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1985 Annual Meeting of the Society

The 19th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association will be held in conjunction with the African Studies Association at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans from November 22-26. (Please note that the dates are Friday-Tuesday, just before Thanksgiving.) The Program Committee met on June 8 to evaluate paper and panel proposals. By the first of July, those of you who submitted abstracts will receive notification of their status. It has been decided that Friday, November 22, will be devoted to affiliated organizations, while the panel presentations will be on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Later in the summer program and travel information and hotel reservation cards will be sent out by MESA to all members. Be sure to respond quickly, as the Thanksgiving travel period is sure to be

hectic. The toll-free number for Travel Headquarters, the official MESA travel agency, is 1-800-323-9128.

Rooms at the Hyatt Regency, an excellent first-class hotel, are \$65 for single, double, triple or quadruple occupancy. You can have the same convention rate if you wish to extend your stay and spend your Thanksgiving vacation in New Orleans.

1985 SIS Panels

Michael Morony of UCLA is serving as Program Coordinator for the 1985 MESA/SIS meeting in New Orleans, 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).

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

Call for 1986 Papers

In order to provide greater opportunity for all SIS members (especially those who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting) to organize panels or present papers at the 1986 Annual Meeting, we ask you to observe the following procedure:

1. All members who would like to organize a panel or present a paper at the 1986 meeting should send a one-page description of their proposed panel or paper to the Executive Secretary before November 1, 1985.
2. Proposals received for 1986 will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting in New Orleans. At this meeting members present will have an opportunity, as in the past, to offer additional suggestions for panels. At the end of the meeting, members' sentiments toward the various proposals will be gauged through an informal vote.
3. The Executive Council, taking the votes into account, will appoint chairpersons, finalize topics, and work out the various arrangements, in conjunction with the MESA Organizing Committee, for the 1986 panels.

IN ORDER FOR THIS PROCEDURE TO WORK, WE NEED ALL OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE A PANEL OR PRESENT A PAPER AT THE 1986 MEETING TO SEND A ONE-PAGE PROPOSAL TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1985.

1985 Election Results

The following members have been elected to three-year terms on the SIS Council:

Carol Bier (Textile Museum)
Richard Frye (Harvard University)
Vahid Nowshirvani (Columbia University)

UNESCO Conference

To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the birth of Sheikh Moslehoddin Sa'di, the Iranian UNESCO Commission sponsored a conference in Shiraz from November 25-28, 1984 (4-7 Azar 1363). Scholars and translators from a number of nations were invited to participate. Jerome W. Clinton of Princeton University attended from the United States. The subject of his paper was the response of Emerson to the works of Sa'di. The proceedings of the conference will be published by UNESCO in Tehran sometime in 1985.

New Members

As the result of a recent campaign, 53 new members (listed below) joined the Society during the first six months of 1985. We are pleased to welcome them.

Family Members

Sheila Blair (Harvard Univ.)
Jonathan Bloom (Harvard Univ.)
Afsaneh & Hamid Dabash (Univ. of Pennsylvania)
Roya & Kasra Ferdows (INSEAD)
Priscilla & Mohammad Yadegari (Union College)

Regular Members

Mahnaz Afkhami (Found. for Iranian Studies)
Sekandar Amanolahi (Harvard Univ.)
Iradj Bagherzade (I.B. Tauris & Co.)
Carol Bier (Textile Museum)
Richard C. Company, Jr. (U.S. Air Force)
Margaret L. Caton (Kalima't Press)
Frederick de Jong (Univ. of Utrecht)
M.M. Eskandari (Univ. of Calif., Santa Barbara)
Mohammed Fazel (Purdue Univ.)
Cyrus Ghani
Farah Gilanshah (Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse)

New Members, cont.

