

Personal Data

Dr. Ghada Hijjawi-Qaddumi President of WCC-Asia Pacific Region (2013-2020)



Name : Ghada Hijjawi (Qaddumi)

Country: State of Kuwait

Nationality: Kuwaiti

Post:

- a. Former Director- Department of Research & Cultural Studies- National Council for Culture, Arts, and Letters.State of Kuwait
- b. Former Deputy Director for Cultural Affairs in the Department of Antiquities and Museums – Ministry of Information.
- c. Former Curator of Islamic Art Museum "Dar Al-athar al-Islamiya", Kuwait National Museum, Sate of Kuwait.

Current Designation:

- a. President-World Crafts Council - Asia Pacific Region (2013- 2020)
- b. Independent Scholar

Academic Qualifications

2004-2005	Post Doctoral Fellowship & Grant (Grant from the Aga Khan Programme Islamic Architecture - AKPIA)- Department of Islamic Art-Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts-U.S.A.
2005-Jan 2007	Extension of the above Post Doctoral Fellowship.
1990	Ph. D.,History of Islamic Art and Architecture A joint program between the Fine Arts and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies departments-Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
1976	B.A., Fine Arts, Beirut University College (B.U.C.), presently Lebanese American University (L.A.U.), Beirut,Lebanon.
1975	M.A., Arabic Literature, American University of Beirut(A.U.B.), Beirut- Lebanon.
1971	B.A., Arabic Literature, American University of Beirut (A.U.B.), Beirut- Lebanon.
1969	B.A., Economics, American University of Beirut (A.U.B.), Beirut-Lebanon.

Professional Experiences

1982-1984	Associate-curator at the Islamic Art Museum "Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyya" Kuwait-National Museum- Department of Antiquities and Museums, Ministry of Information, Kuwait.
1984-1990	Curator at the Islamic Art Museum "Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyya", Kuwait National Museum-Department of Antiquities and Museums, Ministry of Information, Kuwait.
1991-1994	Researcher at the Kuwait National Museum - Department of Antiquities and Museums, Ministry of Information, Kuwait.
1994- July,2000	Deputy Director for Culture, Department of Antiquities and Museums - National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters - Kuwait.
July 2000-2001	Director of the Department of Publishing and Distribution-National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters, Kuwait.
July 2000-2001	Member in the editing committee of the monthly series of “ Alam al-Ma’rifah ”, issued by the Department of Publishing and Distribution-National Council for Culture,Arts & Letters, Kuwait.
2001 – 2002	Founder and Director of the Department of Resarch and Cultural Studies-National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters, Kuwait.
May 2004 – 2012	Vice-President for West Asia Sub-Region, World Crafts Council-Asia-Pacific Region.
Nov. 2009-2012	Senior Vice-President, World Crafts Council-Asia-Pacific Region, and Vice-President for West Asia Sub-Region.
Jan 2013 -Dec 2016	President – World Crafts Council-Asia Pacific Region for the term 2013-2016.
Jan 2017 -Dec 2020	President re-elect - World Crafts Council-Asia Pacific Region for the term 2017-2020

Publications

a. Books:

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| 1986 | 1. Co-writer of a catalogue accompanying the exhibition “ Science in Islam ”, Dar Al Athar al-Islamiyyah, Kuwait National Museum, Published by the Ministry of Information, Kuwait, 1986. |
| 1987 | 2. Writer - “ Variety in Unity ” (Arabic and English) Published by the Ministry of Information, Kuwait,1987. (Translated into French). The part on Islamic coins prepared by Dr. Ramzi Bakh’azi. [Prepared for an exhibition from Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah Museum, during the Fifth Islamic Summit in Kuwait]. |
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3. All entries for the objects (except Jewelry) in a touring exhibition stated in the book **“Islamic Art and Patronage-Treasures from Kuwait”**. This book was prepared for a touring exhibition which toured Russia, U.S.A., Europe, Australia and Asia. Published by Rizzoli International Publication, New York, 1990.
- 1990**
4. **"Our Identity: Cultural Heritage"** " هويتنا: آثار وتراث " Published by the National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters, Kuwait, a-1st ed., 1992 (Arabic, English); b-2nd ed., 1998 (Arabic).
- 1992**
5. **“Book of Gifts and Rarities”** Kitab al-Hadaya wa al Tuhaf - study, translation and annotation. (English) Harvard University - Harvard Press, 1997. [Ph.D. dissertation]
- 1997**
6. **"Dickson House"** "بيت ديكسون" (Arabic), a booklet published by the National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters, Kuwait, 2000.
- 2000**
7. **“Islamic Textiles”** “المنسوجات الاسلامية”, Published by Kuwait Islamic Arts Center, 2011/2012 (Arabic/English). Forwarding and editing.
- 2001-2012**
8. In the process of writing a book on **“Paramount Gems in Islamic Jewelry”**, to be published by Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., USA.

