

## 8. CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

As a major Palestinian academic institution and think tank dealing with international affairs and the Palestine Question, PASSIA is invited to attend many conferences, seminars and workshops that take place at both local and international venues.

Listed below are all the conferences that PASSIA was invited to attend and able to participate in throughout the years 2008/2009 (see also chapters on *Jerusalem* and the *Religious Studies Unit* for more specific topics)<sup>1</sup>:

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14 January 2008, Hamburg – Germany

Topic: **Beyond Peace: Israel, the Mashreq, and Europe – Prospects for Cooperation**

Organizer(s): ZEIT-Stiftung.

20 January 2008, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: **Palestinians & the Jewish State**

Organizer(s): Jerusalem Media and Communication Center (JMCC), Jerusalem.

Speaker(s): Isam Ma'khoul, Former Knesset Member; Sabri Jeries, Senior Researcher, Haifa University; Sufian Abu Zaideh, Researcher on Israeli issues; Aref Hijawi, Moderator.

27 February 2008, Headquarters of the Arab Organization for Human Rights, Cairo  
Topic: **The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Nakba – Sixty Years of Nakba: The Rights of the Palestinian People ... Where to?**

Organizer(s): The Arab Organization for Human Rights; Palestinian Center for Human Rights.

Speaker(s): Mohammed Faiq, Secretary-General of the Arab Organization for Human Rights; Salah Eddin Hafez, Secretary-General of the Arab Journalists Union; Raji Sourani, Director, Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head, PASSIA; Prof. Amir Makhoul, President of the Union of Arab Community Based Associations "Etijah" that are active in defending the rights of the Palestinians of 1948 behind the Green Line.

15-17 March 2008, IC Hotel Green Palace, Antalya, Turkey

Topic: **The Cost of Conflict in the Middle East**

Organizer(s): Strategic Foresight Group.

Co-hosted by: Department of Foreign Affairs of AK Parti of Turkey; Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.

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<sup>1</sup> The many events to which PASSIA was also invited but was unable to attend are not listed here.

18 April 2008, Paris

Topic: **The Present Situation in Palestine**

Organizer(s): Institut d'Etudes de Sécurité de l'UE, Paris.

21-23 April 2008, Rabat, Morocco

Topic: **Citizenship in the Arab World**

Organizer(s): Arab Thought Forum.

10 May 2008, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: **Negotiations and Resistance: Seeking a New Approach**

Organizer(s): Palestine Media, Research and Studies Center – Badael, Ramallah.

Participant(s): Ahmad Qurei (Abu Alaa); Dr. Naser Al-Qudwa; Dr. George Giacaman; Dr. Raed Neirat; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Dr. Faiha Abdul Hadi; Dr. Majeed Abu Swelem; Jamal Zaqout.

15 May 2008, Amman, Jordan

Topic: **Conference on Palestinian Nakba**

Organizer(s): Al-Dustour Newspaper, Amman, Jordan.

1 June 2008, Athens, Greece

Topic: **Palestine at the Crossroads**

Speaker(s): Dr. Mahdi Abdul-Hadi.

Occasion: Annual "Mujadara" Meeting.

18 June 2008, Al-Biereh, Ramallah

Topic: **Commemorating the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passing Away of the Late Faisal Husseini**

Organizer(s): Bureau of Ideological Affairs Culture, Information, Fateh Movement.

30 June 2008, Amman, Jordan

Topic: **Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**

Witness: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

23 July 2008, St. George Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **60 years of Nakba, 41 years of Occupation: Jerusalem - Where to?**

Organizer(s): The Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem (CCDPRJ).

17-19 October 2008, International Conference, LOCCUM, Germany

Topic: **"Demilitarizing Conflicts" - Learning Lessons in Northern Ireland, Palestine and Israel**

Organizer(s): Evangelische Akademie in cooperation with Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH).

30-31 October 2008, EUISS Annual Conference, Paris

Topic: **Partnerships for Effective Multilateralism Managing Global Crises**

Organizer(s): The European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS).

1 November 2008, Minster Lovell, UK

Topic: **The Regional Dimension of the Palestinian Refugee Issue**

Organizer(s): Chatham House.

5-7 November 2008, Brussels

Topic: **Are you moving forward? "The Middle East - One Year after Annapolis"**

Organizer(s): FES (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung).

12-19 November 2008, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Nakba: Memory, Reality, and Beyond - Seventh International Sabeel Conference**

Organizer(s): Sabeel.

## **2009**

21 January 2009, Mount Scopus Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Solidarity and Advocacy for the People of Gaza Strip**

Organizer(s): Religious, National and Popular Leaders in Jerusalem

2 February 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Aggression on Gaza is an Indirect Way to Target Jerusalem**

Organizer(s): The Islamic Supreme Council

10 February 2009, Cairo

Topic: **Second meeting - The League of Arab States**

Organizer(s): Yasser Arafat Foundation.

2-4 March 2009, Amman, Jordan

Topic: **The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting for the Public Committee and Annual Intellectual Seminar "Jerusalem in the Conscience"**

Organizer(s): Arab Thought Forum.

17-18 May 2009, Tel Aviv

Topic: **Israel and the Middle East**

Organizer(s): The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, with support of the French Embassy.

16 July 2009, Beirut

Topic: **The Cultural Heritage of Jerusalem**

Organizer(s): Zaytuna Center for Studies and Consultations in Beirut.

1 August 2009, Birzeit University, Ramallah

Topic: **Jerusalem - The History of the Future**

Organizer(s): Institute for Palestine Studies.

7 October 2009, Video Conference, Ramallah-Gaza

Topic: **Strengthening the Role of Society in Achieving National Reconciliation**

Organizer(s): Pal-Think, Gaza.

8 October 2009, Ramallah

Topic: **Jerusalem: Faith ... & Challenges**

Organizer(s): Dar Al-Ifta' Al-Falastiniyya

17-18 October 2009, Amman, Jordan

Topic: **The Global Seminar on Jerusalem Affairs**

Organizer(s): World Islamic Call Society, Tripoli; The Islamic Conference of Jerusalem; The Global Islamic Council for Da'wa and Relief, Cairo.

19-21 October 2009, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: **Role of Culture in Developing the Jerusalem Identity**

Organizer(s): Arab Thought Forum.

27-29 October 2009, Rabat, Morocco

Topic: **Al-Quds International Forum**

Organizer(s): Yasser Arafat Foundation