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Afhandlinger (1940), with a section on Arab medicine in Islamic Spain. He died in Birkerød, 28 August 1941. DanskBL; DanskBL²; Kraks, 1941

Wiche, Konrad, born 2 November 1913, he studied geography at Wien, where he also received a Dr.phil. in 1938 and a Dr.habil. in 1950. In the same year he began his lifelong lectureship in geography at the Universität Wien. He conducted field-work in Greece, North Africa and Karakorum, and edited *Festschrift zur Hundertjahrfeier der Geographischen Gesellschaft zu Wien* (1957). He died in Mainz, 8 November 1969. Kürschner, 1950-1970; WhoAustria, 1959/60-1967

Wichmann, Hugo, born 9 May 1852 at Hamburg, he was a translator and also an editor of "Monatsberichte" in *Petermanns Mitteilungen*. He edited *Justus Perthes' Taschenatlas vom Deutschen Reich*, 6th ed. (1922). He died in 1932. NUC, pre-1956; *Werist's*, 1909-1928

Wickens, George Michael, born 7 August 1918 at London; he was educated at Holloway School, London, and received his B.A. and M.A. at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he combined modern European studies with Middle Eastern studies, 1936-1939. During the war, he served with the rank of captain with British Army Intelligence, mostly in Iran. After lectureships at London, 1946-1949, and Cambridge (Arabic and Persian), 1949-1957, he was invited to teach modern Middle Eastern studies at the University of Toronto. In 1961, he established its Department of Islamic Studies, and served as its first chairman until 1968. (The existence of the Department ended at a shotgun wedding with the Department of Near Eastern Studies on 1 August 1996.) He remained at the Department until his retirement in 1984, on which occasion he was honoured by the jubilee volume, *Logos Islamikos*. He was a good and considerate teacher but his acute perception and rather unnerving wit left many of his students less confident about their own knowledge and learning. In his own words, he "spent twenty-five years as a convert to Roman Catholicism from nominally Protestant non-belief. At fifty-one, [he had become] a sort of agnostic who regretted having reared his [eight] children within an established religion." He published widely on Arabic and Persian languages, literatures and thought. For the *Unesco collection of representative works* he translated from the Persian of Nasr al-Din Tusi, *The Nasirean ethics* (1964). He also wrote *Morals pointed and tales adorned*, from the Persian of Sa'di (1974), and *Arabic grammar* (1980). BioB134; Canadian, 1990-2002; DrAS, 1969, 1974, 1978, 1982 P; Private

Wickerhauser, Moritz, born about 1810, he studied from 1832 to 1839 at the Orientalische Akademie, Wien. Upon graduation in 1839, he was appointed assistant dragoman to the Imperial Austrian internuncio at Constantinople. During his nine-year service he was sent on several missions to Syria and Transylvania. On 4 August 1846 he became third dragoman. On 25 January 1848 he succeeded V. Rosenzweig Ritter zu Schwannau as professor of Oriental languages at his alma mater, teaching Arabic, Persian and Turkish eighteen hours weekly for thirteen years. In addition, he taught since 1851 also Turkish at the local polytechnic institute. Concurrently he spent years preparing a new edition of F. Meninski's 1680 trilingual dictionary. It was only after the reorganization of the Akademie that his weekly teaching load was reduced to twelve hours of Turkish. By this time, however, signs of physical and mental deterioration appeared. After a lengthy vacation in 1868 he was pensioned off early by the ministry of foreign affairs in November 1868, and by the ministry of education in April 1869. He seems to have ended his life as a patient of a lunatic asylum in Döbling. His writings include *Wegweiser zum Verständniss der türkischen Sprache* (1853), *Blütenkranz aus Dschamis zweitem Diwan* (1858), and *Die Papageimärchen* (1858). Wurzbach

Wickersheimer, Charles Adolphe Ernest, born 12 July 1880 at Bar-le-Duc (Meuse), he received a medical doctorate in 1905 from the Faculté de médecine de Paris for *La Médecine et les médecins en France à l'époque de la Renaissance*. He was a historian of medicine and in 1910 appointed librarian of the Académie de Médecine. He died in Strasbourg, 6 August 1965. BN; DcScB; IndexBFR² (1)

Wickwar, William Hardy, born 22 May 1903 at London, he graduated from King's College, London, and did post-graduate work at Paris. From 1938 to 1948 he taught political science at U.S. colleges, and subsequently served with the U.N.O., particularly two years each as U.N. regional community development adviser in the Middle East, and as social affairs adviser to the Lebanese Government. From 1965 to his retirement in 1971 he was a professor at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. His writings include *Social services* (1936), *The modernization of administration in the Near East* (1963), and *Power and service; a cross-national analysis of public administration* (1991). AmM&WS, 1973 S, 1978 S; ConAu, 57-60; WhoS&SW, 1973-1988/89

Widajewicz, Józef, born 6 February 1889 at Buszczach, Poland, he received a Dr.phil. in history from Uniwersytet Lwowski. Since 1927 he was a professor of his subject at Uniwersytet Poznański. His writings include *Studia nad relacją o Słowianach Ibrahima ibn Jakuba* (1946). He died in 1954. Czy wiesz, 1938; EncPWN; Polski (3)

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