The research on the transmission of the Arabic text of Avicenna's *Kitab al-Shifa'* (*Book of the Cure*), one of the most important, extensive and influential works of Arabic philosophy in the Middle Ages, is still at a preliminary stage. The aim of the colloquium is to assess the state of the art on this subject; to outline an inventory of the known manuscripts of this work and of the modalities of its indirect tradition; and to fix the guidelines of the method conducive to a future critical edition. Towards this aim, the colloquium focuses on the manuscript dissemination of the single parts of the *Shifa'*, the codicological study of some of its best manuscripts, and the on-going projects of digital libraries and publications related to Avicenna's philosophy. A special "didactic" session is devoted to students of Arabic language and philosophy.

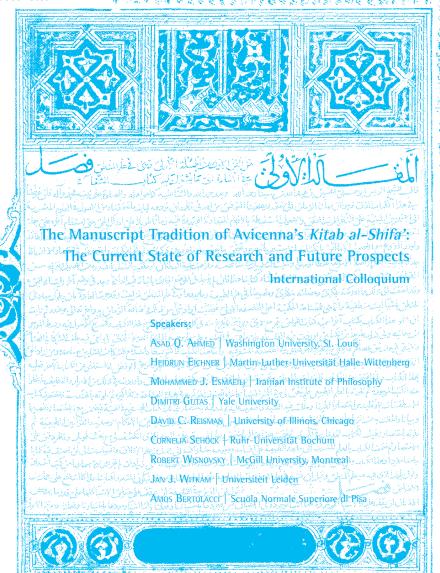
The interaction among specialists of Arabic logic, natural philosophy and metaphysics, experts of Avicenna's thought and its reception, and connoisseurs of Arabic codicology – an attempt of a new methodology of scholarly communication – is the necessary starting-point to ground the research on the Arabic text of the *Shifa'* on a properly scientific basis.

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Wednesday September 22

10.00	Break CORNELIA SCHÖCK Ruhr-Universität Bochum	15	On-going Projects and Forthcoming Publications ROBERT WISNOVSKY McGill University RASI. Rational Sciences in Islam: An Initiative for the Study of Philosophy and the Mathematical Sciences in Islam DIMITRI GUTAS Yale University The Second Edition of Avicenna and the Aristotelian Tradition Break AMOS BERTOLACCI Scuola Normale Superiore
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1015	Remarks on the Manuscript Transmission of the Shifa' and of Avicenna's Minor Works FRI	RIDAY	y September 24
16.15	ROBERT WISNOVSKY McGill University The Indirect Tradition of Avicenna's Shifa': Authors, Works, Codices 9.00		AMOS BERTOLACCI Scuola Normale Superiore
17.30	Break 3111 Z & S		The Metaphysics of the Shifa': Preliminary Works towards a Future Critical Edition
17.45	MOHAMMAD J. ESMAEILI Iranian Institute of Philosophy The Commentary Tradition on the Ilahiyyat of the Shifa' 10.1	4	DIMITRI GUTAS Yale University Editing Avicenna: Method(s) in Addressing the Particularities of the Shifa' and Related Works
Thur	SDAY SEPTEMBER 23		Break
9.00	DAVID C. REISMAN University of Illinois, Chicago Scraps and Flotsam: The Cure in Avicenna's Private Papers	45	Roundtable: Future Prospects
10.15	Break 12.4	45	Break
10.30	JAN J. WITKAM Universiteit Leiden Codicological Features of Mss. Leiden, Or. 4 and Or. 84 of Avicenna's Shifa' 15.0	.00	Special Session for Students JAN J. WITKAM Universiteit Leiden
12.00	Break 16.1		Guidelines for the Codicological Study of Mss. Leiden, Or. 4 and Or. 84 Break
	16.3	30	AHMAD HOSSEINI Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran Being as a Univocal Concept in Avicenna with Regard to the Commentaries of Razi, Naraqi and Mulla Sadra" (dissertation report)

19.30 Dinner