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## 1984 Annual Meeting of the Society

The Society's Annual Meeting was held during the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, hosted by the University of California, Berkeley in San Francisco, November 28 through December 1.

As in the past, the SIS Council held its meeting on the first day of the conference from 1:00-3:30 p.m. and the Annual Business Meeting was held from 4:00-6:00 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:

1. REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Executive Secretary Habib Ladjevardi presented his report regarding the activities of the past year and stated that the total number of members had increased from 296 to 331 and subscribers from 152 to 156.

## 1984 Annual Meeting (cont.)

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: In response to the treasurer's report (Treasurer's Report, see below), the Council decided that 1984 accounts should be audited and on the basis of the auditor's report, a decision made regarding frequency of future audits. A budget of \$300 was approved for this purpose.

3. EDITORS' REPORT: In response to the editors' report (Report of the Editors of Iranian Studies, see below), the Council decided the following:

- a. Scope of the Journal should be broadened, i.e., a special issue on art.
- b. Ali Banuazizi and Habib Ladjevardi were appointed to study the issue of computerization of the Journal.

4. SELECTION/EXTENSION TERMS OF TREASURER & EDITORS: Ervand Abrahamian and Farhad Kazemi were reelected as editors of the Journal for a term ending December 31, 1987. Eden Naby was reelected as treasurer for the same period.

SOCIETY FOR IRANIAN STUDIES  
BALANCE SHEET  
December 31, 1984

ASSETS	
CHECKING ACCOUNT	10,425.51
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	2,190.80
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	4,306.79
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>16,923.10</u>
LIABILITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
FUND BALANCE	
FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	9,455.49*
CURRENT SURPLUS	5,322.61
ENDOWMENT FUND	2,145.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>16,923.10</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u>16,923.10</u>

\*This figure includes the 1983 surplus of \$7,337.62 plus \$2,117.85 accumulated during previous years.

SOCIETY FOR IRANIAN STUDIES  
INCOME & EXPENDITURES  
December 31, 1984

	1983	1984
INCOME		
REGULAR MEMBERS DUES	6,678.80	6,507.30
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DUES	0.00	135.00
STUDENT MEMBERS DUES	857.00	715.00
INSTITUTIONAL SUBS	7,015.40	5,868.10
BACK ISSUE SALES	4,937.41	2,910.36
ADVERTISING INCOME	0.00	150.00
INTEREST	445.24	352.59
GRANTS - RESTRICTED	0.00	2,738.00
MISCELLANEOUS	166.38	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>20,100.23</u>	<u>19,376.35</u>
EXPENSES		
JOURNAL - EDITING	300.00	660.00
JOURNAL - TYPING	507.50	672.00
JOURNAL - PRINTING	5,295.25	8,602.75
JOURNAL - MAILING	1,113.15	1,778.30
JOURNAL - MISC.	42.08	0.00
NEWSLETTER	1,111.57	630.95
SECRETARIAL SERVICES	2,484.50	795.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,473.06	479.79
OTHER EXPENSES	435.50	434.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>12,762.61</u>	<u>14,053.74</u>
CURRENT SURPLUS	<u>7,337.62</u>	<u>5,322.61</u>

## Treasurer's Report

by Eden Naby

The Society has taken several steps over the past year to initiate the basis for a sound financial future. The most important action taken has been the establishment of an endowment fund to which nineteen members have contributed amounts from fifty to five hundred dollars for a total of \$2,145.00. In addition, an attempt has been made to solicit advertising in the Journal and this too represents a promising direction for meeting our expenses. Lastly, we have taken advantage of higher interest rates for Certificate of Deposit accounts and have retained part of our balance in such an account.

The measures taken in 1983 and 1984 to collect back dues and unpaid subscriptions led to a healthy balance with which to start the year in 1984. Our total assets stand at a healthy \$16,923.10.

I am happy to report that the Society has complied with New York State regulations for filing of annual reports and there should not be any difficulty in complying in the future.

