

Dear Presidents of JAMES, KAMES and MAMES,

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I hope this mail find you well.

I'm writing to announce the 12th AFMA conference, which is scheduled to be held in Beijing on 8-9 September 2018.

The general subject of the conference is: *Where is the Middle East Heading?* The discussion will focus on the topics as follows:

1. Historical and cultural exchange of the Middle East with the rest of Asia
2. The dynamics of political development in the Middle East countries
3. The crux of the hot-spot issues in the Middle East and the way out
4. Reflection and outlook of the development of Middle East economies
5. The Belt and Road Initiative and the Middle East regional cooperation
6. Evolution and prospect of the regional order in the Middle East

As the host of the conference, CHAMES will be happy to cover the meals for all participants during the conference time and to cover 3-night hotel accommodation for up to 5 scholars (not students) from each of your associations. Due to the budget limit however, the travel expenses have to be covered by the participants themselves.

CHAMES would appreciate if the participants provide the topic of presentation with a 300-word abstract and the CV before the end of June. CHAMES would prepare the conference program in details and issue the invitation upon receiving these documents.

The working languages of the conference are Chinese and English with simultaneous interpretation.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Assoc. Prof. Chen Mo, deputy secretary-general of CHAMES at chenmo@cass.org.cn.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you in Beijing.

With warm regards and best wishes.

Prof. YANG GUANG
President of CHAMES

