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Shirin Ebady, First Iranian to Win a Nobel Prize

Shirin Ebady, the 2003 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, will be the keynote speaker at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies. Ms. Ebady is the first Iranian and the first Middle Eastern woman to win a Nobel prize. Only 10 women before her have won this prestigious award.

The Iranian lawyer and human rights activist was born in 1947 and received a law degree from University of Tehran. She served as president of the city court of Tehran and was the first female judge in Iran, a position she was forced to resign after the revolution in 1979. She now works as a lawyer and also teaches at the University of Tehran.

Ebady has displayed great personal courage as a lawyer defend-

ing those who have fallen victim to a powerful political and legal system. She has shown her willingness to cooperate with representatives of secular as well as religious views, and is recognized particularly for her tireless work to promote the rights of women, children and refugees. She is the founder and leader of the Association for Support of Children's Rights in Iran. The Executive Director of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), Carol Bellamy, stressed that Ebady's efforts had inspired "all of us who care about children... The recognition of Ms. Ebady by the Nobel committee is like a gift to children everywhere".

Kofi Annan, the Secretary General of the United Nations, also spoke highly of her and said that he hoped the award would under-

score the importance of expanding human rights throughout the world and empower women to speak out and insist on their rights.

Ms. Ebady is known for promoting peaceful, democratic solutions to serious problems in society, and has been involved in a number of controversial political cases. She was the attorney for the families of the writers and in

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Bam

The catastrophic earthquake in Bam on December 26, 2003, claimed more than 40,000 lives and left 1,700 children orphaned. Not only was the Citadel of Bam, one of the great historic monuments of Iran, devastated, but also many schools, libraries and cultural centers.

Initial response bringing help was quick. Iran accepted aid from all over the world, except Israel, which had offered to send a team of trained rescue dogs and supplies. The United States sent a group of doctors and a mobile hospital, which was left in Iran for further use. The

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professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego (1990), Visiting Professor of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (1985), Economic Consultant, UNCTAD, Geneva (1982), Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, McMaster University (1977-78), and Visiting Iranian Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford (1975-76). He has published widely in English, other European

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New Editor of Iranian Studies

The Executive Board of the International Society for Iranian Studies is pleased to announce that Dr. Homa Katouzian has agreed to take over the editorship of *Iranian Studies* as of 2004.

Homa Katouzian is a social scientist, historian, literary critic and published poet. He is the Iran Heritage Research Fellow at St. Antony's College and a member of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford. He is also an honorary fellow in the Department of Politics, University of Exeter.

Dr. Katouzian obtained all his university degrees in England and was Lecturer in Economics at the University of Leeds (1968-69), and Lecturer (later Senior Lec-



turer) in Economics at the University of Kent at Canterbury (1969-1986). He was also a Member of the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, (2001), a Visiting Pro-





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A Note of Appreciation from the Departing Editor

Taking a moment now from the final editing and formatting of the last issue of 2003 and the final one of my tenure as editor of *Iranian Studies*, I want to say that the past six years have been a great learning experience. In the first place, although I had some idea of the extent of writing and publishing on Iranian and Persianate subjects, it's been a revelation to see the breadth and depth of scholarship published in English alone on these topics. Then there has been the business of journal editing itself, of copyediting and layout, of transliteration and style. Emerson may have believed that "a great soul has simply nothing to do with consistency" but then what editor would claim to be a "great soul?" Mostly it's laboring in the vineyards of minutiae, of finding God rather than the Devil in the details, of learning humility amidst the never-ending stream of errors overlooked, of typos missed, of authors offended. Anyway, I congratulate my successor, Homa Katouzian, on his great good luck in being chosen the new editor and wish him every success.