b. Translations into Arabic :

1. “Treasures of Islam”. Participated in the translation of the following chapters:
The Introduction
Islamic Pottery
Islamic Metalwork
Architectural and decorative arts.
- 2010**
2. “The Terracotta Figurines”, Volume I. The series of the results of the Danish excavation team in Failaka Island-State of Kuwait. Published by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters-Kuwait, 2002.
3. “The Sacred Enclosure in the Early Hellenistic Period” “الربض المقدس” Vol. 3 from the series of the results of the Danish excavation team in Failaka Island-State of Kuwait, published, 2011. (Obtained State Award for Translation 2014)

c. Articles:

- 1985-1990**
1. A number of articles in the Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah Museum Newsletter “in detail” discussing a theme on, one object or a group of objects in the collection, 1985-90. (English & Arabic)
- 1988**
2. Billawr (Rockcrystal). Mawsu‘at al-Hadarah al- Islamiyyah
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- (Encyclopedia of Islamic Culture), 'Amman- Jordan, 1988. (Arabic)
- 2000** 3. Yaqut (Ruby and Sapphire), Article in the Encyclodpedia of Islam, 2000. (English)
- 2001** 4. "Zumurrud" (Emerald), Article in the Encyclodedia of Islam, 2001 (English).
- 2009** 5. **"Trade and Beauty-Baghdad 8-12 century AD"** (From Baghdad to al-Andalus), Published by Babylon, Paris, 2009. (English)
- 2012** 6. Article "Memories Collected for a book to be published by Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah in Kuwait.

d. Papers for Seminars:

- 2001** 1. Paper on "Translation" for a Seminar held in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., April,2001. (Arabic) [read by the Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters]
- 2001** 2. Paper for **"Archaeological Evidence of Kuwait's Ancient History "(Dilmun Civilization) "** (شواهد أثرية على تاريخ الكويت القديم (حضارة دلمون) Research paper, Seminar " Connection between History & Archaeological Finds in the Arabian Gulf Area " held in Kuwait, Nov. 6-8, 2001. Published by the Society of History & Archaeology, Kuwait, 2001. (Arabic)

Public Lectures

- 1995** 1. **"The Mashrabiyya and Stained Glass - in Kuwait Architecture"** (English), to be published in the proceedings of IRCICA Islamic Crafts Conference in Cairo,1995, on "Mashrabiyyah and Stained Glass in the Islamic World". Arabic Translation published, 2002. (This is when (1995) I joined WCC-APR as Individual Member).
- 1997** 2. Lecture on the Ancient history of Kuwait and the Archaeological excavations in Failaka Island during the cultural season of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters at Jahra City in Kuwait, 1997.
- 1999** 3. Lecture on Islamic Pottery, at the German Institute for Oriental Studies, Beirut –Lebanon, 1999. (English)
- 2000** 4. Lecture at the Department of Architecture –Faculty of Engineering, Kuwait University- entitled "Early Islamic Architecture", Kuwait 2000. (in English)
- 2000** 5. Lecture at the Department of Architecture-Faculty of Engineering, Kuwait University on "Domestic Architecture in Kuwait", Kuwait, 2000. (English)
- 2002** 6. Lecture on "Paradise & Hell in Islam". Prepared for a Colloquium in Keszthely-Hungary, 7-14 July, 2002. (English) To be published.

