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### 1983 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Society's Eighteenth Annual Meeting was held (in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association) in Chicago from November 3-6. The University of Chicago acted as host.

As in the past, the SIS Council held its meeting on the first day of the conference from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and the Annual Business Meeting was held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the same day. A summary of reports presented by officers of SIS and decisions made at the two meetings is given below:

Executive Secretary's Report - Habib Ladjevardi (presented at the Annual Meeting)

1. Computerization of Society Records - All available SIS files & records were transferred to Cambridge in December 1982. Additional records in possession of Gene Garthwaite will be received in the near future. The Executive Secretary then stated that it is only when a newcomer tries to carry on the work of his predecessors that he appreciates the extent of time and effort that they have dedicated to the task. And it was with this in mind that he wished to say that the Society owed a great deal to Lois Beck, the previous Executive Secretary, & Ervand Abrahamian and Farhad Kazemi who had kept track of subscription billings and records in the past.

Beginning in December 1982 the new Membership and Subscription Manager, Laura Serafin, and the Executive Secretary have attempted to carry on the work, by centralizing the membership and subscription records--using an Apple Computer at Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Payment information, address changes, new members and subscribers are easily incorporated into the record. As a result the Society has been able to keep better track of unpaid subscriptions and membership dues.

2. Statistics: Members and Subscribers - As of the end of October 1983 were the following:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Total</u>
North America	253	84	337
Canada	10	4	14
Foreign	29	53	82
Iran	4	11	15
Total	<u>296</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>448</u>
Paid	228	131	359
Unpaid	68	21	89

New Members and Subscribers - 1983

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Total</u>
North America	29	7	36
Canada	2	-	2
Foreign	10	6	16
Iran	-	1	1
Total	<u>41</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>55</u>

Members By Discipline

145 Unidentified  
45 History  
20 Political Science/Politics  
12 Anthropology  
10 Literature  
7 Economics  
6 Art History  
6 International Relations/ Studies  
5 Cultural Studies  
5 Language/Linguistics  
3 Psychology  
9 Sociology  
3 Urban Studies  
2 Education  
1 Geography  
1 Islamic Studies  
1 Library Science  
1 Music  
1 Near Eastern Studies

3. Membership List - The Executive Secretary reported that preparation of an SIS directory of members including their addresses is being contemplated. Also we have received inquiries regarding the possibility of selling our membership list. After a discussion of the various aspects of this issue, it was decided that because some members may not wish to publicize their mailing addresses, no list which would include the members' addresses should be issued at the present time. However, list of members with their organizational affiliation may be published. Also if a qualified organization wishes to send a mailing to SIS members, the Society may undertake to do the mailing directly for an appropriate fee.

4. Newsletter - The Executive Secretary said that he would like to expand items of news regarding new courses, research, etc. being carried out on Iran by the members. To do this, the active cooperation of everyone is needed.

5. Plans for Next Year - As for next year, the Executive Secretary stated that he hoped to launch a drive to increase the number of members and subscribers. To accomplish this task, a special brochure is being prepared and a publicity campaign begun. Also an effort will be made to increase advertising in the Journal.

Finally, the Executive Secretary proposed that steps be taken to launch a campaign to raise funds for an endowment fund. All donations will be placed in a special deposit account. All or part of the income will be used to expand the Society's activities and to reduce its dependence on annual income. The portion of income to be used for the Society's expenses shall be determined at the next meeting of the Council. The Council accepted this proposal with enthusiasm. All members agreed to take an active role in the campaign. Marvin Zonis was asked and accepted to be chairman of this effort. The tax deductability of gifts should be stressed. Perhaps all members should be approached to consider giving a special gift of at least \$50.00 to the Endowment Fund.

6. Proposal to Amend the Constitution - The Executive Secretary stated that as a prelude to the drive to increase the number of members and subscribers, it is important to differentiate between voting members and non-voting members and subscribers. At the present time there is no distinction between these groups as anyone who subscribes to the Journal is automatically considered a voting member. The proposal, as presented, was based on categories and definitions adopted by MESA. After discussion and some revisions, the Council approved the amendments and asked the Executive Secretary to send it to the members for their vote.

