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COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The following members accepted nominations to run for three-year terms on the SIS council to replace Ali Banuazizi, Juan Cole and Shahla Haeri:

Anne Betteridge, *University of Arizona*; Elton Daniel, *University of Hawaii at Manoa*; Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam, *Hofstra University*; and Gernot L. Windfuhr, *The University of Michigan*.

The Election Committee responsible for the counting of the ballots for the 1990 election consists of Jere Bacharach and Charlotte Albright of the University of Washington. Ballots have been sent out; election results will be reported in the Spring Newsletter.

Current Council members and their terms are:

1990-91

Sheila Blair
Eric Hooglund
Brian Spooner

1991-92

William Beeman
Erika Friedl
Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1989 COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the SIS Council took place in Toronto, Canada on Wednesday, November 15, 1989. The Executive Secretary, Jo-Ann Gross, reported that 82 new individual members joined the Society in 1989, an 18.6% increase over 1988. 77 new institutional members joined the Society in 1989. As of November, 1989 there were 523 individual members and 274 institutional members. There has been a substantial increase in new members during 1989, which we attribute to successful recruitment efforts at major conferences during the past year. The Endowment Membership Fund now stands at \$23,079.

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MEMORIAL MEETING IN TAJIKISTAN FOR BOBOJAN GAFUROV

On December 21st and 22nd a memorial meeting for the 80th birthday of the late director of Soviet Orientalists was held in Dushanbe. At the two-day sessions, after a series of talks in both Tajik and Russian devoted to the achievements of the Tajik Bobojan Gafurov, it was proposed that an international society for Iranian Studies should be established with its center in Dushanbe, under the aegis of the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan. Discussions about the formation of this society and its relation to the European Society will be held at the International Symposium and Music Festival of Peoples of the Orient, devoted

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1990 SIS PANELS

The following panel topics were selected according to a vote of the members attending the Society for Iranian Studies Business Meeting:

Literary Critical Thinking in Contemporary Iran, organized by Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak

Performing Arts in Iran Since the Revolution, organized by William Beeman

Childhood in Iran, organized by Erika Friedl

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Sohrab Behdad, Department of Economics, Denison University, recently published the following works: "Winners and Losers of the Iranian Revolution: A Study in Income Distribution," in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, August, 1989; and "Property Rights in Contemporary Islamic Economic Thought: A Critical Perspective," in *Review of Social Economy*, Summer, 1989.

M. Ali Issari recently published *Cinema in Iran, 1900-1979* (Scarecrow Press, New Jersey), the first comprehensive study in English of the advent and development of cinema in Iran.

M.G. Majd has published "Land Reform Policies in Iran: Reply," in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 71, #4, November, 1989, pp. 1050-53.

Val Moghadam is moving to Helsinki, Finland, where she will be a Fellow of the World Institute for Development Economics Research (United Nations University) working on a project entitled "National Development, Identity Politics, and Concepts of Feminism." She will also be organizing, along with Fetima Mernissi and Kumari Jayawardena, a cross-national study of the gender dimension of religious and ethnic-based movements. She recently presented a paper entitled "Revolution Engendered? Toward an Integration of the Scholarships on Revolution and on Gender" at the symposium on Iranian Women's Studies at the Middle East Center of the University of Pennsylvania, November 11, 1989. Her

recent publications include "One Revolution or Two? The Iranian Revolution and the Islamic Republic," in *The Socialist Register 1989*, ed. by Ralph Miliband, Leo Panitch, and John Saville (London: Merlin Press, 1989) and "Populist Revolution and the Islamic State in Iran," in *Revolution in the World-System*, edited by Terry Boswell (Greenwood Press, 1989).

Mehdy Naficy is presently writing a doctoral dissertation in the Department of Ethnology, South-Asian Institute at the University of Heidelberg, West Germany, entitled "The Significance of the Ulama-Bazaaris Alliance in Bringing Khomeini to Power."

