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Amazing Islamic Inventions

On Saturday 26 May, George Saliba, Professor of Arabic and Islamic Science at Columbia University, USA will be visiting Thinktank, Birmingham science museum to deliver a free lecture entitled 'Islamic Science and the Making of Renaissance Europe'. This is just one of the events supporting **1001 Inventions**, a groundbreaking exhibition uncovering the lost history of Muslim contributions to science and invention.

Professor Saliba will be discussing the important and often overlooked scientific ideas that passed from the Islamic world to the European Renaissance during the 15th and 16th centuries.

The lecture is suitable for ages 16+ and will be held in the Thinktank Theatre, Millennium Point at 3.30pm, Saturday 26 May 2007.

George Saliba is a world-renowned scholar and expert in the history of Islamic science and invention, and has been Professor in the Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, New York, USA since 1979. In this free lecture the Professor will explore the connection between mathematical innovations produced in the Islamic world and mathematical astronomy during the Renaissance, particularly in the works of Copernicus. It will rely on evidence that was culled from copies of original Arabic scientific manuscripts and their Latin counterparts.

1001 Inventions is a unique travelling exhibition revealing 1000 years of the rich scientific and technological heritage of Islamic culture. The exhibition brings to life an often overlooked golden age of discovery and innovation from the 7th to the 17th centuries.

1001 Inventions will be staged outside the entrance to Thinktank at Millennium Point until Sunday 2 September and will be FREE to visit. Supporting events and activities are only available to Thinktank ticket holders.

For Thinktank ticket prices and bookings, call 0121 202 2222 or visit www.thinktank.ac.
Thinktank, Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG, UK

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITES

Members of the press are invited to attend the event on Saturday 26 May at 3.00pm

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Notes to Editor

1. Thinktank is open seven days a week, 10.00am- 5.00pm

2. Thinktank, Birmingham's award-winning science museum has over 200 interactive exhibits throughout 4 floors. Thinktank examines the past, investigates the present, explores what the future may bring and helps visitors to understand how science and technology shape our lives. For more details visit www.thinktank.ac
3. Millennium Point opened in 2001, as the region's major Millennium project and the flagship building in Eastside. It is home to Thinktank; the region's only IMAX cinema; UCE's Technology Innovation Centre; and a wide range of commercial tenants including Bucknall Austin and Marketing Birmingham. The resident daily population is around 3,000 – before a single visitor arrives. In 2006 over 1 million people visited Millennium Point. For more information visit www.millenniumpoint.org.uk
4. The 1001 Inventions exhibition was initiated by the Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation (FSTC), and is supported by international institutes and organisations including the British Home Office, the British Foreign Office, British Department for Trade and Industry, The BA, The Wellcome Trust, Muslim Heritage Consulting, Muslim Youth Foundation, Kube, Northwest Development Agency, El-Rahma Trust, ICONS and National Science Week, Muslim Council of Wales, National Museum Wales, Manchester University, Abu Dhabi-based Bin Hamouda Group and Dubai-based International Holdings Group.
5. 1001 Inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World' is a travelling, interactive exhibition initiated by The Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation (FSTC), and forms an integral part of a larger global educational initiative encompassing a highly illustrated book, school education packs, poster sets and website. To find out more, visit www.1001inventions.com
6. FSTC is a UK-based educational entity which was formed in 1999 to popularise, spread and promote an accurate account of Muslim Heritage and its contribution to present day science, technology and civilisation. It is a non-profit organisation that boasts an international board of trustees, advisors and more than thirty learned scholars and dignitaries from all over the world. It brings together a unique online community of Muslims and non-Muslims at www.MuslimHeritage.com, a website dedicated to raising awareness of the contributions Muslims have made to civilisation.