Treasurer's Report - John H. Lorentz

I am happy to report that the present financial condition of the Society is the best in its history. Not yet fully sound, the Society is no longer operating from hand to mouth and is clearly moving in the right direction. To illustrate, in the four previous fiscal years the Society only managed to generate a surplus of \$470.47 of receipts over expenditures. In the first 9 months of 1983 the surplus stands at \$4,572.47. Taking into account anticipated income and expenditures for the remainder of 1983, I expect that amount to dip, but a still-healthy surplus to remain.

Even more encouraging with regard to financial solvency is the pattern of income for 1983. In the past several years, grant funds for restricted or special projects have kept the Society barely in the black. Without these nearly \$10,000 of earmarked funds, it would have been impossible to maintain the stepped-up publication schedule of the past several years and not go into the red. However, these funds were both restricted and one-shot affairs. Furthermore, even with them we could not accumulate a surplus. The difference in 1983 is a substantial increase in receipts in the two most important categories of continuing support -- regular members and institutional subscriptions. It is on these primary bases of support that the Society will accumulate a modest surplus for 1983 and move into 1984 in a reasonably sound financial position.

The Editors' Report - Ervand Abrahamian and Farhad Kazemi

The editors' tasks and operations have in the past year become increasingly more routinized and rationalized. Close cooperation between the editors and the executive secretary has made the Journal's operation more professional. The Apple computer at the disposal of the executive secretary has effectively freed the editors to handle the more immediate problems of manuscript review and publication decision. As in the past, manuscripts submitted for publication are generally evaluated by two outside reviewers in addition to the editors. In most cases, we have been able to reduce the waiting period before a decision is reached to about 90 days.

In 1983, Volume 16 (nos.1-2) was published and distributed to the members. Volume 16 (nos.3-4) is currently in press. The editors are also proud to have issued the Cumulative Index of Iranian Studies for Volumes 1-15. Computer facilities and other institutional assistance were provided by New York University for preparation of the Index. Jo-Anne Hart served as the compiler and editor of the Index. We are grateful for her able assistance in this difficult and tedious task. All members of the Society will receive the Index as part of their membership privileges.

The editors are currently negotiating the possibility of cosponsorship of special issues of Iranian Studies with several institutions including Columbia University and the American Institute of Iranian Studies. If these negotiations prove fruitful, then important portions of the Journal's production expenses will be borne by the cosponsoring organizations. It is our sentiment that such joint ventures are useful both financially and as a means of engendering cooperation among institutions with similar goals.

Dr. Vahid Nowshirvani, Columbia University, joined the editorial board of the Journal in 1983. As you all know, Dr. Nowshirvani is an economist who served as the Journal's associate editor in 1976-81.

The editors received the advice and counsel of many colleagues in the past year. We are specially thankful to the following: Shahrough Akhavi, Ahmad Ashraf, Shaul Bakhash, Ali Banuazizi, Jerome Clinton, William L. Hanaway, Jr., Habib Ladjevardi, Laura Serafin, Naomi Schorr, Ehsan Yarshater, and Marvin Zonis.

### 1983 Panels

Two panels and one workshop, sponsored jointly by SIS and MESA, were presented:

#### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OBSTACLES FACING THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION

Organizer/Chair: Djavad Salehi-Isfahani

Papers: Reinhold Loeffler, Ahmad Ashraf, Hashem Pesaran,  
K. Massoud & Gregory Rose

Discussants: Shahrough Akhavi & Manoucher Parvin

#### THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: A WORKSHOP ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MIDDLE EASTERN REVOLUTIONS

Organizer/Chair: Marilyn R. Waldman

Papers: Eliz Sanasarian, Yvonne Haddad, & Mohammad R. Ghanoonparvar

Discussant: John Esposito

#### SHI'ITE POLITICAL THOUGHT AND INSTITUTIONS (IN HONOR OF THE LATE HAMID ENAYAT)

Organizer/Chair: Said A. Arjomand

Papers: Ahmad Ashraf, Juan R.I. Cole, Abbas Amanat, Norman  
Calder & Yann Richard

Thanks to Guity Nashat and John Perry for a splendid job in organizing the panels.

BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S REPORT - Shahrough Akhavi

Iranian Studies is planning a special bibliographic section to appear in each number under the supervision of Dr. Paul Sprachman, head of the Middle Eastern Acquisitions Section of the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago. It will include recent publications on Iran and will first appear in Vol.17, No.1 (1984).

1983 MEMBERSHIPContributing & Supporting Members

On behalf of the Society, the Executive Secretary wishes to extend his appreciation and thanks to the following members:

<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Supporters</u>
Patrick L. Clawson	Ervand Abrahamian
Richard Cottam	Yahya Armajani
Mohammad Ali Jazayery	Hamid Ladjevardi
Farhad Kazemi	Edward A. Mahoney
Firuz Kazemzadeh	Marvin Zonis
Heshmat Moayyad	
A. Reza Sheikholeslami	
Fariba Zarinebaff-Shahr	

New Members for 1983

On behalf of SIS, the Executive Secretary would also like to welcome new members for 1983:

Family Members

Louis B. & Wendy S. Barnes (Harvard Business School)  
 Khosrow & Margarita Bayat (Interpub Advertising Ltd.)  
 Ali Mohammadi & Annabelle Sreberny-Mohammadi

Individual Members

Reza Alavi  
 Adel Allouche (Univ.of Pennsylvania)  
 Caroline J. Beeson  
 David C. Champagne  
 Farhad Hakimzadeh (Houston Industries & Trade Corp.)  
 Cynthia R. Helms  
 Yuko Kagawa  
 Gisele Kapuscinski  
 Ali-Akbar Mahdi (Adrian College)  
 M.N. Mozaffari  
 Hamid Naficy (Univ.California, Los Angeles)  
 Mehdi Namazian  
 Behruz Nikzat

Individual Members (cont'd)

Fereydoun Parvin  
 Farshad Rafii (Boston Univ.)  
 Eliz Sanasarian (Univ.of Southern California)  
 Elaine Sciolino (Newsweek)  
 Jiman Tagavi (Brooklyn College, CUNY)  
 James Weinberger (Univ.California, Berkeley)  
 Mehdi Zarghamee

Student Members

Hamid Akbari (Ohio State Univ.)  
 Jeffrey Chase (New York Univ.)  
 Iraj Imam-Jomeh (Univ.California, Los Angeles)  
 Parandeh Kia  
 Keiko Kimura (Sophia Univ., Japan)  
 Rudy Matthee  
 Osamu Miyata (Keio Univ., Japan)  
 John Mojdehi (Harvard Univ.)  
 Nader Nezam-Mafi (Clark Univ.)  
 Leslie Pierce (Princeton Univ.)  
 Atoosa Pezeshgpour (Harvard Univ.)  
 Hassan Shahpari (Univ.of Pennsylvania)  
 Madeleine Tress-Zaitoon (New York Univ.)  
 Roxane Zand (Oxford Univ.)

SIS members for 1983 totalled 328 and subscribers totalled 151.

CANDIDATES FOR THE 1984 COUNCIL

The Society's Annual Council and Business Meetings were held on November 3rd, at which time nominations were made for candidates to replace the three Council members who will be completing their three-year terms on December 31, 1983: Lois Beck, William Hanaway, Jr., and M.A. Jazayeri.

Nominees for 1984 are: Willem Floor (World Bank), Jerrold Green (University of Michigan), Leonard Helfgott (Western Washington University), Nikki Keddle (University of California, Los Angeles), Farzaneh Milani and Manoucher Parvin (University of Akron).