## Editors' Report

by Farhad Kazemi and Ervand Abrahamian

In 1984 three issues of Iranian Studies appeared in print. Volume XVII, No. 1 contained several articles and reviews ranging from analysis of the images of blacks in Iranian medieval literature to contemporary ethnic and minority relations in Iran. The editors are particularly pleased with Volume XVII, Nos. 2-3 that was published soon after the MESA/SIS conference in San Francisco. The range of articles, reviews, research and bibliographic notes in this double-issue was as wide as the Journal has probably ever had. Publication of Nos. 2-3 was made possible by a grant from the Center for Iranian Studies at Columbia University.

## Editors' Report (cont.)

The editors gratefully acknowledge the special support of Ehsan Yarshater, the director of Columbia's Center. Volume XVII, No. 4 is currently in preparation and will hopefully appear in print in early 1985. The Society also published the first of a new series devoted to issuing significant books on Iranian studies. S. Alborzi's Persian novella, Mosafernameh, was issued in later summer 1984. Those interested in purchasing this publication may order a copy by sending a check for \$4.00 to the Society's address at Harvard University. The new series is an occasional publication of the Society created to bring out unusual works of fiction and/or scholarship on Iran. Mosafernameh's publication benefited from the extraordinary contribution and assistance of Ehsan Yarshater and Ali Banuazizi.

Plans for 1985 (Volume XVIII) include publication of two regular issues of the Journal and a special thematic double-issue on the "Sociology of the Iranian Writer." The double-issue is being prepared by the guest editor Michael C. Hillmann and is cosponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas in Austin. The excellent papers presented at the recent MESA/SIS panel on an identical topic will form the core of the double-issue. Also in preparation for the succeeding years are issues in honor of our late colleague Hamid Enayat and on the Iranian economy. They are being prepared with the assistance and cooperation of Anna Enayat and Vahid Nowshirvani, respectively.

The Journal continues to receive regularly a wide array of manuscripts dealing with various aspects of the Iranian civilization and culture. We do not, however, receive a sufficient number of manuscripts on Iranian art, art history, archeology, and music. The Journal is designed to cover all relevant features of the study of Iran. Manuscripts on the neglected topics are, therefore, particularly welcomed by the editors.

## Editors' Report (cont.)

The process of manuscript review is as rationalized as that of any reputable academic journal. We are grateful to those evaluators who respond within a month of the manuscripts' receipt. There are, however, occasional problems with tardy reviewers. We sincerely urge our colleagues to send their evaluations as quickly as possible. Decisions cannot be made by the editors without the benefit of the reviewers' comments. Your prompt response expedites the review and decision process. This is very important to younger scholars who for a variety of reasons need publication decisions in as short a time as possible.

The editors are indebted to the following for their assistance in 1984:

A. Ashraf, S. Akhavi, S. Bakhsh,  
A. Banuazizi, K. Bateson, L. Beck,  
R. Bulliet, P. Chelkowski, J. Clinton,  
W. Floor, E. Hooglund, M. Hillmann,  
C. Issawi, F. Kazemzadeh, H. Ladjevardi,  
J. Lorentz, R. McChesney, H. Moayyad,  
I. Moses, R. Mottahedeh, E. Naby,  
G. Nashat, V. Nowshirvani, J. Perry,  
A. Sachedina, N. Schorr, L. Serafin,  
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## Contributors

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

Contributors to the Endowment Fund

Total amount \$2,145.00

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Susan Nemazee  
Vahid Nowshirvani  
Reza Rastegar  
Marvin Zonis

## New Members

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

Family Members

Iraj & Parichehr Saadat

Regular Members

Anne H. Betteridge (Univ. Chicago)  
John E. Browning (Rhode Island College)  
Kambiz Eslami (Princeton)  
M. Ettehadieh (Tehran Univ.)  
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## New Members (cont.)

Associate Members

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 Keiko Saito  
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## Candidates for the 1985 Council

During the Society's Annual Council and Business Meetings, nominations were made for candidates to replace the three Council members who completed their three-year terms on December 31, 1984: Said Amir Arjomand, Habib Ladjevardi, and Marilyn R. Waldman.

Nominees for 1985 are:

Carol Bier (Textile Museum)  
Richard Frye (Harvard University)  
Vahid Nowshirvani (Columbia University)  
Paul Sprachman (University of Chicago)  
John Woods (University of Chicago)

The 1985 Election Committee consists of Guity Nashat (Univ. of Illinois at Chicago) and Marvin Zonis (Univ. of Chicago). Ballots will be mailed out in

the second half of January and are to be returned to Prof. Nashat (Dept. of History, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, Box 434B, Chicago, IL 60680) by no later than February 15, 1985. Results will be announced in the spring issue of the newsletter.