- 2002** 7. Lecture on “ The Influence of Islamic Arts and Crafts on European Arts”, for the International Congress on Islamic Arts and Crafts organized by IRCICA, in Isfahan, 4-9 Oct,2002 (English) To be published.
- 2004** 8. Lecture on “The Islamic Art and Eurorpean Arts” at the American University in Beirut (A.U.B.), Beirut-Lebanon (Arabic), January, 2004.
- 2004** 9. Lecture on “Islamic Pottery: Influences and Innovations” at the Lebanese American University (L.A.U.) – Beirut, Lebanon (Arabic), May, 2004.
- 2004** 10. Lecture in a seminar at Chennai – India entitled “ Jewelry: from Grass to Gold” organized by the Craft Council of India (CCI) in October, 2004. The title is “ South-East Asian Jewelry in Arabic Texts”. (English)
- 2005** 11. Lecture at the Islamic Art Department-Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A., entitled “ Examples of Islamic Jewelry and Bejewelled Objects in Classical Arabic Texts”, on April 14, 2005. (English)
12. The above lecture repeated at a request of Skinners Auction House in Boston, Mass, U.S.A., on Sept. 12, 2005. (English)
- 2007** 13. Lecture “Paramount Gems in Arabic Jewelry and Bejewelled Objects” delivered at the School of Asian & Oriental Studies S.O.A.S., at London University, London, England, April 25, 2007. (English)
- 2012** 14. Presentation “Crafts Education in West-Asia Subregion”, in the International Conference in Bangkok-Thailand (cancelled).
- 2014** 15. Lecture in English entitled “ Natural Dyes: A Flagship Project of World Crafts Council-Asia Pacific Region for the 21st Century”, 15 Oct. 2014, during an International Conference in Taipei-Taiwan (14-16 Oct. 2014)
- 2014** 16. Lecture in English, entitled “Craft Development through Government Support”, at a Seminar held during 50th Anniversary of the World Crafts Council, 19 October 2014, Dongyang-China
- 2016** 17. Lecture in English, entitled "Peace & Creation in Handicraft", at Tabriz-Iran on 28 April 2016
- 2016** 18. Lecture in English on Islamic Art at the Islamic University in Jogjakarta-Indonesia on 12 October 2016

Inaugural Speeches for Events

- 2013** 1. APR Handicrafts Event, Qrain Festival, Kuwait, January, 2013
- 2013** 2. African Handicrafts Event in Kuwait, November, 2013

- 2013** 3. OIMO Festival in Bishkek-Kyrgyzstan, July, 2013
- 2014** 4. Opening of Crafts Event and APR Board Meeting, Muscat-Oman, June 1-3, 2014
- 2014** 5. International Forum on Natural Dyes & WEFT Taiwan, October 14, 2014
- 2014** 6. Opening of Red Sandalwood Museum, Dongyang-China October 18, 2014
- 2014** 7. Opening Ceremony of Nantong International Craft Biennale, China October 24, 2014
- 2015** 8. Opening Ceremony of the World Handicrafts Day, Tehran-Iran, June 10, 2015
- 2015** 9. Opening Celebration Introducing Tabriz as the WCC City for Carpet Weaving October 3, 2015
- 2015** 10. Launching Ceremony of Pohon Budi – Tree of Life Exhibition, November 3, 2015
- 2016** 11. Salam Craft Exhibition, March 2, 2016
- 2016** 12. Celebration of Mashhad being appointed as WCC-World Craft City for Gemstones, August 18, 2016
- 2016** 13. 36th APR General Assembly, September 24, 2016
- 2016** 14. 18th WCC General Assembly, September 25, 2016
- 2016** 15. Opening Ceremony JIBB 2016 at Jogja Expo Center, Jogjakarta-Indonesia, October 12, 2016
- 2016** 16. Celebration of Xianyou as World Craft City for Chinese Classical Furniture, Xianyou-China, October 16, 2016
- 2016** 17. Celebration of Ma'adaba as World Craft City for Stone Mosaic, Ma'adaba-Jordan, October 25, 2016