I owe much to the diligence and support of the editorial board that has endured with me: Janet Afary, Ali Banuazizi, Houchang Chehabi, Stephen Dale, Juan Cole, Dick Davis, Bill Hanaway, Masashi Haneda, Bernard Hourcade, Farhad Kazemi, Rudi Matthee, Charles Melville, Jürgen Paul, Priscilla Soucek, and Maria Subtelny. Several of them — Houchang, Stephen, Charles, Jürgen, and Maria — assumed the role of guest-editor at various times and lightened the burden even more. Scholarship is infrequently a collaborative enterprise, at least for the historian, so it was a privilege to enjoy the cooperation and collaboration of these colleagues. One person in particular deserves special recognition. The journal subscribers should know how fortunate they have been to have had Rudi Matthee as book review editor. He is largely responsible for any success the journal enjoys. His administrative talents and his obviously enormous circle

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Message from the Executive Director

Dear ISIS Members,

2003 was a year of many changes for the Society. Our name changed and so did our constitution. We changed publishers, and Taylor & Francis gave *Iranian Studies* a new format. And we have a new editor.

Your response to the revisions to the Constitution was overwhelmingly positive (see page 6) and the new text will be on our website soon. The website is being upgraded to be more in tune to our members' needs. This tremendous responsibility was undertaken by Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, a member of ISIS' Executive Council, and we can't thank him enough. If you have any suggestions for the site, please let us know.

The Executive Committee of ISIS urges all members to come together and help the Society in its membership drive. We would like to bring our numbers to an all-time high by the time of the next conference and we need your help to do so. I am happy to report that our numbers have gone up significantly; however, this is not enough. 2004 is our membership drive year and we want to see our numbers increase even more. **Please encourage your colleagues, friends and students to join.** We depend on you to achieve this goal. And don't forget to renew your own membership! Remember that members enjoy a special registration discount for our biennial conference, which will take place in Bethesda, MD, in May (see page 15).

At the end of 2003, our editor of 6 years, Robert McChesney, decided to step down. Robert played a key role in improving the quality of the *Journal* and we are indebted to him. We wish him much success in his new projects and hope that he will continue to assist ISIS in other capacities. The good news is that the *Journal* is now in the capable hands of our new editor, Homa Katouzian (see page 1), of St. Antony's College in Oxford. We welcome him and are confident that he will maintain the journal's high quality.

And finally, it is time to put together a new roster of members. Please take a moment to fill in and return the form on pages 9 and 10. With your timely cooperation, we may have it ready for the conference. See you there.

Haideh Sahim



Important Notice to Members

The International Society for Iranian Studies, in an effort to keep up with the times, will increasingly use e-mail as a means to bring information to its members. If you did not receive the results of the election by e-mail, it means we do not have your e-mail address. Please inform the Executive Director, Haideh Sahim, of your current e-mail address as soon as possible.

HSahim@iranian-studies.org

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Election Results

A total of 106 ballots were received and your elected officers are:

President Elect:

Janet Afary

Council Members:

Houri Berberian

Nayerreh Tohidi

Student Council Member:

Pamela Z. Karimi

Congratulations to all.

We would like to thank the members of our Nominating Committee, Kamran Aghaie, Maziar Behrooz, Afshin Matin and Kamran Talattof for their fine work.

The Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute

In the past, The International Society for Iranian Studies has benefitted from the generosity of a number of people and institutions in organizing its various activities. One such organization is The Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute.

This Institute, founded by philanthropist and linguist, Dr. Elahé Mir-Djalali Omidyar, in 2000, is a private, not-for-profit foundation dedicated to the active preservation and promotion of Persian cultural heritage, through partnerships with academic institutions, individuals and other not-for-profit organizations. The 4th Biennial Conference of Iranian Studies was partly supported by this Institute.

The Roshan Institute has already established named fellowships at UCLA, the University of Washington and the University of Arizona, as well as awarded individual grants and scholarships to exceptional students in Persian studies.

The Institute's work is focused on four major areas: 1) Funding Persian studies departments or programs at major U.S. universities; 2) Assisting existing U.S. not-for-profit organizations that share the Institute's vision/

mission; 3) Establishing the Roshan Institute Graduate Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies; and 4) Establishing a number of annual Roshan Institute Prizes for Outstanding Achievements by Iranians in the fields of science, humanities and the arts. "Love and Yearning: Mystic and Moral Themes in Persian Poetry and Painting" at the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, DC



(through February 22, 2004) is an exhibition funded by this Institute.