Manoucher Parvin has published "Islamic Rule, Economics, Woman, and Man: an Overview of Ideology and Reality," in *Comparative Economic Studies*, Fall, 1989.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society has grown over the past year, and that growth is reflected in the accounts. Since this is only the second year of the New York secretariat and the first year of the tenure of the current treasurer, some retrenchment and change is to be expected. Early in 1989, the decision was made to invest a substantial portion of the restricted monies (endowment savings account) in a long-term Certificate of Deposit. That timely investment has increased our interest income to over \$1,000.

Newsletter expenses have remained the same, while the quality and reach of that publication has grown substantially. Although *Journal* and mailing expenses were higher this year, which can be explained by the fact that we sent out four issues as opposed to three. The higher postage fees represent an increased membership. Revenues for membership have increased this year; that reflects efforts at promoting the Society at home and abroad. It is hoped that this momentum will continue

Linda Steinmann
Treasurer

SOCIETY FOR IRANIAN STUDIES

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New York, N.Y. 10027

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Arts and Music

Timurd-Turkmen Societies in Transition: Iran in the Fifteenth Century Symposium

The recent international symposium, "Timurid and Turkman Societies in Transition: Iran in the Fifteenth Century," held in association with the 23rd annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Toronto, Nov. 15th-18th, was an unqualified success. Lisa Golombek, Royal Ontario Museum, and Maria Subtelny, University of Toronto, who organized the symposium, are to be congratulated and thanked; the TTS symposium provided the rare opportunity for scholars from Europe, the U.S.S.R., Japan, China, Turkey and Egypt, as well as the U.S. and Canada, to assemble and to discuss various aspects of Persian art, literature, history and religion. One of the sponsors of the symposium was the Foundation for Iranian Studies, which also hosted a reception for the participants.

Of the ten TTS sessions, six were devoted to fifteenth-century Persian art, including the arts of the book architecture, metalwork, and ceramics; papers considered such issues as princely patronage, the organization of artists, and the transmission of artistic ideas, concepts and designs. Most of these papers are expected to be published in a forthcoming volume of *Muqarnas* (E.J. Brill).

Exhibitions:

New York, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

"Islamic Textiles: A Sampler from Muslim Lands"
January 31st-April 29th

"Glass Gatherers"
May 24th-January 6th, 1991

Islamic Bookbindings of the Victoria and Albert Museum

A self-contained travelling photographic exhibition of facsimile color photographs from the Victoria and Albert Museum's collection, originally published under the same title by the World of Islam Festival Trust in 1983 is due to open simultaneously in Riyadh and London (Islamic Cultural Centre-Regent's Park) in January, 1990. One set will then be available for circulation in England during 1990. Copies of the book, *Islamic Bookbindings of the Victoria and Albert Museum*, by Duncan Haldane may be ordered from WIFT or from Scorpion Publications, Victoria House, Victoria Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 5ES.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

An exhibition surveying the architecture and arts under Shah Jahan entitled "Romance of the Taj Mahal" is on display through March 11, 1990. The exhibition will move to the Toledo Museum of Art, April 28 through June 24;

to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, VA, August 23 through November 25; and finally to the Asia Society in New York, January 10 through March 17, 1991.

Conferences and Seminars:

North American Association of Historians of Islamic Art, Feb. 17th, 4:30-8:00, and Feb. 18th, 1:30-5:00, at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Uris Conference Center. Papers will address various aspects of Islamic art and architecture.

At the annual meeting of the *College Art Association*, Feb. 15th, 8:30-11:00 PM, a session on "The Arts of the Safavid, Mughal and Ottoman Empires: Interaction and Internationalism;" and Feb. 17th, 10:45-12:15, a current research session and round table discussion on "Early Islamic Art, 650-1250 AD." At the New York Hilton.

The general theme of the *Columbia University Seminar in Iranian Studies* for this year is "Iranian Arts in their Social and Political Environment." The speakers for the Spring semester, 1990 will Professor Peter Chelkowski, Professor Roy Mottahedeh, Dr. Karen Robinson, and Professor David Stronach.