Reports

- 2005** Regional Assembly WCC - APR in Bukhara/Uzbekistan, May 2005. Report on West-Asia Crafts Activities read on my behalf by Ms. Faiqa Sibai, the former Vice-President for West Asia, World Crafts Council - Asia-Pacific Region (APR).
- 2006** Regional Assembly WCC - APR in Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia, May 2006. Report on West-Asia Crafts Activities.
- 2007** Regional Assembly WCC - APR in Bangkok/Thailand, September 2007. Report on West-Asia Crafts Activities.
- 2008** General & Regional Assembly WCC - APR in Hangzhou/China,

	November 2008. Report on West-Asia Crafts Activities.
2009	Board Meeting in Bangkok/Thailand, November 2009. Report on West Asia Crafts Activities.
2010	37th Regional Assembly WCC - APR in Kuching, Sarawak-Malaysia, Sep 2010. Report on West-Asia subregion.
2011	33rd Regional Assembly WCC - APR 2011 in Daegu-S.Korea. Report on West-Asia Subregion.
2012	34th Regional Assembly WCC - APR 2012 in Chennai, India. Report on West Asia.
2013	APR President's Report for 2013 at Regional & General Regional Assembly
2014	APR President's Report for 2013-2014 at General Regional Assembly in Dongyang-China, October 17, 2014
2016	APR President's Report for 2013-2014 at General Regional Assembly in Dongyang-China, October 17, 2014

Symposium, Workshops, Conferences, Board Meetings & Exhibitions & Organizing Event:

1996	Paris/France: Exhibition 1996, from the Islamic Art Museum in Kuwait.
1996	Istanbul/Turkey: Exhibition, from the Islamic Art Museum in Kuwait.
2006	Boston/U.S.A.: MESA Conference/2006
2007	Bishkek & Tamchy/Kyrgyzstan: 18-31 July, 2007- Inaugural speech and attended Exhibition-Workshop organized by CACSA in Bishkek, and central Asian Crafts Fair in Tamchy Village
2008	Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia: Board Meeting WCC-APR July 2008
2008	Hangzhou/China Nov 2008 Exhibition and Board Meeting
2009	Bangkok/Thailand: Board Meeting W.C.C.-APR Nov. 9, 2009.
2009	Bangkok/Thailand: Workshop on Basketry, UNESCO/APHADA in Ayuthaya, Nov. 8, 2009.
2010	Kuching, Sarawak/Malaysia, Sept. 2010, APR Regional Assembly.
2010	Miri, Sarawak/Malaysia, Oct. 2010, Beads Exhibition.
2010	Colombo, Srilanka, Oct. 2010, Opening of Siva Obeyersikri's Arts & Crafts Gallery.
2010	WCC Board Meeting in Lusaka-Zambia, Oct.2010.
2011	Chongjoui, S. Korea, International Crafts Biennale, Oct.2011- visit
2011	Board Meeting in Daegu-South Korea, Oct.2011

