

EDITORIAL NOTE

Order of entries

Union catalogues and surveys covering more than one collection are listed first, in chronological order.

The arrangement of individual collections is geographical. In the case of federal states, the survey is generally divided into constituent states or provinces; otherwise there is one alphabetical sequence of towns or places where collections exist.

Under each town or place, the institutions, libraries and collections are arranged in alphabetical order.

Published catalogues are listed under each collection in chronological order. This is also true of unpublished catalogues, if their dates of compilation are known.

The Bibliographical Appendices list bibliographical sources for the surveys, in alphabetical order of author (or title if no author's name is given).

Transliteration

For Persian and Urdu, the Library of Congress transliteration schemes are generally followed. This is also the case with Arabic, except for two minor modifications: *tāʾ marbūʿa* is rendered as *-a* (*-at* in *idāfa*) rather than *-ah*, and the *hamzat al-waṣl* is rendered as an apostrophe ' (without a vowel) if the preceding word ends in a vowel.

Ottoman Turkish generally follows modern Turkish orthography.