

Interacting With the Global Library Consortium at the 22nd SLA–AGC Annual Conference, Kuwait

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Salmiya, Kuwait: Enago recently attended the 22nd annual conference of the Special Libraries Association–Arabian Gulf Chapter (SLA–AGC), which is a yearly event and one of the most popular ones related to scholarly publishing in the Middle East. In the last decade, there has been a significant increase in the participants for this event, which generally comprises librarians, university directors, members from the [academic publishing](#) industry, and researchers.

The [Special Libraries Association](#) (SLA) is an international organization for academics working in nonprofit and academic organizations as well as those in fields such as business, law, and finance. The association, which was founded in 1909, is now organized into 55 regional chapters throughout the world and has more than 9,000 members from 75 countries. This year's conference of the Arabian Gulf Chapter (AGC) was held at the Regency Hotel in Kuwait. The theme of the conference was “Future challenges of the Librarians and Information Profession,” and the event provided an ideal forum for participants to discuss industry trends and challenges.

The conference was organized into numerous discussion panels that centered around several themes such as modern trends in library and information science to understanding user behavior and how to compete for attention in the digital age and recognizing national, medical, and health libraries as information centers. Also, the event included a floor plan of nearly 100 exhibitors.

“The aim of SLA–AGC is to provide a networking facility for librarians in the Middle East to make contact with a global audience and encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing,” said [Rajiv Shirke](#), Vice President, Global Operations, Enago. “This stellar event offered Enago an excellent platform to network with key university representatives, especially directors of different libraries. We are grateful for the excellent workshops that AGC organized as well as the opportunity to exchange ideas with our peers and discuss the overall developments in academic publishing.”

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