

SIS NEWS

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Some Recent Publications

Eliz Sanasarian

Houri Berberian, student member

Mohammad Shahbazi, student member

In addition to the Council election, members also voted on amendments to the SIS Constitution. These amendments were passed by a vote of 118 yes, 3 no. According to the terms of the newly amended constitution, the President will officiate at the annual Council and Business Meetings; thus, Prof. Yarshater will be presiding over these meetings this November.

1996 SIS COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

We are very happy to announce the results of this year's elections for SIS Council. Those elected were:

President: Ehsan Yarshater
 President Elect: Ali Banuazizi
 Council Members: Ahmad Ashraf
 Kathryn Babayan

The returning council members for fall, 1996, will be:

George Bournoutian
 Layla Diba
 William Hanaway
 Mary E. Hegland

MESA 1996

The annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association will take place November 21-24, 1996, at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI. The meeting times for the SIS Council and Business Meetings are:

Thursday, November 21

Council Meeting: 10:00 am-12:00 noon.

W-Exec. Board. Rm.

Business Meeting: 4:00-6:00 pm

W-Providence IV

SAIDI-SIRJANI AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement of the first winner of the Saidi-Sirjani Book Award will be made at the Business Meeting of the Society for Iranian Studies this year.

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NEWS OF IRANIAN STUDIES

Volume 29, 1-2 of Iranian Studies is being printed now. According to the journal editor, Abbas Amanat, this issue, guest-edited by Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, should be in the mail by early December. Volume 29, 3-4 is well on its way to completion and should be ready by the end of the year.

NEW MEMBERS

Individual membership in SIS now stands at 371 and institutional membership at 193. We are still striving to attain an individual membership of 400 and an institutional membership of 200. Please let the Secretariat know if you have colleagues or friends who would like to become members of SIS. We welcome the following people to membership:

Hanna Alfandary
Lynda Clarke
Guive Mirfendereski
Vida Movahedi

DONATIONS TO SIS

SIS would like to thank the following individuals for over-and-above donations to the Society. Such donations are always very much appreciated!

Mohsen Fardmanesh
Parichehr Farsad
Asghar Fathi
Ali Jazayery

SIS MEMBER RECEIVES HONOR

Homa Sarshar was honored with the America-Israel Friendship Media Award for her past and ongoing work in journalism. The award was presented by the Bnai Zion Foundation in August, 1996, in Los Angeles.

RECENT AND UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Danesh Institute Annual Conference

The 1996 Annual Conference of the Danesh Institute was held October 26 at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. The conference theme was "Iranian Dual Identity: Implications for the First and Second Generations." The plenary speakers at the conference were Dr. Maboud Ansary of Paterson College and Dr. Patricia Higgins of SUNY, Plattsburgh. For further information about the conference, including the papers presented, contact Cyrus Behrooz at 317-283-8757.

CIJOH Hosts Second Conference

The theme of the second annual conference of the Center for Iranian Jewish Oral History (CIJOH) was "The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews." This event took place November 9-10, 1996, at the Skirball Cultural Center and Museum in Los Angeles. For information about the conference, contact CIJOH at P.O. Box 2543, Beverly Hills, CA 90213-2543.

Fifteen Annual CIRA Conference

The Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA) will hold its fifteenth annual conference April 19-21, 1997, on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. The theme of the conference will be "Towards a Civil Society in Iran: Prospects and Obstacles." People interested in presenting a paper should send a title and 300-400-word abstract by December 2, 1996 to Dr. Hosein Abghari, CIRA Conference Program Co-chair, Dept. of Economics & Business, Morehouse College, 830 Westview Dr., SW, Atlanta, GA 30314. Tel. 404-215-2618; FAX 404-215-2719.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Dept. of Near Eastern & Judaic Languages and Literatures seeks to appoint an Assistant Prof., tenure track with teaching and research specialties in Persian language and literature as well as the culture, history and/or religion of Iran from the eighteenth century to the present. The successful candidate will also have training in Arabic and/or another Islamic language.

To apply, send an application letter, resume and four letters of recommendation to Gordon D. Newby, Chair, NEJLL, 314S Callaway Center, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Review of application will begin Dec. 4, 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

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Republics. Chicago Linguistic Society, The Univ. of Chicago, 1996, pp. 279-305.

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