Dr. Mir-Djalali Omidyar, its founder, holds a Ph.D. in linguistics from the Sorbonne, Université de Paris, as well as two Masters degrees, one from the Sorbonne and the other from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Her post-doctoral work has been in cross-cultural research and in the fields of language teaching methodology and Persian Studies. She taught linguistics at UC Berkeley between 1992 and 2000. Her interest in Persian mystical poetry and prose has resulted in numerous translations from Persian into French and English.

Unlimited Free Access to *Encyclopædia Iranica* Online Volumes I-XI plus Supplement and Out-of-Turn Entries from Letters A to Z

The new web-based electronic publication of *Encyclopædia Iranica* is now available *free of charge*. All articles from volumes I-VI can be downloaded and viewed in pdf format. Volumes VII-XI of the *Encyclopædia* can be downloaded and viewed in text format. A comprehensive search engine that will allow visitors to the site to search for articles by topic, keyword and author is now in place.

Iranica has now developed a **new online section** for supplemental and out-of-turn entries from letters A to Z. They have already invited over 900 articles to be written by outstanding scholars in the field of their expertise irrespective of alphabetical order. Over 250 articles have been received, of which 150 have been placed on their website and are accessible for viewing or downloading. Others will follow.

Please visit *Iranica* online at <http://www.iranica.com>.



Metals and Metalworking in Islamic Iran

A conference on Metals and Metalworking in Islamic Iran will be held at the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland, from September 3 to 4, 2004. The papers at the conference are expected to cover a wide range of topics including, technological and art historical developments, the social significance of metalwork, the military implication of metals and the relationship of metalworking with other arts. Details of the symposium are posted on the Library's website at www.cbl.ie and on the Iran Heritage Foundation's website at www.iranheritage.org. The conference will be held in conjunction with the exhibition, "Steel: A Mirror of Life in Iran," June 2-September 15, 2004.

Afghanistan Museum Opens in Hamburg

A new Museum of Afghanistan has opened in Hamburg, Germany. Primarily an ethnographical museum, it has interactive exhibits and dioramas of various aspects of life in that country. There are, among others, scenes of the bazaar, carpet weaving, inside a yurt and a bakery. The museum also has a restaurant where Afghan food is served, and there are lectures, slide shows and programs of music.



One of the dioramas of the museum

The PEN Anthology of Contemporary Iranian Literature

The PEN Anthology of Contemporary Iranian Literature, the first anthology of post-revolutionary Persian literature in English translation, will be a compilation of poetry and fiction of high literary quality written in Persian and published in Iran or abroad, since the 1979 Revolution.

The General Editor, Nahid Mozaffari and Poetry Editor, Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, invite recommendations for poems, short stories or excerpts from novels by Iranian writers, poets, critics

and academics that merit consideration for publication. Selection is based on literary merit and cultural and linguistic translatability.

For recommendations please contact Nahid Mozaffari at anthology@pen.org or Nahid Mozaffari, PEN, 568 Broadway, New York, NY. 10012.

Please note that the work *must*

1. be of high literary quality
2. have been published in Persian
3. be translatable without the need for too many footnotes.

Iran & the Caucasus

Iran & The Caucasus, a new publication supported by the Caucasian Center for Iranian Studies in Yerevan, Armenia and published by Brill Academic Publishers from 2003 onwards, deals with the history of the Iranian and Caucasian peoples. This multi-disciplinary journal aims at furthering knowledge of the region in a wide variety of fields such as economy, social sciences, archaeology, religion, literature, philology, and anthropology. The journal is edited by the prominent Armenian scholar, Garnik Asatrian, under the guidance of an editorial board consisting of scholars from the region itself, as well as from Europe and the United States. *Iran & The Caucasus* is predominantly written in the English

language. As of 2004, *Iran & The Caucasus* will appear as two issues per year.

Some of the featured articles are: James Russell, "Zoroastrian Notes"; Eszter Spät, "Shahid bin Jarr, Forefather of the Yezidis and the Gnostic Seed of Seth"; Garnik Asatrian, "The Lord of Cattle in Gilan"; Vardan Voskanyan, "The Iranian Loan-words in Lomavren, the Secret Language of the Armenian Gypsies"; Gurgun Melikian, "On the Problem of Secret Languages and Slangs in Iran"; Touraj Atabaki, "Recasting and Recording Identities in the Caucasus"; Sergey Minasian, "The Contemporary Status of Iran's Nuclear Missile".

