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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BERGEN

University of Bergen

Dept. of History, Sydnesplass 9, N-5007 Bergen
Tel.: 47-5-212300. Fax: 47-5-231897
Date of establishment: 1946

Centre for Middle Eastern Studies (Senter for Midtaustenstudiar),
Parkveien 22A, N-5007 Bergen
Tel.: 47-5-212711. Fax: 47-5-313845
Date of establishment: 1989
Status: Academic
Conditions of access: Accredited researchers and staff only.
Total number of Islamic MSS: over 300 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The Department of History and the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies jointly manage the Islamic manuscripts at the University. They consist of photos and microfilms of literary
and non-literary material from Islamic Africa, including the eastern and western Sudan, and some letters in Arabic. These have been acquired mainly as a result of the close cooperation between the University of Bergen and various universities in the Sudan.

Unpublished catalogues: Local hand-list of the titles of some of the manuscripts.

OSLO

Etnografisk Museum, Universitetet i Oslo (University Ethnographical Museum)

Frederiksgt. 2, N-0164 Oslo
Tel.: 47-2-416300. Fax: 47-2-335825
Date of establishment: 1857
Status: University museum
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Malagasy).
Description of collection: Religious and historical texts.

Published catalogues:
1982. See study by Munthe under Union Catalogues above.

Unpublished catalogues:
Katalog over Universitetets Etnografiske Museum orientalske manuskripter.

Universitetsbiblioteket i Oslo, Handskriftsamlingen (Royal University Library, Department of Manuscripts)

Drammensveien 42, N-0242 Oslo
Tel.: 47-2-553630. Fax: 47-2-434497
Date of establishment: 1811
Status: University library

Conditions of access: Free access.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 140 (94 Arabic; 1 Malay; 1 Pashto; 29 Persian; 14 Turkish; 1 Uru).
Description of collection: The manuscripts are kept satisfactorily in a closet away from dust and potentially damaging factors, e.g. humidity, etc.

The numbering of the manuscripts in the collection is temporary, since some of the manuscripts have not been examined.

The manuscripts are relatively recent, i.e. from the past few centuries. They cover the fields of literature (poetry and prose), medicine and grammar. Most of the manuscripts are neither catalogued nor described. There are 39 manuscripts in which are written very short remarks pertaining to their contents. These remarks were written by scholars in Oslo and are in English and Norwegian. See:


The item described as "Arabic and Javanese", however, has been identified in


Published catalogue:

Brief list of 22 Arabic & 2 Persian MSS, with scant detail.

STAVANGER

Misjonsskolen (Missionary college)

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Malagasy).
Description of collection: Astrological/magical, historical and religious/legal texts.
Published catalogues:
Stavanger Museum

N-4005 Stavanger

Date of establishment: 1877

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Malagasy), plus wooden writing-board.

Description of collection: Alphabet and writing exercises. The board contains Qur'anic passages, with interlinear Malagasy translation. Both items were donated by Pastor O. Stokstad, former missionary in Madagascar, in 1910.

Published catalogues:

TRONDHEIM

Universitetsbiblioteket i Trondheim, Specialsamlinger (Royal University Library, Department of Special Collections)

Erling Skakkesgate 47C, N-7004 Trondheim

Tel.: 47-7-592129. Fax: 47-7-592202

Date of establishment: 1760

Status: University library

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic) plus 1 Arabic and 1 Turkish document.

Description of collection: The Library was previously known as the Royal Society of Sciences Library (Det Kongelige Norske Vidseskabers Selskab, Biblioteket). The Arabic MS. is a Qur'än in an exceedingly beautiful script written on parchment-like paper. The documents consist of 1 Arabic letter and a Turkish sea-pass.

Published catalogue:

Koran, p. 543, no. 32; Et original arabisk Brev, p. 544, no. 33.

The Turkish document is not listed.