



An Evening with *A*RES

FEZANA Pre-AGM
Houston Texas

April 27, 2017

MISSION

Mission of FEZANA Information Research Education Service

(FIRES) is to establish and provide access to a centralized collection of materials in print and electronic form, primarily pertaining to the Zarathushti faith, culture and history.



FIRES' UNIQUE ORIGIN

In 2010, FEZANA chartered the Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) Library to expand and to maintain the collection as FEZANA Information Education Service (FIRES).



ZAH LIBRARY

A library is an active agent in the preservation of our Zoroastrian history and memorabilia.

ZAH Library acknowledges the generous donation of Shahnaz & Yezdi Sidhwa for the space.



ZAH LIBRARY opened in 2004

Serves the community and FEZANA Associations



Maintaining the tradition of historical preservation

ZAH LIBRARY is recipient of the Dastur Dhalla Memorabilia Trust.

Initiated by Arnaz Marker & instituted by Karen & Shahrokh Marker of Florida, the library received many articles of Dastur Dhallas' personal possession.



Maintaining the tradition of historical preservation Continued

A permanent display case was
gifted by the Dhalla family

Vahishta & Jambhi
Canteenwalla of Montreal

Goolmohr & Noshir Cantel
Farrokh Dhalla of UK

Poruchisti & Jamshed & Xerxes
Bharucha of Pakistan

We continue to receive
memorabilia from the family
and friends.



IN THE BEGINNING

The core collection started with a list books that Malcolm Deboo of UK provided.

Late Cyrus P. Mehta's interest and guidance continued to assist and inspire us. He was passionate that this would be a lasting source of information for generations to come.



WEB PRESENCE

FIRES has an online presence at www.fires-fezana.org.

The screenshot shows the FIRES website with a yellow header. The FIRES logo is on the left, and social media icons (Facebook, Pinterest, YouTube, Twitter) are on the right. A search bar is in the center of the header. Below the header, the word "FEATURE" is in red, followed by the title "THE MULTIMEDIA YASNA PROJECT". A photo of Professor Almut Hintze is shown. To the right, a large graphic lists various topics: History, Philosophy, Biographies, Fiction, Cookbooks, Vendidad, Gathas and Yasna Literature, DVDs, Manuscripts, and Magazines. Below this graphic, the website's mission is described, and the URL www.fires-fezana.org is prominently displayed. A footer bar contains various icons and the text "FEZANA Info...".

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Enter search term and hit enter: **SEARCH**

FEATURE
THE MULTIMEDIA YASNA PROJECT

Professor Almut Hintze FBA, Zartoshty Brothers Professor of Zoroastrianism at SOAS University of London, has been awarded a European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Investigator Grant of just under €2.5 million (ca. £2 million) to investigate the Yasna, the core ritual of the Zoroastrian religion. The five-year project 'The Multimedia Yasna' (MIUYA) led by Almut

FIRES
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FIRES is based in Houston and the FIRES collection is available for loan across North America. It provides research support and links to other Zoroastrian Libraries in North America. FIRES is currently linked to the libraries at the Zoroastrian Associations of Houston, Chicago, North Texas, California and the Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia.

History • Philosophy • Biographies • Fiction • Cookbooks
Vendidad, Gathas and Yasna Literature
DVDs • Manuscripts • Magazines

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To access our online catalog, go to:
www.fires-fezana.org
For more information, contact Aban Rustonji: Info@fires-fezana.org

FEZANA Info...

Yasna 28.1 (Wikipedia)

FIRES ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES

We encourage all FEZANA associations to list their books and resources on the FIRES.