Send orders to: orders@brill.nl

Upcoming Events

"The Study of Persian Culture in the West: Sixteenth to Early Twentieth Century" is a conference to be held by The State Hermitage Museum and Iran Heritage Foundation, in association with Roshan Institute, in St. Petersburg, Russia, June 24-28, 2004. Many distinguished scholars from around the world are expected to present papers. Additional events include private viewing of the State Hermitage. For further information check info@iranheritage.org or www.iranheritage.org/hermitageconference.

"The Second Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies" will be held in Yerevan, Armenia on April 2-4, 2004. This conference consists of about 25 panels, covering topics from history to language and culture, areas from Iran to Georgia and Armenia to Afghanistan and Central Asia. Many ethnic groups, such as the Kurds, Hazaras, Yazidis and Bakhtiaris are also discussed. For more information check <http://persiansocieties.uchicago.edu/ASPS-Conference.html>.

Bam... cont'd

US lifted part of its sanctions temporarily to allow funds and other aid collected in the US to be delivered to the victims of the quake. A number of concerts and other fundraising events have been held around the world by Iranians to collect money for the victims of the Bam earthquake.

After the earthquake many Iranians rushed to help the people of this city. Among them were various members of the publishing community, including the Publishers and Booksellers Union, which collected over RIs. 300 million, plus funds to build two high schools and a clinic. The Paper and Cardboard [Sellers] Union also collected funds to buy provisions. The staff of one publishing house donated one to five days' salaries. Other organizations, such as the Isfahani Publishers Cooperative, Iran PEN Society and even the young members of the Society for Child and Young Adult Writers also had drives to collect funds or goods for the establishment of schools and libraries in Bam. The Science and Arts Foundation has also decided to contribute to this enormous task by addressing the short and medium-term needs of Bam's educational sector through the establishment of an IT center in Bam. There are currently 10,000 students attending the tent schools that have been erected among the ruins of the city. The plans for the reconstruction of this city have not been finalized yet.

Call for Papers

The ISIS journal, *Iranian Studies*, plans to devote one of the next issues to the theme of methodology in anthropological/ethnographic work in Iran or with Iranians abroad. This is a project started by Mary Hegland and now taken over by Erika Loeffler Friedl. If you have recently been doing fieldwork in Iran and would like to submit a paper for publication, please contact:

Erika Loeffler Friedl, Dept. of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.
Tel: (269) 344 7044.
E-mail: Erika.Loeffler@wmich.edu

John J. and Nancy Lee Roberts Fellowship Program

Application materials are now available for the John J. and Nancy Lee Roberts Fellowship Program. This program supports cutting-edge research on a specific topic and region each year. A single grant will be awarded each year for up to 12 months in length. Collaborative research programs involving international colleagues are strongly encouraged.

This year applications will be accepted for research only on primary, secondary, and higher education in the Middle East.

Application deadline: April 1, 2004. All applicants will be notified of their status in June 2004. The fellowship may begin as early as July 2004.

Eligibility: The principal investigator must be a US citizen or permanent

resident. A Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree is required. Studies involving more than one country and collaborative research programs involving international colleagues are strongly encouraged.

Eligible Countries of Research Focus: Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia

Maximum Award: \$30,000

Eligible Expenses: Travel and associated expenses, stipends, honoraria, materials, meeting and conference expenses, and publication expenses. Limited equipment may also be authorized if needed to conduct research.

For more information, including application materials available to download, please visit the IREX website at www.irex.org/programs/roberts.

The Harvard Iranian Oral History Project

The Harvard Iranian Oral History Project, having commenced its activities twenty-two years ago, has now reached the final stage. At this juncture, two of the main challenges it faces are a) preservation of the memoirs over time, and b) making them easily accessible to researchers around the world.