Current Council members and their terms are:

1983-85

Peter Chelkowski  
 Guity Nashat  
 Ehsan Yarshater

1984-86

Willem Floor  
 Nikki Keddie  
 Farzaneh Milani

## 1985 SIS Panels

Michael Morony of UCLA has agreed to serve as Program Coordinator for the 1985 MESA/SIS meeting in New Orleans (Hyatt Regency Hotel) November 22-26, 1985.

The following topics and panel chairpersons have been designated:

Iranian Exiles Chairperson: Asghar Fathi (Dept. of Sociology, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada T2N 1N4).

Practice of Literary Translation Chairperson: Mohammad Ghanoonparvar (Dept. of Oriental Languages, University of Virginia, 302 Cabell Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22903).

Non-English Language Scholarship on Iran Chairperson: Michael E. Bonine (Dept. of Oriental Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721).

Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan: Mutual Perceptions 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 March 15, 1985.

## Announcements

### PERSIAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION AWARDS

Beginning with 1985, the Persian Heritage Foundation will grant annual awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 as an aid towards publishing in three categories:

1. Scholarly works dealing with Iranian humanities when they qualify as original research or synthesis of a high standard.
2. Translations of works of merit from Persian or other Iranian languages which conform to the required standards of accuracy and readability.
3. Book-size poetry or creative prose in English by Persian writers.

Publishers or authors may apply. Doctoral dissertations should be made "publishable" in book form and be accompanied by a letter of acceptance for publication in principle from a publisher of repute. The grant will be paid to the publisher directly.

The granting of the awards will be administered by a committee composed of Ali Banuazizi, William Hanaway, Jr., and Ehsan Yarshater. The deadline for 1985 is March 1. The decision of the committee will be announced before October 15, 1985. Two copies of the final, edited manuscript, ready for printing in every respect (including introduction and notes if pertinent) should be sent to: Executive Secretary, Society for Iranian Studies, c/o Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 1737 Cambridge Street, Room 521, Cambridge, MA 02138.

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF IRANIAN STUDIES GRANTS

The American Institute of Iranian Studies announces the availability of a small number of grants for amounts up to \$1,000 each to assist dissertation research on any topic in Iranian studies.

Eligibility: Candidates must be in good standing at a dues-paying institution and have a research project which requires work away from their home institution.

Contact: Fellowship Committee, American Institute of Iranian Studies, 325 University Museum Fl, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104.  
Deadline: March 15, 1985.

### TAHEREH FOUNDATION PRIZE FOR WORKS ON TWENTIETH-CENTURY IRANIAN POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY

To promote biographical studies of major political figures in twentieth-century Iran, including statesmen, notable politicians, journalists, leaders of oppositional movements, political essayists, etc., the Tahereh Foundation, Inc. will award annual prizes to outstanding unpublished works in the following two categories: 1) article-length essays (40-50 double-spaced pages) and 2) book-length manuscripts. The competition will be open to all scholars and students of Iranian studies, and the contributions will be accepted in either English or Persian. The award will be administered by the Society for Iranian Studies and the selection of the works will be made by the Editorial Board of Iranian Studies in consultation with other specialists in contemporary Iranian history and politics.

The amount of the prize will be \$1,000 for essays and \$2,500 for book-length manuscripts. The Tahereh Foundation was established in 1981 in memory of Tahereh Kashani Ladjevardi (1902-1975) to promote scholarship in the various areas of contemporary Iranian history.

Individuals who wish to have their works entered in this competition for 1985 should submit two copies of their manuscripts, together with a 300-word abstract of the work and a copy of their curriculum vitae to the following address by May 15, 1985: Executive Secretary, Society for Iranian Studies, c/o Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 USA.

The awards will be announced by October 15, 1985.



## Announcements (cont.)

CIRA THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Call for Papers for a conference on POST-REVOLUTIONARY IRAN, APRIL 13-14, 1985.