ZAH – Home of FIRES



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Library
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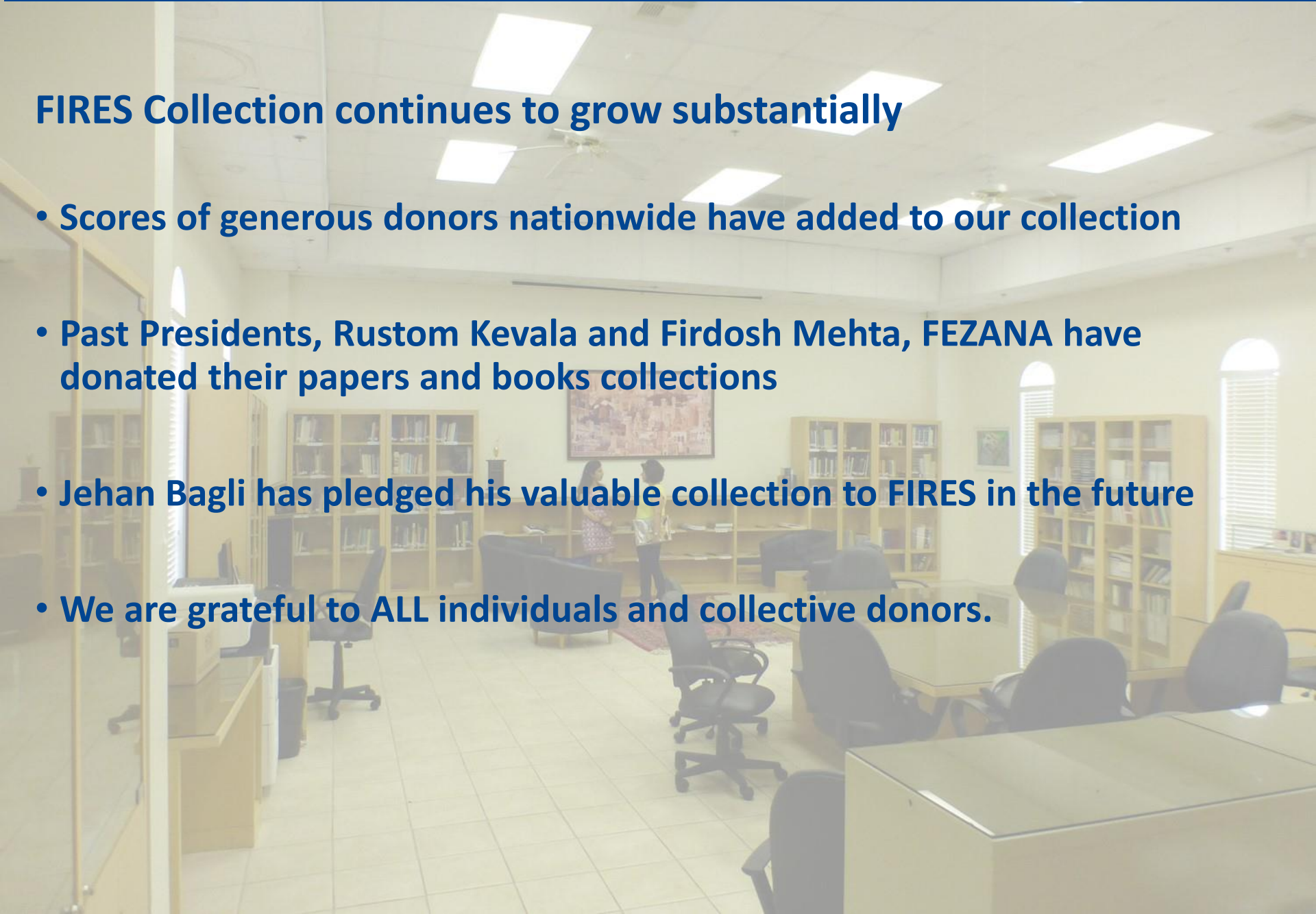
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DONORS

FIRES Collection continues to grow substantially

- Scores of generous donors nationwide have added to our collection
- Past Presidents, Rustom Kevala and Firdosh Mehta, FEZANA have donated their papers and books collections
- Jehan Bagli has pledged his valuable collection to FIRES in the future
- We are grateful to ALL individuals and collective donors.



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- **Shapur Irani of Indiana lovingly gave his prized collection of 200+ in memory of his parents Mr & Mrs Khudamurad Jamshed Irani**
- **Please see donor list in the exhibit room and add your name to it with a donation**



GOALS

- To preserve Zarathushti heritage
- To provide resources to increase awareness of the Zarathushti faith
- To be a source of information for the understanding of Zoroastrianism



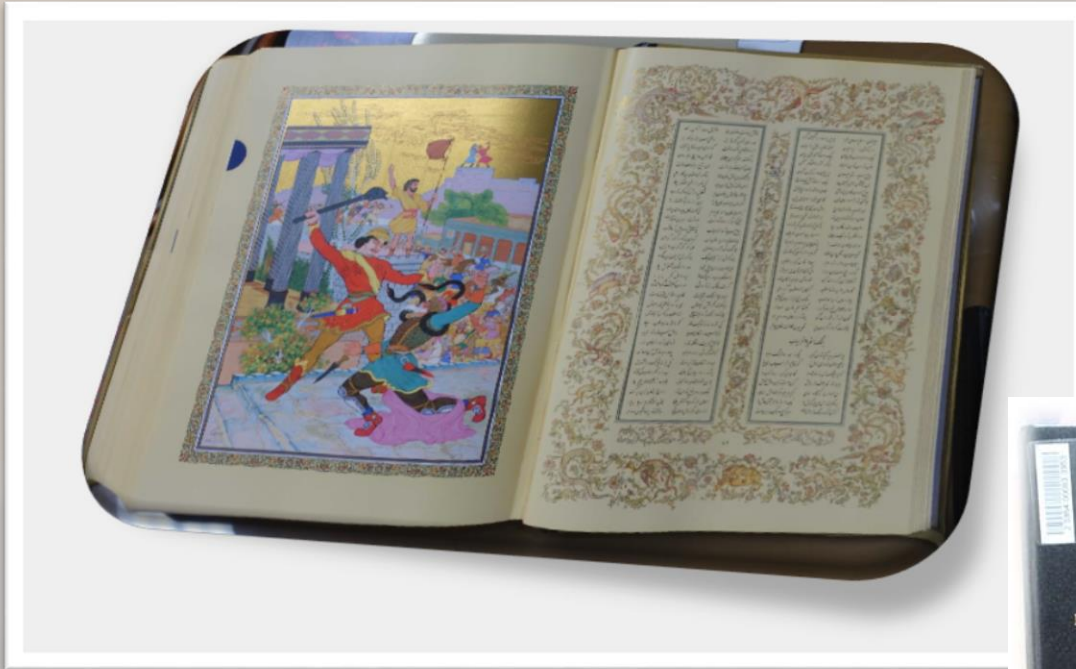
FIRES OBJECTIVES

- To continue to serve the educational and awareness needs of the North American Zoroastrian community.
- Major categories of focus are historical, philosophical, religious, biographical and published works on Zoroastrianism
- Preserve rare books by digitizing as well as personal published manuscripts
- Organize collection of books, manuscripts, and journals, literature and magazines CDs and videos

