of author, title in Latin letters, date, short description (physical condition, broken and missing parts, etc.).


Part 2 contains: Codices Turcici 1–41, Cod. sim. Turc. 1–3, Cod. sim. orient. mixt. 1–2, Codices mixt Arabici et Persici 1–11, Cod. Copt. 1–2, Cod. Syr. 1–2, Cod. Syr. rotul. 1, Cod. Aethiop. 1–3, Cod. Armen. 1–4, Cod. Samaritanus 1; Total number 70.

Uncatalogued MSS: Part of this collection is still not described: the Arthur Christensen collection of Arabic manuscripts and lithographs, acquired in Persia 1913–14. It includes 97 manuscripts mostly about fiqh and sharh.

Nationalmuseet

The Ethnographic Collection of the National Museum

Ny Vesteregade 10

1471 København K.

Description of collection: The collection contains a few Qur’āns, prayerbooks and fragments in connection with miniatures, total number max. 20.

The collection is closed for two years and information not accessible.

Published catalogues:

1977. The Malay MS. is described, and large sections of it translated, in Naerssen's Union Catalogue.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX


Lists 222 catalogues published in 17 countries.


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