Currently, the collection can be read and heard only by visiting Cambridge, Massachusetts and Oxford, England. Moreover, the quality of audio recordings will deteriorate over time, leading to a loss of this valuable historical primary source. The principal activity of the final phase is to address both of these concerns by digitizing nearly 800 hours of audio recording and 18,000 pages of transcript.

The digitized audio recordings and transcripts will be deposited in the Harvard University Library Digital Repository Service and will be made available on the Internet through Harvard Library. The pilot project is now available on the Harvard web site at:

<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~iohp/index.html>.

Foundation for Iranian Studies' Best Dissertation Award

The Foundation for Iranian Studies' Committee on the Selection of Best Dissertation of the Year on a Topic of Iranian Studies has chosen Deborah Gerber Tor's dissertation "From Holy Warriors to Chivalric Order: The 'Ayyars in the Eastern Islamic World, A.D. 800-1055", submitted to the Committee on Middle Eastern Studies of Harvard University as the recipient of the Foundation's annual best Ph.D. Dissertation award for the academic year 2002-2003.

The Committee also cited two dissertations with honorable mention for high scholarship, originality, clarity and significant contribution to the field of Iranian studies:

Roxanne Varzi's dissertation "Visionary Terrains of Post-Revolutionary War Iran: Youth Culture, Media and Public Space" submitted to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University.

Afshin Marashi's dissertation "Nationalizing Iran: Culture, Power, and the State, 1870-1941" submitted to the Graduate Division of the University of California at Los Angeles.

ISIS Needs Your Help

ISIS needs to complete its archives. We are currently missing some issues and need your help to complete three sets of *Iranian Studies* (for editorial use, archive and a third for possible future reproductions). If you have *any* extra copies of the following or if you do not wish to keep your back issues, please contact HSahim@iranian-studies.org. Also we would like to complete our archive of the newsletter, *SIS News* (now *ISIS News*). Please send us *any* copy of the back issues that you can. We are particularly interested in the early ones. We greatly appreciate your help.

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	4/4	2 copies
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The Montabone Album

The International Qajar Studies Association managed to receive the rights of publication of a rare album in the Royal Archives of the Netherlands. The Montabone Album is a collection of photographs by Luigi Montabone of Nasir al-Din Shah and his court and time. You can view a picture of the Album and its contents on the following the IQSA web site: <http://www.qajarstudies.org/IQSAMontabone.html>

Call for Papers

The Heritage of the High Caliphate: Dinars, Dirhams and Coppers of the Late Umayyad and Early 'Abbasid Periods, ca. 700-950 CE

The American Numismatic Society, Thursday and Friday, June 24-25, 2004

Late Umayyad and early 'Abbasid dinars, dirhams and coppers, which replaced previous Sasanian and Byzantine style coinages, were not only the first distinctly Muslim coins, but formed for many years a vast monetary system stretching from North Africa to Central Asia. Today, they constitute documents for the study of the period.

The conference invites papers treating any aspect of coins of the late Umayyad and early 'Abbasid periods as artifacts of civilization and culture. The conference will also feature a workshop in reading the Arabic legends on these coins and a roundtable for the discussion of issues of common interest, and of coins if anyone wishes to bring them along. Queries and abstracts should be sent by e-mail to Dr. Stuart D. Sears sdsears@localnet.com, or to Dr. Michael L. Bates bates@amnumsoc.org.

Abstracts should be submitted by March 5, 2004, but time permitting, late submissions will be accommodated where possible.

The ANS held a conference on "The Heritage of Sasanian Iran: Dinars, Dirhams and Coppers of the Late Sasanian and Early Muslim Periods" in June 2003. The event was co-sponsored with numismatist Robert Schaaf, The Society for Iranian Studies, The Center for Iranian Studies at Columbia University and Middle East Medievalists. Speakers were Michael Alram (Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna), Michael L. Bates (American Numismatic Society), Medea Tsotselia (The Janashia Georgian State Museum, Tbilisi), Dr. Tsotselia and Georges Depuyrot (CNRS, Centre de recherches historiques, France), Marta Czerwieniec (University of Poznan, Poland), Delia Moisil (National Museum of the History of Romania), Stuart D. Sears (ACLS/SSRC/NEH International) and Kameya Manabu (Hokkaido University, Japan). Participants have been invited to submit their papers for publication in *The American Journal of Numismatics* and *Iranian Studies*.

