

Syed Maghrabi Scholarship Committee Report
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In July emails were sent to the membership seeking applicants for the 2017 Syed Maghrabi Scholarship. I received a very nice email from a colleague of Syed's via the GMRLIST, she was very pleased to know we had a scholarship in his name. I will share her email with you on the second page of this report. Thank you to the Publicity committee (Emily Johnson, Eric Edwards and Ramune Kubilius) for their help in sending emails to the membership and beyond.

The scholarship committee (myself, Stacey Knight-Davis and Jerry DeWitt) exchanged emails regarding the three applications and offered Daneen Richardson and Michelle Ott full scholarships, one night stay at the Chateau and full conference registration (valued at \$279 each). Our third applicant, Ann Zettervall was given a full conference registration (valued at \$100 since she is a student). We look forward to seeing their reports in the newsletter later this fall.

A silent auction will be held at the conference to again help fund the scholarships. Over 20 items were donated and I would like to thank Fran Kovach and Ramune Kubilius for their work on that part of the conference committee.

Dear Miranda:

I just received the email from GMRLIST regarding the HSLI scholarship award you created in the name of Syed. I came to Chicago in 1997 to take the position he left at Jackson Park Hospital. Syed very graciously spent time helping me, a new young librarian, get started. Although many years have passed I still remember his warmth and generosity, and willingness to lend a hand to help me in my first full-time professional position. Seeing his name again brought all that back.

I left Chicago after two years and was not aware of the scholarship. What a fitting tribute to a fine man. I am delighted that it has apparently been going strong since 2001. May it continue for many more years.

Thank you for an unexpected trip down memory lane!

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