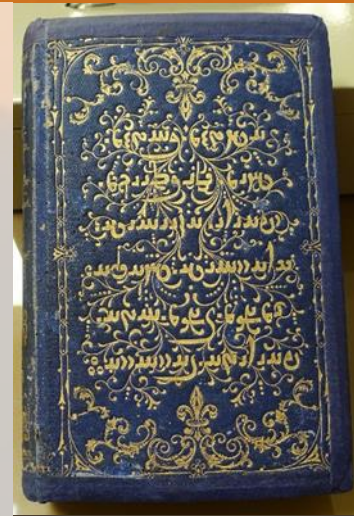


RARE BOOKS

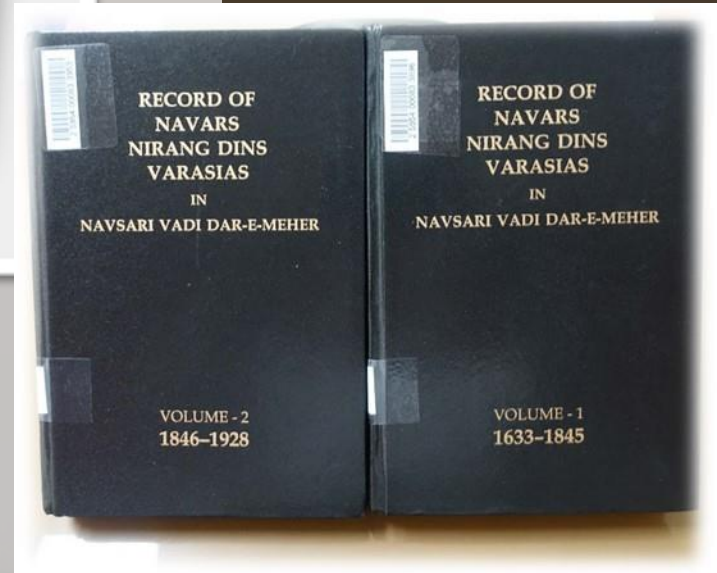
- Individual donors who opened their hearts and purses to support the library collection.



Shapur Irani
Indiana



Phil & Ruby Master
Alberta, Canada



Kersi Shroff
Maryland

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Preserve experiences and memories of early Zarathushtis



What Stories Can Grandmother Tell?

LEARN HOW TO CONDUCT AN ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP

february 8, 2014
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

The Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) Oral History Project is documenting our member stories as Zarathushtis coming to the Houston area. The aim of the project is to interview Zarathushtis, especially seniors, and record their oral histories for posterity.

We are partnering with Rice University's Houston Asian American Archive to preserve these audio recordings. We seek dedicated volunteers to be trained to conduct these interviews. For more information please contact Pervin Sagar to RSVP: (pervinsagar@yahoo.com, or (713) 436-0518)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What we do

- Provide access to information through a centralized database
- Hold lectures, conferences, seminars that promote learning and discourses on Zoroastrian religion, history and culture.
- Facilitate research



FEZANA's STRATEGIC PLAN

- FIRES – an integral part of FEZANA's Strategic Plan
- FIRES provides educational and research support to FEZANA member Associations
- FIRES preserves and protects valuable components of the Zoroastrian heritage for FEZANA's North American community
- FIRES provides a platform for sharing common interests and needs for information



FUTURE PROJECTS

- Maintain and enhance conference and seminar facilities
- Facilitate growing collection with housing and storage of books collection
- Encourage Oral History projects with other member Associations
- Organize events and pair them with local museum exhibits
- Recruit a webmaster to maintain and update the FIRES website



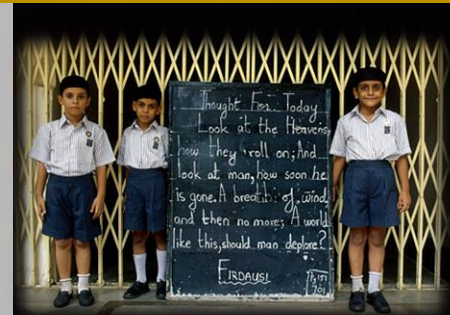
THANK YOU

We are grateful to all those who provide support for our programs, fellowships, and research

Special thanks to ZAH Executive Committee for their unflinching support over the years

FEZANA Presidents and their executive boards and to individuals who open up the possibility of us dreaming big

Your gifts, large and small, are much appreciated



THIS is *FIRES*