Recent Appointments:

Layla Diba, Associate Curator of Islamic Art, The Brooklyn Museum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iran Educational Project

For the past year a committee composed of Mahnaz Afkami, Foundation for Iranian Studies; Charlotte Albright, University of Washington; Latifeh Alvieh, Columbia University; Mary Martin, University of Pennsylvania; and Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, Illinois State University, have been working to produce teaching materials on Iran for use in pre-collegiate classrooms. Ultimately, the group hopes to produce a looseleaf notebook of discrete units on Iran covering such subjects as geography, ethnic groups, history, religions, literature, architecture and art, holidays, and cuisine. The notebook will also include a map of Iran and a set of slides. To date, one unit on the subject of *Now Ruz* is nearing completion. This unit will be tested in classrooms in the coming year. The committee would like to invite SIS members who know of articles on any of the subjects of future units (geography, history, etc.) to notify Charlotte Albright, 225 Thomson Hall, DR-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

Society for the Study of Caucasias

In response to the need for the establishment of a society to coordinate and stimulate the activities of scholars in the study of Caucasias, and to bring Caucasologists together into an academic association that would raise the study of the field to the level of a serious academic discipline, the **Society for the**

Study of Caucasias (SSC) was founded at a meeting at the University of Chicago on May 25, 1985. The Society now publishes a Newsletter which serves as the principal organ of communications between the Council and its members. For information concerning membership and/or items relevant to Caucasian Studies, contact Dr. Robert H. Hewsen, Dept. of History, Glassboro State College, Glassboro, N.J. 08028.

The Society also plans to produce **The Journal of the Society for the Study of Caucasias**, which will appear annually in one volume. For information about submitting articles to The Journal of the Society for the Study of Caucasias, please write to: Prof. Howard Aronson, Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, University of Chicago, 1010 East 59th St., Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Sufi; A Journal of Sufism, a quarterly journal about Islamic mysticism published in two different language editions, English and Persian by the Nimatullahi Sufi Order in London, is devoted to the study of Sufism in all its aspects - literature, history, poetry, philosophy, and practice - both in the classical period and in modern times. The new issue (#4) of the Persian edition of *Sufi* includes articles by W.C. Chittick, Ja'far Mahjub, and Javad Nurbakhsh; the last two issues of its English edition included articles by S.H. Nasr, P.L. Travers,

and W.C. Chittick. *Sufi* invites scholars, poets, and writers who have written about Sufism to send articles to be considered for publication. For information and subscriptions, write: SUI; 41 Chepstow Place; London W2 4TS; England.

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The Foundation for Iranian Studies has been carrying out an **oral history program** intended to produce an archives of source material for contemporary Iranian history. The interviews are conducted with those who have had a part in decision making or have been witness to historical events. The fields of interest extend from politics and economics to the arts, literature, labor organizations, the women's movement, etc. One of the special projects within the program is Iran-American relations prepared as a joint project of the Oral History Research Office at Columbia University and the Oral History Program of FIS. This project, which is near completion, has now opened fifteen of the interviews with American ambassadors, intelligence officers, secretaries of state, national security advisors and others, to interested scholars. The interviews are available for use at the Butler Library at Columbia University as well as the Foundation for Iranian Studies Library.

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Conferences & Seminars

Calls for MESA 1990 Panel Participants

Janet Afary is organizing a panel for the 1990 MESA conference on "Ethnicity and Social Change in the Early 20th Century." She is interested in including comparative subjects. Anyone who is interested in participating please contact Janet Afary, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, ILL 60637.

The Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) will hold its eleventh annual meeting in conjunction with the meeting of Allied Social Science Associations in Washington, D.C., December 28-30, 1990. All aspects of the political economy of the Middle East and North Africa as well as oil and OPEC are appropriate topics. Please send a one page abstract by April 15, 1990 to Sohrab Behdad, Department of Economics, Denison University, Granville, Ohio 43023

The 1990 annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association will take place in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting will be hosted by the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. The deadline for submitting abstracts is March 15th. When available, further details will be provided in the Spring Newsletter. For further information, contact the Secretariat, Middle East Studies Association, 1232 N. Cherry Ave., University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721; phone 602-621-5850.

