

The ILTC at the LERC

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Members of the International Lebanese Titanic Committee (ILTC) of which Dr. Guita Hourani, Director of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) is member, visited the LERC along with the LERC Liaison Officer Dr. Nick Kahwaji. The purpose of the visit was to discuss establishing a possible “Titanic Monument” in commemoration of the Lebanese who died aboard the ill-fated luxury liner in 1912.

The meeting included a discussion over the significance of the monument’s location. Several ideas were proposed, such as either building the monument as along the seafront city of Hardine, where the highest number of Lebanese aboard the Titanic are believed to have come from, or in Batroun. The discussion also focused on potential artists and sculptors who would help with its construction.



(from left) Ms. Liliane Haddad, LERC Chief Indexer and Archivist, Mr. Camille Louis, Dr. Nick Kahwaji, Mr. Raed Charafeddine, and Mrs. Josyanne Abi Saab at the LERC Museum (Aug. 2014)

The delegation included Mr. Camille Louis, Mr. Raed Charafeddine, and Mrs. Josyanne Abi Saab, who is responsible for the selection of the location of the monument.

The delegation brought along to the LERC a collection that includes reproductions of material from the Titanic itself, which the LERC team is currently digitizing and archiving.