Results of Votes for Amendments to the Constitution

Of the over 300 ballots sent out, 96 were returned. Two ballots were disqualified. The result of your votes is:

Item 1: Changing the name of the Society to The International Society for Iranian Studies:

83 Yes 10 No 1 Abstain

Item 2: Changes to the language of the section on Purpose of the Society:

91 Yes 3 No

Item 3: Categories of members:

90 Yes 4 No

Item 4: Language of the section on Honorary Members:

93 Yes 1 Abstain

Item 5: Annulment of family memberships:

90 Yes 4 No

Item 6: Number of Council Members:

91 Yes 2 No 1 Abstain

Item 7: Changing the name of the Business Meeting to General Meeting

94 Yes

Item 8: Adding that individuals serving should be members of the Society

92 Yes 2 No

Item 9: Adding that presentors of papers at the SIS conference must pre-register

90 Yes 3 No 1 Abstain

Item 10: Changing the title of the Executive Secretary

90 Yes 4 No

All items passed.

Constitutional Amendment to Article VI.5.a. and VI.5.b

CURRENT LANGUAGE

Article VI. Officers

5.a. ... The President begins his or her term one year after being elected President-Elect, and he or she takes office following the Annual Business Meeting.

AMENDMENT TO THIS ARTICLE

5.a. ... The President begins his or her term one year after being elected President-Elect, and he or she takes office for a two year term following the Annual General Meeting. If approved, the two year tenure for President of the Society will take effect after the Annual General Meeting in 2005.

CURRENT LANGUAGE

Article VI. Officers

5.b. ... The President-Elect serves for one year as the President-Elect, beginning after the Annual Business Meeting which follows his or her election.

AMENDMENT TO THIS ARTICLE

5.b. ... The President-Elect serves for two years as the President-Elect, beginning after the Annual General Meeting which follows his or her election. If approved, the two year tenure for President-Elect of the Society will take effect after the Annual General Meeting in 2005.

Justification: Currently, the President serves a single one-year term. Based on past experience, it has become clear that a two-year term of office would provide the opportunity for greater continuity, efficiency, and effectiveness in the formulation and implementation of policies and decisions in areas constitutionally identified as within the purview of the chief executive officer of the Society. Extending the single year term for the President-Elect is based on the same rationale and would, it is hoped, produce the same results. The term of office for the immediate Past-President is not specified in the current Constitution—the implication being that it would be one year. This officer and office is mentioned in Article V.2, whereby the incumbent is mentioned as an ex officio member of the Council. By logic of implication from the old language, which suggests the term of office of the immediate Past-President is one year, one would be implying that his tenure would also be extended to two years. There is also a word change from “Business Meeting” to “General Meeting” in accordance with a previously requested amendment on the appropriate name for this body.

Positions available, Encyclopædia Iranica

1) **Research Scholar** (Associate Editor), Ph. D. or equivalent in a field of Iranian Studies. A solid background in Persian history and culture, a thorough knowledge of Persian or Middle or Old Iranian. A knowledge of at least two research languages from among Arabic, German, French, Russian and Italian. Publications to support proficiency of the above requirements and to demonstrate scholarship at professional rank. Editorial skills (in English) as evidenced by sample editing. S/he would be required to deal with all editorial aspects of the *Encyclopædia Iranica* (including ability to re-write & re-organize received entries and improve

them) and report to the editor. Computer competency (Macintosh system). Salary is commensurate with experience.

2) **Associate Research Scholar** (Assistant Editor), Ph.D. or equivalent in a field of Iranian studies. Native or near-native fluency in written and spoken English. Editorial experience and utmost accuracy in proofreading is required and samples in both respects will be needed. Also required is a knowledge of Old or Middle Iranian or New Persian as well as two research languages from among Arabic, French, German or Russian. A knowledge of Persian history and culture and bibliography. Publications or other evi-

dence to support proficiency in the above requirements. Computer competency (Macintosh system). Academic references within the field will be required. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Application review for both positions started August 15, 2003 and will continue until position is filled. Columbia University is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer; women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Applications for both positions should be sent to: Editorial Search, Encyclopædia Iranica, 450 Riverside Drive, No. 4, New York, NY 10027, USA.