1990 BRISMES-AFEMAM Conference - A conference convened jointly by the **British Society for Middle Eastern Studies** and **L'Association Francaise pour l'Etude du Monde Arabe et Musulman** will be held in Paris, July 9-11, 1990. Sessions will include presentations both in English and French. It is hoped to convene sessions in all disciplines. Those intending to write and to present papers should submit proposals by January 31, 1990 to Dr. C. Tripp, SOAS, Thornhaugh St., London WC1H 0XG, Telex: 291829 SOASP; Fax 01-4363844.

Call for Papers: Academy of International Business/Northeast Chapter

Proposals for papers and panels are being accepted for the 1990 annual meeting of the Northeast United States Chapter of the Academy. The meeting will be held at Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland. Proposals for all aspects of international business will be accepted for review by the Program Committee. *The Ten Best Papers Proceedings* will be published by the Chapter and distributed at the conference. Deadline for papers is March 1, 1990. Submit proposals for panels or papers to: Prof. Tagi Sagafinejad, Chair, Northeast USA Chapter, The Academy of International Business, Sellinger School of Business and Management, Loyola College in Maryland, 4501 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210-2699. Tel.: 301-323-1010.

The 11th Congress of the International Society for Folk-Narrative Research (ISFNR) will be held in January 1994 in Mysore (Karnataka, South India). Volunteered papers and proposals for the organization of workshops, symposia, round-table discussions, etc., are welcome. Contact: Dr. Jawaharlal Handoo, CIIL, Mysore University, Mysore 570 006. India.

Iranian Women's Studies: Works in Progress: A Symposium (co-sponsored by Women's Studies, The Middle East Center, Dept. of Anthropology, Delaware Valley Faculty Exchange and the Iranian Studies Seminar) took place Saturday, November 11, 1989 at the University of Pennsylvania. Speakers and topics included, "Revolution Engendered: Integrating Scholarship on Revolution and Gender - Iran and Afghanistan as Case Studies," Val Moghadam, Rutgers University and World Institute for Development Economics Research, United Nations University; "The Interpretation of Misfortune in Cross Cultural Perspective: Adultery in Women's Lives," Shahla Haeri, Research Associate, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard and Institute of Ismaili Studies, London; "Women, Revolution and Exile: Oral History," Mahnaz Afkhami, Executive Director, Foundation for Iranian Studies, Washington, D.C.; "Book in Progress: *Veils and Words: Women Writers in Contemporary Iran*," Farzaneh Milani, Dept. of Oriental Studies, University of

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

A DESCRIPTIVE AND ANALYTICAL CATALOGUE OF PERSIAN MANUSCRIPTS IN THE LIBRARY OF THE WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, London, Wellcome Institute, 1986.

A POCKET GUIDE TO TEHRAN, published by Moini-Biontino, available in the U.S. from Mazda Publishers, 1989.

AFGHANISTAN: THE TERRIBLE DECADE, 1978-1988, ed. by Curtis Cate, Kingston Press, 1988.

ALLAH TRANSCENDENT: STUDIES IN THE STRUCTURE AND SEMIOTICS OF ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY AND COSMOLOGY, by Ian Richard Netton, Routledge, 1989.

DANESHVAR'S PLAYHOUSE: A COLLECTION OF STORIES, by Simin Daneshvar, Mage, 1989.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN IRAN: FROM MONARCHY TO ISLAMIC REPUBLIC, by Kamran Mofid, MENAS (Middle East & North African Studies Press Ltd.), London, 1987.

EVOLUTION OF THE SHATT AL-ARAB BOUNDARY DISPUTE, by Richard N. Schofield, MENAS, London, 1986.

FROM ZARATHUSTRA TO KHOMEINI: POPULISM AND DISSENT IN IRAN, by Manochehr Dorraj, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1989.

IMAMS AND EMIRS: STATE, RELIGION AND SECTS IN ISLAM, by Fuad Khuri, Saqi Books, London, 1990.

INTO KURDISTAN: FRONTIERS UNDER FIRE, BY Sheri Laizer, Zed Books, 1989.

IRANIAN DRAMA, AN ANTHOLOGY, compiled and edited by M.R. Ghanoonparvar and John Green, Mazda Publishers, 1989.