- 2011** Inaugural speech at Embroidery and Patchwork International Festival in Gölcük, Turkey, June 23-26th, 2011.
- 2011** Attended WIPO Symposium in Muscat-Oman, June 26-28, 2011.
- 2011 - 2012** Organizing exhibition on Textiles (as Vice-President of WCC/APR) in collaboration with the Islamic Art Center in Kuwait
- 2012** Attending celebration of Sultan Qabus Award for Crafts Excellence, March 2012.
- 2013** Organized Asia Pacific Handicrafts Week in Kuwait, during the 19th Qrain Festival annually launched by the National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters, 20-25th Jan,2013.
- 2013** Yangzhou city, attended CACA-China, Award Ceremony for Master Craftsmen, 11-16th April,2013
- 2013** Semarang 1st Batik International Festival, Indonesia, 3rd-5th May,2013, participated in Seminar and Exhibition.
- 2013** Speech in Inauguration of “World Crafts Day”- organized by Iran Culture, Heritage & Handicrafts, Tourism Organization (ICHTO), Iran, 8th June,2013. Meeting with both President and Deputy of ICHTO
- 2013** Muscat-Oman meeting with H.E.Chairperson of Public Authority for Crafts Industries, Vice President of APR-West Asia sub-region, July 8th, 2013
- 2013** Held the Second Executive Board Meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, July 27th, 2013.
- 2013** Attended the inauguration of OIMO/ International Forum-Felt Crossroads event in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, July 25-5th Aug,2013, and gave a speech.
- 2013** Attended The First Exhibition of Handicrafts & Crafts Industries, in Amman-Jordan, Sep 5-7th,2013
- 2013** Attended First Board Meeting & Evaluation on WCC Wood Carving City in China, Sep 25-27,2013
- 2013** Taiwan International Cultural and Creative Industry Expo,2013. Meeting with Chairperson and Deputy of TICCIE, Nov 21-24th,2013
- 2013** Attended WCC special meeting on UNESCO programme on “Award of Excellence for Handicrafts” and “Opening Ceremony” of “International Arts & Crafts Creative Competition-2014”, Dec 28-29th Dec,2013, in Beijing, China.
- 2014** Attended 3rd National Crafts Day & H.M.Sultan Qaboos Award of Excellence 2014 Celebration, March 3rd,2014, attended with WCC-IPP, in Muscat,Oman.
- 2014** Participated in the 1st East West & Africa Women Initiatives Forum-1st

- Conference: Topic: “Women as Elements of Change”, March 15-16th,2014, Princess Taghrid Institute, Amman, Jordan. Gave a speech.
- 2014** Attended 2nd WCC Board Meeting, April 10th,2014, in Atlanta Georgia, North America.
- 2014** Held the Third APR Executive Board Meeting in Muscat, Oman, June 2, 2014.
- 2014** A Member of the Jury for the Jurying of the World Crafts Council-Award of Excellence for Handicrafts for Asia Pacific Region 2014, Jakarta-Indonesia.
- 2014** Evaluation on Jogjakarta (Yogyakarta) City, Indonesia for World Crafts City for Batik, August 23-25, 2014.
- 2014** Attended all activities in the WCC 50th Anniversary (WCC & 4th APR Board Meeting, Regional Assembly, Awards of Outstanding Contributions, etc.in China, October 17-25, 2014
- 2014** Attended the Putrajaya International Islamic Arts & Cultural Festival, PIIACUF 2014, Oct 30-Nov 2,2014, Putrajaya, Malaysia
- 2015** Held the Fifth APR Executive Board Meeting in Chennai, India, March 10, 2015
- 2015** Natural Dye Exhibition, Chennai, India March 11, 2015
- 2015** Evaluation of Mamallapuram City as WCC Craft City for Stone Carving, Mamallapuram, India, March 12, 2015.
- 2015** Evaluation of Hui’an city as WCC Crafts City for Stone Carving and Dehua city as WCC Crafts City for Porcelain, March 24-31, 2015
- 2015** Evaluation of Jaipur City as WCC Crafts City April 22-24, 2015, Jaipur, India
- 2015** Attended the World Handicrafts Day in Tehran, Iran & Evaluation of Isfahan City as WCC-Craft City, June 10-12, 2015
- 2015** Evaluation of Tabriz City as WCC Craft City for Carpet Weaving, Tabriz, Iran, July 1-3, 2015
- 2015** Attended the Kuala Lumpur First International Craft Festival 2015, Malaysia, September 10-13, 2015
- 2015** Attended the Annual Festival “Sheber-2015, Our Heritage” Kazakhstan, September 16-19, 2015
- 2015** Attended the WCC Board Meeting, Shanghai, China, Sept. 20-23, 2015
- 2015** Attended the Craft City Celebration of Isfahan as WCC-Craft City & Tabriz as World Craft City for Carpet Weaving, October 3-7, 2015
- 2015** Attended the European Craft Summit and the WCC Europe General