BALLOT

☐ I vote for the extension of the term of the president.

☐ I do not vote for the extension of the term of the president.

(Fold and seal **ALL** sides.)

Cut and seal all sides. Do **not** write your name on the ballot. Ballots with names will be disqualified.
Place in envelope addressed to:

The International Society for Iranian Studies
New York University
50 Washington Square South
New York, NY 10012

Ballots must be received by April 15, 2004.

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The world of Iranian Studies has lost one of its pre-eminent scholars.

Jerome W. Clinton, Professor Emeritus of Near Eastern Studies and Iranian Culture and Society at Princeton University, passed away on November 7, 2003, at the age of 66.

A native of San Jose, Calif., Clinton earned his A.B. from Stanford University, an M.A. in English and American literature from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Persian and Arabic literature from the University of Michigan. He served in the Peace Corps in Iran from 1962 to 1964 and taught in schools in Tehran and Amman, Jordan, from 1964 to 1970. He then returned to the United States to teach at the University of

Obituary

Jerome W. Clinton
1939-2003

Minnesota. In 1972, he was named director of the Tehran Center of the American Institute of Iranian Studies. In 1974 Clinton joined the Princeton faculty as professor of Persian, where he taught for twenty-eight years until his retirement in 2002.

Clinton's professional interests spanned literary theory and criticism, translation and translation theory, and, in recent years, the esthetics of word-image relations. His many articles on classical Persian literature remain

landmark studies of individual works. Chief among these are several articles on Khaqani. Above all, he was a scholar and translator of the Persian epic, *The Shahnama* (Book of Kings). His translations of episodes from it have been a staple of university classrooms, and in 2002 his rendition of the episode of Esfandiyar, published under the title *In the Dragon's Claws*, won the Lois Roth Persian Translation Prize.

Impressive as Jerry's scholarship was, it tends to pale before his vast humanity, his profound loyalty to his friends, and his ever-present habit of "shekasteh nafsi" (the breaking of the self), which he had so well combined with American self-effacement.

He will be missed.

Roster

The last roster of ISIS was published in 1995. It is time now for a new, updated list of members. Please take a few minutes, fill out this questionnaire and mail it to the address below by the end of March. With your help this roster will be ready in time for our next Conference in May 2004.

Also, when the ISIS website is upgraded, this information will be available on a secure site, accessible only to members. Please indicate whether you would like your information to be listed there, as well.

In addition, to cut costs, we ask members to download the newsletter from the website in the future. However, we will provide a printed version for those who ask for it. Please indicate which format you prefer.

☐ Please send me a printed version ☐ I will download SIS News from the website in the future.

Complete this form and send it by **April 15** to:

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Members' News

- Janet Afary spent August 2004 in Tbilisi, Georgia where she conducted research on relations between Iran and Georgia at the turn of the 20th century. In Tbilisi, several scholars of Iranian studies she met, particularly Drs. Grigor Biradze and David Khoshtaria from the Georgian Academy of Sciences, made her trip much more productive.

Chad G. Lingwood spent the summer of 2002 at the Dehkhoda Institute in Tehran. He has proposed fieldwork in Istanbul for next summer.

Carl Ernst visited the Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies and the Samarqand Institute of Foreign Languages in March 2003 to consult on the teaching of Religious Studies and Islamic Studies in the post-Soviet period in Uzbekistan. This trip was supported by the Regional Scholar Exchange Program, International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX).

Erika Friedl's book, *Women of Deh Koh* (New York: Penguin, 1991) has been translated into Turkish and is available as *Iran Koyunde Kadın Olmak* (Istanbul: Epsilon, 2003).

Michael Craig Hillmann will teach advanced Persian language courses at The University of Baltimore in May. For further information, including course descriptions and syllabi, contact him at mchillmann@aol.com.

