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Dear Colleagues

The 22nd International conference of the Society was held this week at Ben-Gurion University, with more than 30 papers on various topics relating to medieval Judeo-Arabic culture. I wish to thank the conference's hosts, Prof. Shalom Sadik and Mr. Asher Binyamin, for the impeccable organization and the warm hospitality.

At the conclusion of the conference, the General Assembly of the Society unanimously elected Prof. Miriam Frenkel as the new President of the Society. In her previous role as Vice-President of the Society, Professor Frenkel has been a wonderful partner to me in all initiatives related to the Society. I thank her for her cooperation and help, and wish her much success in her new role.

Much of three years of my term as President of the Society coincided with the ongoing war. In these times of enmity, violence, and grief, our Society's agenda, involving the study of both Jewish and Muslim cultures, was for me, at times, a source of comfort. I thank you all for your trust and help, and conclude with the hope that before our next conference we may still witness a time of healing and nurturing.

With best wishes,



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