

Turkish TV Interviewed Director Hourani on Lebanese Migration

Three representatives of *TRT TV* (the official Turkish State Television), who are filming a 13-episode documentary titled *El Turco* visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) on June 18, 2013, to interview Dr. Guita Hourani, Director of the LERC.

The Turkish government is financing the documentary via its media outlet—*Turkish TV*. The documentary will also be filmed in, among other countries, the U.S.A., Brazil, Chile, Argentina, and Mexico.

Kemal Çiftçi, the President of Yedirenk Film Production, which has undertaken this major venture, said that the purpose of this documentary is to highlight migration from the Levantine to Latin America, during the Ottoman era.



Mr. İsrafil Kuralay, Dr. Guita Hourani and Mr. Kemal Çiftçi at the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum (June 2013)

The interview with Dr. Hourani took place in the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum. Both the Producer, İsrafil Kuralay and Kamil Çatak, Director of Photography of Yedirenk Film Production, were delighted with the items on display at the museum and said that Turkey does not have a place that compares to it. Mr. Çiftçi asked if the LERC could provide the production team with material from its collections to be featured in the documentary. He promised that due credit would be given to the Center and to Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU).

Mr. Çiftçi said that the documentary is to be completed by the end of this calendar year, and that it will be dubbed in English and that a copy of the 13 episodes will be sent to the LERC in appreciation of its support.