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'Arabick Roots' of science and medicine exhibition: Royal launch for London exhibition

London, 9th June 2011: Her Highness Sheikha Mozah of Qatar and British Culture Minister, Ed Vaizey, were guest of honour at the launch of an eye-opening new exhibition at The Royal Society in London today. Arabick Roots is a new display highlighting surprising connections between the scientific pioneers of Muslim Civilisation and seventeenth century Britain's greatest scholars and scientists.

The exhibition displays rare books, scientific instruments and correspondence, showing how science and culture from the Muslim Civilisation influenced and inspired key figures such as Edmund Halley and Robert Boyle. Early Fellows of the Royal Society eagerly pursued works in Arabic and Persian as well as communicating with their intellectual contemporaries in the Arabic-speaking world. At a time when international collaboration is increasingly important to the advancement of science, Arabick Roots reveals the rich and often surprising history of scientific communication between two very different cultures.