Shireen Mahdavi attended the workshop on "Iran and History from Below" at SOAS on January 23, where she read a paper on "Children in Qajar Iran". This workshop was organized in association with the London Middle East Institute and the Iran Heritage Foundation.

Andrew Newman attended the "Third International Assembly of Persian Language Teachers" in Tehran in October 2003.

Stuart D. Sears has been awarded an ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship for 2003-04 to pursue research into the origins and early development of Islamist absolutism. He has also been awarded grants from the Consortium of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the Max van Berchem Foundation for 2003-04 for work on a die corpus of early Muslim drahtms.

Maria Subtelny gave a lecture at the conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Henry Corbin, at the Sorbonne in Paris, November 6-8, 2003. Her lecture was on "The Motif of the Divine Throne in Islamic and Jewish Mysticism".

Deborah Tor is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard. She has been invited to deliver a paper entitled "Privatized Jihad and Public Order in the Pre-Saljuq Period" at the 29th Deutsche Orientalistentag to be held by the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft next September in Halle, Germany.

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tellectuals who were victims of the serial murders in 1999-2000. She has worked actively—and successfully—to reveal the principals behind the attack on the students at University of Tehran in 1999 where several died. As a consequence of her work, Ebady has been imprisoned on numerous occasions and has spent time in solitary confinement.

She has written a number of academic books and articles focused on human rights. Among her books translated into English are *The Rights of the Child: A Study of Legal Aspects of Children's Rights in Iran* (Tehran, 1994), published with support from UNICEF, and *History and Documentation of Human Rights in Iran* (New York, 2000). She has argued for a new interpretation of Islamic law which is in harmony with vital human rights such as democracy, equality before the law, religious freedom and freedom of speech. Ebady also supports the rights of members of the Baha'i community.

She was initially praised by Iranian officials on winning the Nobel Peace prize and criticized for attending the ceremonies and interviews without the Islamic *hejab* and for shaking hands with men.

The Executive Committee of ISIS is honored to have Ms. Ebady as the keynote speaker at the ISIS conference on May 28th.

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languages and Persian. His books in English are as follows:

Iranian History and Politics, the Dialectic of State and Society (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003); *Sadeq Hedayat: the Life and Legend of an Iranian Writer* (London: I. B. Tauris, paperback edition, 2002, original edition, 1991); *State and Society in Iran: The Eclipse of the Qajars and the Emergence of the Pahlavis* (London: I. B. Tauris, 2000); *Musaddiq and the Struggle for Power in Iran*, 2nd

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The first and second fascicles of Volume XII of the *Encyclopædia Iranica* were published in the Summer and Fall of 2003, continuing with the letter H. They feature over 120 articles including an extended series on Sadeq Hedayat, Hazara groups in Afghanistan, Helmand River and Herat.

These fascicles feature 16 entries on Afghanistan. **Hazara** ethnic groups are the subject of four articles: Historical Geography, History, Ethnography, Social Organization, and Hazaragi Dialect. **Helmand River**, on the border of Iran and Afghanistan, is treated in four articles: Geography, in Zoroastrian Tradition, in Medieval Period, in Latter Part of the 19th Century and in the 20th Century. Occupying an important place in medieval as well as modern history, the city of **Herat** is the subject of seven articles: Geography, Pre-Islamic History, Medieval

History, Medieval Urbanism and Topography, Local Histories of Herat, The Herat Question and Herat Frontier in the latter half of the 19th and the 20th Centuries.

Pre-Islamic History and culture is the subject of 23 entries: seven entries treat Iran's history from **Medieval to Modern** times; three articles treat aspects of **Social Relations** in pre-modern times (Hasab o Nasab, Haydari and Nemati, and Harem); and ten articles are devoted to Persian statesmen and other figures of the **Pahlavi Period**.

Shi'ism and **Isma'ilism** are treated in twelve entries. Four discuss the **History of Medicine** in Persia and three entries deal with the **History of Astronomy and Mathematics**, while **Persian Music** is treated in four entries, including **History of Harp** in Persia from ancient times. Also published in these fascicles are nine articles on other subjects.

A Note... cont'd

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