The Center for Iranian Research and Analysis -- an independent and non-profit educational organization whose primary purpose is to promote, generate, and publicize scholarly research on Iran and the Middle East -- has recently been reactivated.

Papers are invited on various aspects of socio-economic, political, ideological, cultural and artistic changes, problems, and policies in Iran, particularly since the revolution of 1979. The focus of the conference is on the impacts of such developments on national independence, social justice and democracy. Papers on the conditions of the lower classes, women and national minorities are particularly welcome. Please send abstracts (between 300 and 1000 words) and inquiries, by February 15, 1985, to: CIRA, Dept. of Urban Planning & Policy Development, Kilmer Campus-LSH, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Inquiries regarding membership may also be sent to the above address.

## New Books on Iran

BRIDE OF ACACIAS - Selected Poems. Forough Farrokhzad. Trans. by Kascha Kessler with Amin Banani; introduction by Amin Banani. Afterword by Farzaneh Milani. Albany: Caravan Books, 1982, 158 pp.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 1945-1951: ARAB NATIONALISM, THE UNITED STATES, AND POSTWAR IMPERIALISM. By William Roger Louis. New York: Clarendon Press/Oxford, 1984, 803 pp. \$55.00.

EASTERN ARMENIA IN THE LAST DECADES OF PERSIAN RULE 1807-1828: A political and socioeconomic study of the Khanate of Erevan on the eve of the Russian conquest. By George A. Bournoutian. Malibu, CA: Udena Publications, 1982, 290 pp.

## New Books on Iran (cont.)

FROM NATIONALISM TO REVOLUTIONARY ISLAM. Edited by S.A. Arjomand. The State University of New York Press, 1984, 256 pp. Paper, \$14.95.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD" IRAN'S ISLAMIC REPUBLIC. By Cheryl Benard and Zalmai Khalilzad. New York: Columbia University Press, 1984, 240 pp. \$25.00.

GULF SECURITY INTO THE 1980s. Edited by Robert G. Darius, John W. Amos II, and Ralph H. Magnus. Stanford: Hoover Press, 1984, 134 pp. \$21.95 (paper, \$10.95).

AN HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF IRAN. By Vasilii Vladimirovich Bartol'd (Trans. Svat Souceki; ed. with intro. by C.E. Bosworth). Princeton University Press, 1984, 285 pp.

THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH PETROLEUM COMPANY, VOL.1: The Developing Years 1901-1932. By R.W. Ferrier. Cambridge University Press, 1982, 801 pp.

IRAN MEDIA INDEX. By Hamid Naficy. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1984, 264 pp. \$45.00

ISLAMIC BOOK REVIEW INDEX. By Wolfgang H. Behn. Berlin: Adiyok. Vol. 1 (1982) 250 pp. Vol. 2 (1983) 239 pp.

A MANUAL OF CLASSICAL PERSIAN PROSODY WITH CHAPTERS ON URDU, KARAKHANIDIC AND OTTOMAN PROSODY. By Finn Thiesen. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1982, 274 pp.

OF PIETY AND POETRY: The Interaction of Religion and Literature in the Life and Works of Hakim Sana'i of Ghazna. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1983, 300 pp.

THE REIGN OF THE AYATOLLAHS: IRAN AND THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION. By Shaul Bakhash. New York: Basic Books, 1984, 276 pp. \$18.95

RUSSKO-IRANSKAYA TORGOVLIYA 30-50-E GODY XIX VEKA. Compiled by N.G. Kukanova; editor in chief, N.A. Kuznetsova. Moscow: AN SSR, 1984, 292 pp.

New Books on Iran (cont.)

THE SHADOW OF GOD AND THE HIDDEN IMAN:  
Religion, Political Order and Societal  
Change in Shi'ite Iran from the  
Beginning to 1890. By S.A. Arjomand.  
Chicago: University of Chicago Press,  
1984, 368 pp. \$28.00.

THE STATE AND REVOLUTION IN IRAN. By  
Hossein Bashiriyeh. New York: St.  
Martin's, 1984, 203 pp. \$27.50.

THE UNSTABLE GULF: THREATS FROM WITHIN.  
By Lenore G. Martin. Lexington, MA:  
Lexington Books, 1984, 232 pp. \$23.50.