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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

The new Council of SIS has re-appointed the following as its Executive Officers for 1975:

Ali Banuazizi	Editor of <u>Iranian Studies</u>
Farhad Kazemi	Executive Secretary
Ann Schulz	Treasurer

ANNUAL MEETING OF SIS

The Ninth Annual Meeting of SIS will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of MESA (19-22 November 1975). Please note that the date reported in the SIS Newsletter of January 1975 was wrong. Professor Thomas Ricks, who will join the History Department of Georgetown University as of September 1975, is our program director. The following panels have been organized by Professor Ricks:

A. CRAFT PRACTICES AND TRANSMISSION, Renata Holod, coordinator

Papers on building practices, painting, textiles and narratives.

B. THE POWER OF FAMILY, James Bill, coordinator

Papers on the Qajars, Bakhtiyaris and familial elites and administrators.

C. ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF IRAN, Thomas Stauffer, coordinator

Papers on agricultural mechanization, internal and external industrialization.

IRANIAN STUDIES

Volume VIII, Numbers 1-2 (Winter-Spring 1975), of Iranian Studies will be distributed shortly to all members and subscribers. This issue includes Sa'edi's story "The Wedding" translated by J. Clinton, articles by F. Kazemi and W. Millward, book reviews by A. Aran, E. Abrahamian, L. Golombek, A. Schimmel and an exchange by R. Fazel and R. Loffler.

NEWS AND NOTES

Ali Banuazizi will be on a one-year leave of absence from Boston College next year. He will be spending this period in Tehran but will continue to carry out his editorial responsibilities for Iranian Studies.

Richard Bulliet gave an illustrated talk on "The Camel in Human Society" at the Middle East Institute in January 1975. His book, The Camel and the Wheel, will be published shortly by Harvard University Press.

Jerome Clinton delivered a lecture on "Patronage in Persian Poetry" at the Ohio State University in February 1975.

Richard Eaton will be spending the next academic year in Pakistan on a Fullbright to study Sufism and to conduct further research on Islam in the subcontinent.

A. Hossein Faris spoke on "Approaches to Rural Development in Iran" at the Washington Authors' Club in March 1975.

Oleg Grabar lectured on "The Great Shahnameh of the Fourteenth Century" at the Freer Gallery, Washington, D.C., in January 1975.

Colin MacKinnon has been appointed the new director of the Tehran Center of the American Institute of Iranian Studies. Mr. MacKinnon has received his Ph.D. from UCLA in linguistics and Middle Eastern Studies and has been teaching at Columbia University during the past year.

Parviz Morewedge gave a lecture on "The Concept of Mystical Self in Persian Metaphysical Poetry" at the Freer Gallery, Washington, D.C., in February 1975.

Peter Poullada will be in Iran next year teaching at the Iran-Zamin school.

Donald Stilo has been granted a one-year leave of absence from UCLA to conduct research in Iran on "Central Plateau Dialects".

Ehsan Yarshater spoke on "The Devotional Art of Iran" at the Freer Gallery, Washington, D.C., in April 1975.

Farhad Kazemi
Executive Secretary