IRANIAN SHORT STORY AUTHORS: A BIO-BIBLIOGRAPHIC SURVEY, by John Green, Maza Publishers, 1989.

ISLAM IN PERSPECTIVE: A GUIDE TO ISLAMIC SOCIETY, POLITICS AND LAW, by Patrick Bannerman, Routledge, 1988.

ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM, by Youssef M. Choueiri, Pinter Publishers, London, 1989.

MILITARIZATION AND SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST: ITS IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY, by Amin Hewedy, Pinter Publishers, London, 1989.

OIL IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, ed. by R.W. Ferrier and A. Fursenko, Routledge, 1989.

PERSIAN DRAWINGS IN THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, by Marie Lukes Swietochowski and Sussan Babaie, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1989.

THE ARTS OF PERSIA, edited by R.W. Ferrier, Yale University Press, 1989.

THE GULF WAR, by Hanns Maull, ed. by Otto Pick, Pinter Publishers, London, 1989.

THE IRAN-IRAQ BORDER, 1840-1958, ed. by R.N. Schofield, International Boundaries Research Unit, M.E. Publications, Research Study Series, 1989.

THE ISLAMIC WORLD: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF BERNARD LEWIS, edited by C.E. Bosworth, Charles Issawi, Roger Savory and A.L. Udovitch, Darwin, 1988.

THE KURDS: A CONTEMPORARY OVERVIEW, ed. by Stefan Sperl and Philip Kreyenbroek, Centre of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1990.

THE RISE AND RULE OF TAMERLANE, by Beatrice Forbes Manz, Cambridge University Press, 1989.

THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MIDDLE EAST: A DOCUMENTARY RECORD OF AFGHANISTAN, IRAN AND TURKEY, 1917-1985, by Basil Dmytryshyn and Frederick Cox, The Kingston Press, 1987.

WHO'S WHO IN IRAN, published by Moini-Biontino, available in the U.S. by Mazda Publishers, 1989.

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Virginia; "Weddings in Exile: Rituals in Transformation," Anne Betteridge, Research Associate, University of Arizona; "What Have We Learned about How to Ask Questions about Women's Lives: Iran Since the Revolution," Afsaneh Najmabadi, Wellesley and Harvard Divinity School.

The following conferences and symposia relevant to the field of Iranian Studies will take place at the **School of Oriental and African Studies**, London: February, 1990, "The Revival of Languages in the Near East," convened by Tudor Parfitt; March 8-9, 1990, "Agricultural Development in Iran 1959-1989," convened by Keith McLachlan; May, 1990, "Islamic Public Law," convened by Ian Edge, Chibli Mallat and members of the SOAS Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Law; July 17-19, "Soviet Caucasus: History and Society in the 20th Century," convened by Tamara Dragadze and Steven Jones. For further information, contact: The Chairman, Centre of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, SOAS, Thornhaugh St., Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG.

The Centre for Arab Gulf Studies will hold its annual international symposium in 1990 immediately after the BRISMES conference. Registration takes place on July 11, 1990 and the working sessions are on July 12th

and 13th. The theme of the symposium will be the nature and extent of external interests in the Gulf region.

The eighth annual conference of the **Center for Iranian Research and Analysis**, co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Iranian Studies Group, University of California at Berkeley will take place April 6-8, 1990. The focus of this conference is on **Intellectual Trends in Twentieth Century Iran**. For further information, contact: CIRA Conference 1990, c/o Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 215 Moses Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The **Department of Oriental Studies of the University of Leuven** plans to organize a **colloquium on Middle Iranian Studies**. Papers may be presented in English, French, German or Dutch. For further information, contact: Prof. W. Skalmowski, Dept. of Oriental Studies, KU Leuven, 21 Bligde Inkomststraat, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium.

A joint symposium convened by **BRISMES and the DSA Women and Development Study Group** is to be held at Derwent College, University of York, on May 26, 1990. The following speakers have provisionally been arranged: Haleh Afshar, "Development Studies and Women in the Middle East, The Way Forward;" Nawal Al Sadaawi, "Women in the Middle

East, An Overview;" Deniz Kandiyoti, "Patriarchy and Middle Eastern Women;" and Marie Aimee Helie-Lucas, "Networking and Struggles of Women Living under Muslim Laws." For further information, contact: Haleh Afshar, Dept. of Politics, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5EB.