The 1984 Election Committee consists of Hafez Farmayan and Abazar Sepehri, both of the University of Texas at Austin. Ballots are to be returned to Mr. Sepehri by no later than February 1, 1984. Results will be announced in the next newsletter.

Current Council members and their terms are:

<u>1982-1984</u>	<u>1983-1985</u>
Said Amir Arjomand	Peter Chelkowski
Habib Ladjevardi	Guity Nashat
Marilyn Waldman	Ehsan Yarshater

1984 SIS PANELS

Julie Scott Meisami and John M. Smith of the University of California, Berkeley have been asked to serve as Panel Coordinators for the 1984 MESA/SIS meeting in San Francisco (Sheraton-Palace Hotel) November 28-December 1.

The following topics and panel chairpersons have been suggested:

Sociology of Persian Literature: 1977-84 Chairperson: Michael Hillman  
(Persepolis Enterprises, PO Box 8016, Austin, TX 78712)

Problems of Biography in Iranian History Chairperson: Prof. Marvin Zonis (4942 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615)

Women in Iran Chairperson: Prof. Eliz Sanasarian, Univ. of Southern California (home address: 7051 Natal Drive, #3, Westminster, CA 92683)

Iran and Afghanistan Chairperson: Eden Naby (Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 1737 Cambridge St, Cambridge, MA 02138).

Anyone wishing to present a paper on one of these panels should write directly to the Chairperson as soon as possible, because MESA's deadline for submission of panel proposals is April 16, 1984.

CORRECTION

In the June newsletter, we identified incorrectly the editor of Modern Persian Short Stories. Minoo S. Southgate is the editor and translator of this work.

ANNOUNCEMENTSGrants/Prizes

The American Institute of Iranian Studies announces the availability of a small number of grants of up to \$1000 each to assist dissertation research on any topic in Iranian Studies. Eligibility: candidates must be in good standing at an affiliated university and have an approved research project which requires work away from their home institution. Deadline - March 15, 1984.

AIIS also announces a prize of \$500 for the best translation from Persian to English accepted for publication in 1984. Only book-length works, or collections of stories or articles, translated by a single individual will be considered.

Please contact The Secretary, American Institute of Iranian Studies, 325 University Museum Fl, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104 for details.



1984 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association/Southwest

The 1984 annual meeting of the ISA/Southwest will be held concurrently with the Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency Fort Worth, March 21-24, 1984.

To propose a paper and/or organize a panel, please contact either of the ISA program co-chairs: Dr. Tagi Sagafi-Nejad, University of Texas at Austin (512/459-3451) or Prof. Guy Poitras, Trinity University, San Antonio (512/736-8318). As last year, the Southwest chapter of the Academy of International Business will cosponsor several sessions. Contact Dr. Marjorie T. Stanley, Texas Christian University (817/921-7527).

New Journal

Nimeye Digar - 'The Other Half' - is a quarterly Persian language feminist journal published by Iranian women living in exile. The first issue will appear in December 1983. Letters, questions, suggestions, and financial help can be sent to Nimeye Digar, BM Nasim, London WC1N 3XX, Britain.

The Columbia Lectures on Iranian Studies

From November 28 through December 2, Professor Wilferd Madelung, Oxford University, presented five lectures on Aspects of Religion in Medieval Iran in the Fourth Series of the Columbia Lectures on Iranian Studies. The lectures will be published in book form in Bibliotheca Persica. For more information, please contact Center for Iranian Studies, Columbia University, 450 Riverside Drive, Apt.4, New York, NY 10027.

The Foundation for Iranian Studies and The Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies of New York University

These two organizations recently sponsored two events: a conference on Iran and the Art of the East: Courtship and Tradition was held on December 9. SIS members Lisa Golombek (Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto), Jill Cowan -- Conference Chairperson -- and Renata Holod (University of Pennsylvania) participated.

A concert of Traditional (Classical) Persian Music in the modes of Mahur and Shur was given on November 18.