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JURJI ZAIDAN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MODERN ARAB THOUGHT AND LITERATURE

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Jurji Zaidan's Contributions to Modern Arab Thought and Literature (The Zaidan Foundation, 2013) ISBN: 9780984843541 and LCCN: 2013919038 is a volume of essays commissioned by the Zaidan Foundation for a Symposium sponsored by the Library of Congress, the Kluge Center and the Zaidan Foundation and held at the Library of Congress on June 5 2012. The essays were prepared by a group of eminent scholars in literature, history and other disciplines in leading universities in the US, Canada, France and the Middle East working on the Nahda or Arab awakening of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and, in particular, on Jurji Zaidan's leading role in this movement.

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This volume complements another work sponsored by the Zaidan Foundation in a book by Professor Philipp entitled *Jurji Zaidan and the Foundations of Arab Nationalism* (New-York: Syracuse University Press, 2014). The latter book presents a new evaluation of how Jurji Zaidan's approach to history and the Arabic language shaped Arab nationalism. The scope of the essays in the current volume go well beyond Zaidan's role as a historian and linguist to cover some of the other areas that Zaidan influenced in important ways—in particular his role as journalist, historical novelist, political scientist, educator and social reformer.

Jurji Zaidan (1861-1914), an intellectual leader of the Arab Renaissance of the early twentieth century, was a prolific and multifaceted writer. He was a historian, linguist, journalist and much more. He founded one of the earliest Arabic-language literary journals, *Al-Hilal*, now in its 120th year of operation. He introduced the historical novel into Arabic literature authoring twenty two acclaimed novels spanning Arab history from pre-Islamic to modern times. He used his journal and the novels as tools to promote his agenda as a social reformer.

Jurji Zaidan's Contributions to Modern Arab Thought and Literature is available for sale online at www.createpace.com/4073245, www.amazon.com and other outlets. Visit the Zaidan Foundation website at www.zaidanfoundation.org for more information about its activities. To see the Library of Congress webcast of the Symposium go to: http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5576 (Part I) and to: http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5575 (Part II).