The City College of the City University of New York and the Institute on Muslim Minority Affairs jointly organized a conference on **Muslim Minority/Majority Relations** which was held at City College of the City University of New York on October 24-26, 1989. There were several panels and a workshop which dealt with the Muslim minorities living in the USSR and in the Socialist countries of Eastern Europe. For further information, contact Prof. Michael Rywkin, City College of the City University of New York, Convent Avenue at 138th Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10031.

The Fourth International Conference on Central Asia (ACAS) will be held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, September 27-30, 1990. The topic of the conference is Language, Nationality, and Social Order in Central Asia, 1100-1990. For additional information, write to the secretary of the conference, Ms. Deniz Balgamis, 4255 Humanities Bldg., University of Wisconsin, Madison WI 53706. Telephone - 608-263-1800.

Announcements

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Activities of the Center for Iranian Documentation and Research

The Center for Iranian Documentation and Research (CIDR), founded by a group of Iranian researchers in Paris in March, 1986, was organized in order to respond to the cultural needs and inadequacies felt by the Iranian community abroad. An endeavor to compile a collection of Iranian documents has been the initial step to redress this problem. This collection of documents includes: a collection of documents on peasant studies; a collection of studies on slum-dwellers in Iran; a collection of statistics, economic indicators and developmental trends (includes a large selection of publications of Iran's Center for Statistics in addition to the publications of the Central Bank of Iran); a collection of documents pertaining to the religious movement in Iran; a collection of documents on the nationalist movement in Iran; a collection of documents on the communist movement in Iran; a collection of oral documents; a collection of Iranian newspapers (including the complete series of the morning Tehran papers of Keyhan and Eteelaat from 1978-81); and a collection of reviews, weeklies, quarterlies and irregular Iranian publications abroad.

The Persian Language Learning System

Darya International Software, Inc. has introduced computer software that teaches the fundamentals of the Persian language. It is an elementary level program which features 40 lessons in English, a vocabulary of over 1200 words, and 3 different exercise programs. No keyboard overlay is needed, and it can be used on any IBM PC/XT/AT or PS/2 computer. The price is \$89; a free functional demo is also available. For information, write to Darya International Software, Inc., P.O. Box 76, Thorndale, Oa. 19372.

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The Journal of International Boundary Studies will be published twice yearly with the first number appearing in March/April 1990. A detailed prospectus is in preparation. The subscription for 1990 will be 72 pounds (institution/48 pounds). Contact: Boundaries Research Press, Archive House, The Broadway, Farnham Common SL2 3PQ, England.

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The following **Persian Journals** are available for subscription:

Iran Nameh, published by the Foundation for Iranian Studies, which includes articles on Persian literature, culture and history. A new editor has recently

been appointed: Dr. Daryesh Shayegan, former Professor of Mythology, Indology and Comparative Philosophy at Tehran University, and former Director of the Iranian Centre for the Study of Civilizations, and of the Institute of Isma'ili Studies in Paris. Contact: Iran Nameh, Foundation for Iranian Studies, 4343 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Iran Shenasi, a scholarly publication covering Iranian culture, literature, history and the arts. It is edited by Dr. Jalal Matini. Contact Dr. Matini at: POB 30381, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Ketab Djomeha, a Persian-language quarterly dealing with Iranian history, culture, society, and literature. Contact: Djomeha, Case Postale 37, 1015 Lausanne, Suisse.

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Foundation for Iranian Studies Dissertation Prize

The Foundation for Iranian Studies' 1989 Dissertation Prize of \$1000 has been awarded to Dr. Jeannine Davis-Kimball for her dissertation entitled, "Proportions in Achaemenid Art," submitted to the Department of Near Eastern Studies of the University of California at Berkeley.

