Conferences
In the past five years ADRC has organized five conferences:
May 15-17, 2013: Armenian Trans-Nationalism and the Modern Age of Communications (17 scholars participated)
May 14-16, 2014: Armenians of Lebanon (II) (18 scholars participated)
May 24-27, 2015: Armenians of Syria (28 scholars participated)
May 22-24, 2016: Armenians of Jordan (21 papers were presented)
May 29-31, 2017: Armenians of Iraq (34 papers were presented)
For May 2018, the Center has scheduled a conference on Armenians of Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. Two other conferences are planned for 2019 and 2020, namely Armenians of Cyprus and Greece, and Armenians of the Arab Gulf Area (Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE).
The importance of such an endeavor is underlined by the dwindling numbers of the Armenians in most of these states. The loss of the Armenian community may mean the loss of materials and sources to highlight their socio-political, cultural and economic input to the development of these countries. Besides, very little scientific research has been conducted about the Middle East Armenians, contrary to the abundance of non-scientific articles/coverages/stories written about them. Accordingly, these conferences update and bring to the current stage aspects of the history of the given community.

ADRC has organized four other conferences in collaboration with different academic centers:
September 5-7, 2011: Armenia-Diaspora Relations: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
March 13-14, 2013: Armenian Identity Issues in the 21st Century
January 31, 2015: Armenian Genocide Centennial: Addressing the Implications

On April 28, 2017 the Center organized a seminar “Armenian Women from Role Player to Empowerment” at Haigazian University.

Digitalization
ADRC has digitalized:
Yeridasart Hay Magazine (completely), Ararad newspaper (40 years of Ararad, Zartonk (50 years of Zartonk), Vorpashkahri Asdghe (completely), Razmig (completely), Pakin (15 years), Haigazian Armenological Review (completely).
The Center collaborates with the National Library of Armenia in providing the Library with the digitalized materials, which are posted on the Library website.
The Center digitalized over 80,000 documents preserved in the AGBU Cairo Center. These included documents on the Armenian communities of the Middle and Far East until the late 1950s.

Publications and Booklets:
So far the Center has published four books:
Booklets were published prior to each conference. These booklets included the conference program, the biographies of the panelists and the summary of each paper.
In 2016 in collaboration with the Armenian Studies Students Society of Haigazian University ADRC published 101 Genocide stories of survivors in a book, named Im Endanikis Badmutyune, told by the survivors’ grandchildren, students of different Lebanese Armenian schools.
ADRC is working towards getting permission for the publication of a number of PH.D. theses, relevant to the Middle East Armenians. The list includes Nikolai Schahgeldian’s and Peter Greenshields’ Ph.D. theses. The Center is keen on publishing MA theses (or sections) particularly surveys and statistics pertaining to the Middle East Armenian communities. These will be published by the HU ADRC as part of the project of disseminating academic knowledge (and data) on Lebanese Armenians.

**Support to Researchers and Training Young Students**
More and more researchers are getting in contact with ADRC asking for academic advice, guidance, views, insights and source materials related to their research areas and topics.

**Oral history**
ADRC has conducted over 100 extended interviews with the older generation people. These interviews include the diverse aspects of the interviewee’s life (social, educational, economic, human interaction, organizational and institutional details, lifestyle, demography...).
ADRC has been proactive in interviewing renowned individuals of the old generation who contributed to Lebanese development and growth (like Serop Kizirian, Tslag Tutelian, Shahin family, Seta Tuysuzian, Dr. Nina Djidedjian, Dr. Sylvie Adjemian, etc.). ADRC conducted over 20 interviews with residents of Anjar who had attended the Armenian Evangelical boarding school of Anjar, supervised by Sister Hedwig. Over twenty interviews have been conducted with diverse oldest generation Lebanese Armenian goldsmiths.

**Cooperation and Collaboration with other Institutes/Centers**
ADRC has been in good relations with several academic and research centers in Armenia. These include the Diaspora Department of Yerevan State University, the Oriental, History and Ethnography/Sociology Institutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, Noravank Research Center, the National Library of Armenia, the National Archive Center of Armenia, the Ararat-Eskijian Museum in Mission Hills California, the Armenian Center of Cairo University, the Université St. Esprit De Kaslik and St. Joseph University (Lebanon), the Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies (Beirut), the German Orient Institute in Beirut, “Hushamadyan” website.
ADRC has strengthened relations with individual researchers both in the Republic of Armenia and the Diaspora, as well as with non-Armenian researchers and scholars both in Lebanon and abroad. ADRC established communication lines and broadened the contacts between Lebanese Arab scholars and the ADRC.
It is likely that the Istanbul-based Hrant Dink Foundation establishes an Armenian Studies Center. There may develop a serious expectation that a strong cooperation may grow which promotes Armenian Studies in the Middle East.

**Future Plans:**
ADRC is trying to get access to the Lebanese National Archives, where we believe we may come across the complete issues of Lipanan newspaper, which the Center intends to digitalize.
Plans are under way to develop a website of all the Lebanese Armenian webpages for researchers to look for.
Plans are under way for a yearly youth seminar, where young humanities students meet and discuss their research projects, listen to the views of relevant professors, discuss issues of participating in conferences, options on furthering their academic education, establishing a network, etc. Potential participants will come from Beirut, Egypt, Armenia, and the USA etc.

**Success Story**
ADRC has been instrumental towards supporting the publication of four books authored by two Anjar teachers, namely Minas Tedjirian (autobiography of an Islamized Armenian) and story books by Mersrob Kendirdjian.
The conference on Armenians of Jordan has encouraged one of the participants, Mr. Kevork Missirlian to develop his paper and publish it as a book, entitled “The Armenians of Irbid and Northern Jordan.”

**Public Events and Community Service**
Alongside the conferences, the ADRC is keen in organizing public events to incorporate the public at large and trigger its interest. Having said that, one should note that the conferences are open to public provided those willing to attend should register beforehand. 

During the conferences, evening lectures are organized for the public. Sometimes these lectures include book, crafts, musical discs and photo exhibitions.

**Some Critical Points**

The location and status of Haigazian University as an unbiased, apolitical, academic center has made the university as the Mecca of the Middle East Armenians scholars and researchers. ADRC is at a stage where backed with its five year legacy, its calculated and strategized steps pay more than they used to do some three years ago. For instance, the conference on Egypt-Sudan and Ethiopia has so many objectives: a) it will be conducted in two separate places (Cairo and Haigazian University), b) it will pool Egyptian Armenian scholars of younger generation too, c) will lead to a youth seminar, d) involve local Egyptian Arab scholars, e) will have effect on two separate communities: the Lebanese and the Egyptian Armenians.

**Conclusion**

We have already achieved some, and we believe we are on the productive track. We are full of vigor in materializing the vision of the founders, particularly when we see the moral support and encouragement of all groups of Lebanese Armenians.