- Assembly 2015, Mons, Belgium October 23-27, 2015
- 2015** Launching Ceremony of Pohon Budi – Tree of Life Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nov. 3, 2015
- 2015** Forum with the theme Beyond Crafts, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nov. 4, 2015
- 2015** Held the Sixth APR Executive Board Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nov. 5, 2015
- 2015** Attend the Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition entitled “The Colours of Jordan”, December 9-13, 2015
- 2016** Attended the Opening of Salam Exhibition of Fine & Classical Art March 2-7, 2016
- 2016** Attended the WCC Board Meeting in Beijing-China on April 10, 2016,
- 2016** Evaluation of WCC Craft City for Classical Chinese Furniture – Xianyou, Fujian Province on April 16, 2016
- 2016** Held the Seventh APR Executive Board Meeting, Tabriz, Iran, April 27, 2016
- 2016** Evaluation visit to Madaba City as World Craft City for Stone Mosaic, Jordan, July 25-27, 2016
- 2016** Evaluation visit to Tripoli City as WCC-Craft City, Lebanon Aug 1-3, 2016
- 2016** Celebration of Mashhad being appointed as “WCC-World Craft City for Gemstones” Iran, August 18, 2016
- 2016** Celebration of Lalejinbeing appointed as “WCC-World Craft City for Pottery” August 25, 2016
- 2016** Attended the 2nd cycle of WCC-AoE Jurying for Handicrafts for Asia Pacific Region held in Kuwait, Sept 4-6, 2016
- 2016** Attended all the activities in held in Isfahan: WCC-18th General Assembly, WCC-Board Meetings, APR-36th General Regional Assembly, Eighth APR Executive Board Meetings, Isfahan, Iran September 22-29, 2016
- 2016** Attended the Opening of WCC-AoE 2016 for Handicrafts for Asia Pacific Region Exhibition in Kuwait, Oct. 5, 2016
- 2016** Attended the JIBB 2016 at Jogja Expo Center, Jogjakarta-Indonesia, October 12-16, 2016
- 2016** Celebration of Madaba as World Craft City for Stone Mosaic, Jordan, October 25, 2016
- 2016** Attended the Ceremony of handing over of Certificate for Chinese Master Craftsman, Shandong Province, China, October 27, 2016

- 2016** Attended the UNESCO International Conference in Doha, Qatar, December 6-9, 2016
- 2017** Latin American Handicrafts Event held in Kuwait January during the annual Qrain Festival launched by the National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters, 23-27th Jan,2017
- 2017** Attended the WCC Executive Board Meeting 2017, Kuwait, January 24, 2017
- 2017** Attended the 27th National Exhibition on Handicrafts in Tehran, Iran, Feb. 16, 2017
- 2017** Attended the Inauguration of the World Crafts Council-Asia Pacific Region, West Asia Sub-region Office, Tehran, Iran, Feb. 17, 2017

Membership

1. Member of the Society of History and Archaeology, Gulf Cooperation Council.
2. Member of the World Crafts Council - Asia-Pacific Region (1995):
 - a- Senior Vice-President (2009-2012)
 - b- Vice-President for West Asia sub-Region, WCC-APR (2004-2012)
 - c- President of WCC-APR (2013-2016)
3. Member in the Graduate Club, Kuwait
4. Member of the Lebanese American University Alumni
5. Member of the American University of Beirut Alumni, Kuwait Chapter-Beirut,Kuwait.
6. Member of the Board of Trustees of Hani Qaddumi Foundation, Amman, Jordan.
7. Member of MESA, USA.
8. Member of the Formative Art Society – Kuwait
9. Member of the Kuwait Women Cultural Social and Society.

Awards

1. Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Award for Achievements in the field of Antiquities and Museums, March, 2011, U.A.E., Dubai.
2. Lebanese American University (LAU) Award of Achievement, Beirut, Lebanon, Dec, 2013.
3. Appreciation Award for Translation of Archeological book from English into Arabic by the National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters , State of Kuwait, 2013
4. State Award of Appreciation for prominent Service at Kuwait National Museum, 2015
5. Award, Certificates of AppreciationL China, Iran, Taiwan, Kuwait