

MISSION

FEZANA Information, Research, and Education System (FIRES) is FEZANA's centralized collection of books, manuscripts, literature, magazines, and scholarly research materials in print and electronic form, primarily pertaining to the Zoroastrian faith, culture and history, and to disseminate this information to the public.

FIRES is headquartered at the Zoroastrian Association of Houston, where the main collection of books, manuscripts, audiovisual resources, and historic memorabilia are located. FIRES maintains a centralized database of all books, manuscripts, and resources held in other North American Zoroastrian Associations' libraries.



ABOUT FEZANA

Founded in 1987, FEZANA serves as the coordinating body for 13 Zoroastrian Centers, 26 Zoroastrian member associations and 15 corresponding groups throughout the United States and Canada, providing a strong communal infrastructure. Zoroastrian presence is increasingly evident in the interfaith arena, helping to restore the religion to its rightful place as a venerable and living member of the world's religious family.

FEZANA promotes the study, understanding, and practice of the Zoroastrian faith in North America. FEZANA represents the interests of its member associations and carries out philanthropic and charitable activities worldwide.

More information may be found at the FEZANA website:
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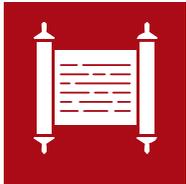
HIGHLIGHTS

While collecting books and artifacts are important aspects of the FIRES' mission, its ZAH arm conducts numerous activities and programs to further the awareness of the Zarathushti faith, history, and culture to the community, laypersons, and scholars.



ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVES:

FIRES initiated its Oral History Project in partnership with Rice University by interviewing and recording Zarathushti immigrants' stories, particularly those from the Indian subcontinent. These recordings have been archived and will provide future generations with an appreciation of the trials and tribulations of adjusting to a new homeland, while maintaining their faith, values, and culture.



MANUSCRIPT AND ARCHIVAL SUPPORT:

Many FIRES' rare Zoroastrian manuscripts need professional conservation. FIRES has acquired several rare manuscripts. One has been digitized and is available for study.



LECTURE SERIES:

Several times a year, FIRES invites scholars from all over the world to enlighten the community on the history and principles of the Zarathushti faith. Starting in 2013, all lectures are recorded and, if permitted by the speakers, posted on the FIRES website.



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION:

Among its most noteworthy artifacts, FIRES has on display in the ZAH library invaluable memorabilia donated by the family of the eminent Zarathushti scholar and erstwhile High Priest of Karachi, the Late Dastur Maneckji Nusserwanji Dhalla. The collection includes silver caskets, scrolls from various communities, and his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University.



RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS:

As the community becomes aware of FIRES and its mission, many collectors of books have donated rare or out of print volumes to FIRES (Houston). FIRES has a few priceless manuscripts that require digitization prior to being placed online for the community and scholars.

AN EXCITING FUTURE

FIRES' dedicated, volunteer staff works with FEZANA executives and associations to further expand its collections, their conservation, and access to lay and scholarly users throughout the world.

New programs in the planning stage are:

To provide stipends to young scholars for research:

For the Zoroastrian religion, culture, and history to endure, it is imperative to encourage the community's youth to pursue Zoroastrian Studies at Universities in North America.

To create Educational Modules:

To collaborate with other FEZANA committees and scholars to create educational modules on various aspects of the Zoroastrian faith; specifically,

- Videotape significant ceremonies for posterity.
- Develop educational videos for young children and companion parent guides.

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FIRES needs your help!

Your donations and endowments of money, stocks, and jewelry will help pay for the equipment and services required to conserve, digitize, and make our books, manuscripts, artifacts, and objects d'art accessible to everyone. Your largesse could provide career-enabling stipends to young Zoroastrian scholars.

Your donation of skills and expertise can help FIRES create, produce, and distribute world-class educational programs. Your donation of books, collections, and artifacts will enrich FIRES and preserve our precious heritage for generations to come.

Please contact Aban Rustomji at aban@coatingindustries.com or info@fires-fezana.org to learn more about FIRES and important opportunities where you can support FIRES.