The Foundation for Iranian Studies announces the 1990 Dissertation prize of \$1000 for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies. All

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students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1989 and July 1, 1990 are eligible to apply. Dissertations must be nominated by the author's advisor with a letter of acceptance for the degree accompanying the dissertation. Applicants for the 1990 award should submit two copies of the dissertation to: Secretary, Foundation for Iranian Studies, 4343 Montgomery Avenue, Bethesda, MD. 20814. Deadline for submissions is August 1, 1990.

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to the 1400th anniversary of Borbad (Barbud- the Sasanian musician) to be held in Dushanbe from April 23-29, 1990. While in Dushanbe for the memorial meeting I learned that a branch of the Tajik Academy of Sciences had been established in Khorog and the Institute of Pamir Studies was being moved from Dushanbe to Khorog in the Pamirs. Moreover, I was told that the Arabic alphabet was now being taught in schools in the Republic. Also the trip of Academician of the Tajik SSR, Boris Anatolovich Litvinskii to the USA was arranged. The distinguished archaeologist will visit Cambridge, Massachusetts from Jan. 29 to Feb. 8, Bloomington, Indiana from Feb. 8-14, Berkeley, California from Feb. 14-21, and New York from Feb. 21-24.

Richard N. Frye
Harvard University

Report

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Although our publication schedule for the *Journal* is still behind, we produced four issues of Vol. XXI, which included a special double issue on Central Asian Studies. Vol. XX, No. 1 is currently in production.

We published three *Newsletters* during the past year. The new format and increased coverage of publications, conferences and seminars, and a new "Arts and Music of Iran" section have received a positive response.

Much attention and some expense has been devoted to reformatting and updating our mail list, partially in response to a need to reorganize and review our membership files, and partially since we are about to publish a new Roster of Members which requires a fully updated list. Although this process has been tedious, the result should produce a more compact, easier to use, and updated list of members and related records.

The following suggestions were made at the Council meeting. First, that Persian directories in the United States be used for recruitment purposes. Second, that the new Roster of Members include a copy of the current SIS constitution. Third, it was suggested that an amendment to the by-laws be made which would create specific criteria (such as

MESA has) for membership. This suggestion was made in response to the large increase in membership during 1988-89. The Council decided to defer any decision concerning criteria for membership for one year.

Richard Bulliet, whose 3-year term as editor was completed, decided with unanimous support from the council, to retain his position as Editor for two more years.

Jo-Ann Gross informed the Council that she would not seek reelection as Executive Secretary next year, and a nomination committee was formed consisting of Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, Juan Cole, and Jo-Ann Gross. An open search will be conducted over the next several months, with the goal of finding a new Executive Secretary by the end of the summer.

There was a discussion about the possibility of a joint SIS/AIIS symposium on "Defining the Limits of Iranian Studies." The question of NEH support was discussed. A program committee was formed which will work with AIIS to discuss and possibly draw up plans for such a conference, to take place sometime in 1991. Members of the committee are Bill Beeman, Brian Spooner, and Jo-Ann Gross.

Elton Daniel, Anne Betteridge, and Gernot Windfuhr were nominated for the office of council member for the 1990-92 term.

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Two items which came up at the Annual Business Meeting which followed the Council Meeting concerned screening procedures for MESA abstracts and the denial of visas to Iranian students who wanted to attend the Toronto meeting. The first discussion centered around the procedures for selecting papers for the MESA conference this year. Some members felt that there was some discrimination against Iranian scholars and scholarship; other members felt that the rejection of

such papers was a natural outcome of the more stringent review of abstracts this year in an attempt to cut back on the number of papers and to increase quality of papers in general. A motion was made and seconded to create an ad hoc committee appointed by the Council to investigate the proceedings.

The second discussion concerning visas to Iranian students resulted in a motion by Richard Bulliet that the Society formally express its dissatisfaction con-

cerning this discriminatory policy concerning visas for Iranians in the form of a protest to the U.S. State Department, and he moved that this protest be brought to a vote at the MESA Business Meeting. A "Sense of the Meeting" concerning the Society's protestation and dissatisfaction with such a policy was passed unanimously, and Richard Bulliet presented the "Sense of the Meeting" to the MESA Business Meeting.