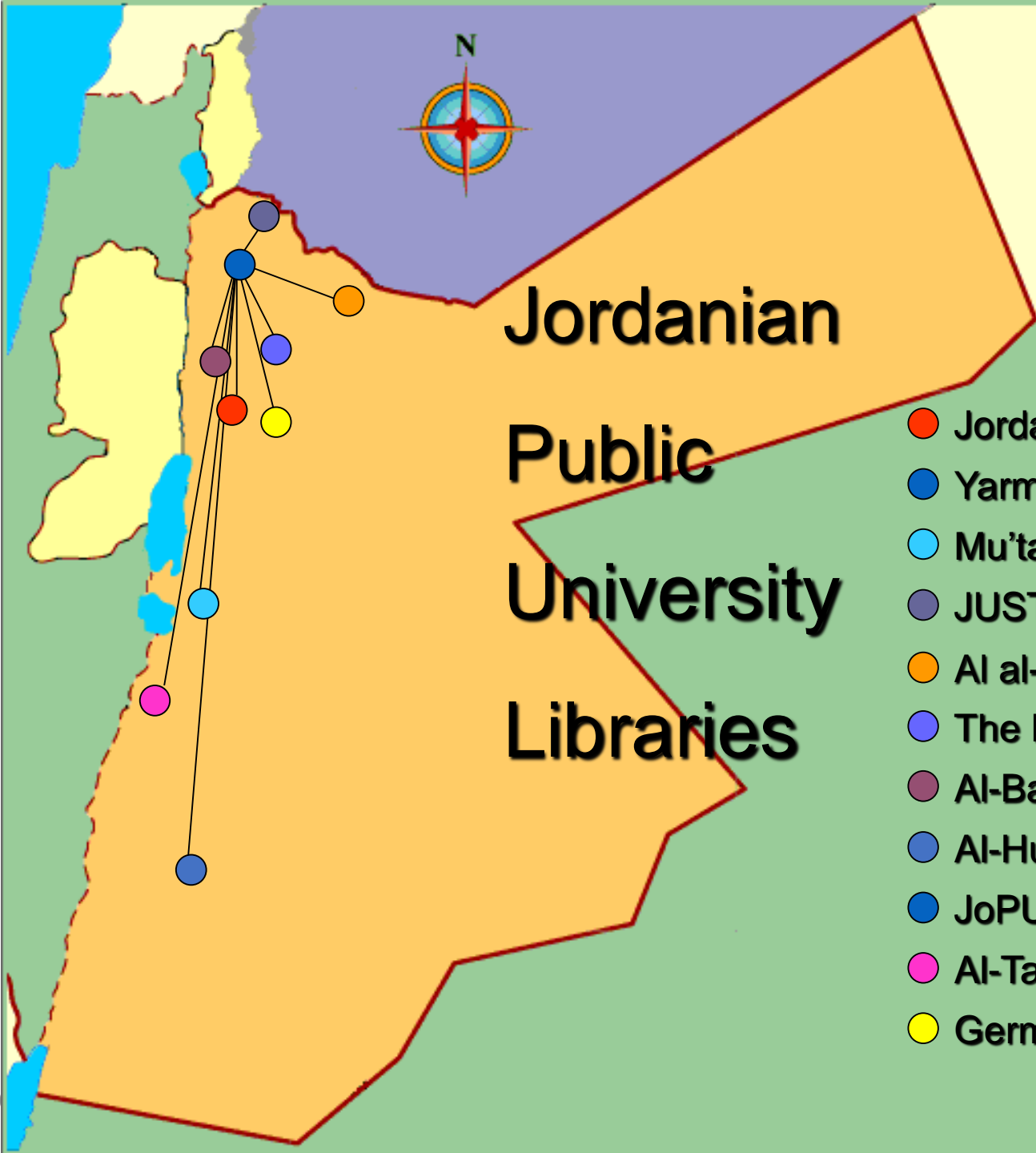


**THE COE IN LIBRARY
SERVICES IN PUBLIC
LIBRARIES IN JORDAN:
ACHIEVEMENTS AND
AMBITIONS**

“The idea that libraries should, in some way, find means of work cooperatively is a deeply rooted concept in librarianship.”

(J. W. Kraus: Prologue to Library Cooperation)

**THE COE MAKES A
STORY OF SUCCESS
FOR COOPERATION
IN JORDAN**



Jordanian Public University Libraries

- Jordan 1962
- Yarmouk 1976
- Mu'tah 1981
- JUST 1986
- Al al-Bayt 1992
- The Hashemite 1996
- Al-Balqa 1997
- Al-Hussein 1999
- JoPULs CoE 2004
- Al-Tafilah 2005
- German Jordanian 2005

**1. BENEFITS OF THE CONSORTIUM
A. LIBRARIES CAN HAVE A
WORLD SYSTEM THAT A SINGLE
ONE CANNOT HAVE BECAUSE OF
ITS HIGH COST.**

**B. THE SYSTEM HAS ONE
ADMINSTATION OFFICE,
THUS REDUCING THE
RUNNING COST.**

**C. A LIBRARY ITEM (A BOOK)
IS CATALOGED ONLY ONCE.**

**D. HAVING ONE UNION
CATALOG FOR ALL MEMBER
LIBRARIES.**

**E. EFFECTIVE INTERLIBRARY
LOAN AMONG MEMEBERS.**

**F. (JOINT SUBSCRIPTIONS)THE
POSSIBILITY OF OWNING A
LARGER NUMBER OF WORLD
DATABASES THAT SMALL
INSTITUTIONS CANNOT HAVE
INDIVIDUALLY.**

**G. THE CONSORTIUM PROVIDES
A NEGUCIATION POWER WITH
PUBLISHERS THAT INDIVIDUAL
INSTITUTIONS CANNOT ENJOY
ALONE.**

**F. MEMBER UNIVERSITIES CAN
SHARE THE REPOSITORIES OF
OTHER MEMEBERS.**

TOTALS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS (US\$):

INDIVIDUAL	60,000,000
CONSORTIA	23,000,000
TOTAL SAVINGS	37,000,000

AMBITIONS:

- 1. Widening the consortia subscriptions to increase the amount of vital information to its educational and research community.**
- 2. Extending the idea of consortia databases subscriptions to book acquisition.**

4. Trying to increase a fixed financial support from the Scientific Research Funds to the COE.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. The Jordanian experience provides an empirical evidence of the importance of the cooperative efforts to build an effective library consortia.**
- 2. The experience provides an evidence for securing advanced services to the research community at universities.**

- 3. The experience indicates the substantial size of savings.**
- 4. The experience shows the feasibility of consortia subscriptions.**
- 5. The experience shows that it is time to move from theory to practice.**
- 6. The consortium has domesticated world library knowledge and technology in Jordan.**

7. The consortium has led to the development and improvement in the teaching of Library and Information Science at Jordanian universities to cope with the new knowledge and technology brought into the libraries of public universities.

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