James F. Goode (Univ. of Georgia)
 Victoria Rowe Holbrook
 Christos P. Ioannides (Seton Hall Univ.)
 William Irons (Northwestern Univ.)
 Homa Katouzian (Univ. of Kent)
 Nance F. Kittner (Univ. of Maryland,
 London)
 Ann Elizabeth Mayer (Univ. of
 Pennsylvania)
 Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam (Hofstra Univ.)
 Vera Basch Moreen (Dropsie College)
 James W. Morris (Inst. Ismaili Studies,
 Paris)
 Parviz Owsia
 Maurizio Pistoso (Univ. of Bologna)
 Ismail K. Poonawala (UCLA)
 Farhang Rajaei (Univ. of Virginia)
 Andras J. Riedlmayer (Harvard Univ.)
 Abdulaziz Sachedina (Univ. of Virginia)
 Marianna S. Simpson (National Gallery of
 Art)
 Minoo S. Southgate (Baruch College, CUNY)
 Mohammad Tavakoli (Hamline Univ.)

Associate Members

Maryam Afshar
 Stephen Album
 John Richard Hayes (Mobil Oil
 Corporation)
 Karim Pakravan (First National Bank of
 Chicago)
 S. Peter Poullada (Bankers Trust Co.,
 Istanbul)
 Ahmad Tavakoli

Student Members

M. Nader Ahari (Harvard Univ.)
 Qibla Ayaz (Univ. of Edinburgh)
 Shahin Bassiri (Harvard Univ.)
 Mehrzad Boroujerdi (Northeastern Univ.)
 M. Karshenas (Cambridge Univ.)
 Azar Makarechian (Univ. of Pennsylvania)
 Mary A. Martin (Univ. of Pennsylvania)
 Kamran Nayeri (New School for Social
 Research)
 Hamed Shahidian (Brandeis Univ.)
 Mohammad Sharifi (Southern Illinois
 Univ.)

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 from Persian or other Iranian languages of works of merit 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 1986 is March 1, 1986. The decision of the committee will be announced before October 15, 1986. 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.

Announcements, cont.

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, 1986.

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 1986 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 March 1, 1986: Executive Secretary, Society for Iranian Studies, c/o Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Room 521, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA.

The awards will be announced by October 15, 1986.

New Books on Iran

ALL FALL DOWN. AMERICA'S TRAGIC ENCOUNTER WITH IRAN. By Gary Sick. New York: Random House, 1985. 366pp. \$19.95.

AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN: THE CONDUCT OF A CRISIS. By Warren Christopher et al. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985. 448pp. \$49.50.

ANTIQUÉ RUGS FROM THE NEAR EAST. By Wilhelm von Bode and Ernst Kuehnell. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1984. 187pp. \$24.95.

ARABISCHE UND PERSISCHE PRIVATURKUNDEN DES 12. UND 13. JAHRHUNDERTS AUS ARDABIL (ASERBEIDSCHAN). By Monika Gronke. Berlin: Klaus Schwartz, 1982. 555pp.

CIA IM IRAN: DIE GEHEIMDOKUMENTE AUS DER TEHRANER US-BOTSCHAFT. Ed. by Guenter Neuberger and Michael Opperskalski. Bornheim, FRP: Lamuv Verlag, 1982. 160pp. DM14.80 (paper).

A CLARIFICATION OF QUESTIONS. By Ayatollah Sayyed Ruhollah Mousavi Khomeini. Trans. by J. Borujerdi. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1984. 432pp. \$32.00.

DIMENSIONS OF CLASSICAL SUFI THOUGHT. By R.S. Bhatnagar. Delhi, India: Motilal Banarsidass, 1984. 241pp.

THE FICTION OF SADEQ HEDAYAT. By Iraj Bashiri. Lexington, KY: Mazda, 1984. 236pp. \$14.00 (paper).

THE FINAL WORD! AN AMERICAN REFUTES THE SAYINGS OF AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI. By James Lee. New York: Philosophical Library, 1985. 108pp. \$12.50.

New Books on Iran, cont.

FROM IRAN EAST AND WEST: STUDIES IN BABI AND BAHAI HISTORY, VOL. 2. Ed. by Juan R. Cole and Moojan Momen. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 1984. 205pp. \$19.95.

THE GREAT GAME: RIVALRY IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND SOUTH ASIA. Ed. by Alvin Z. Rubenstein. New York: Praeger, 1983. 277pp. \$27.95.

GULF SECURITY INTO THE 1980S: PERCEPTUAL AND STRATEGIC DIMENSIONS. Ed. by Robert G. Darius, *et al.* Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution, 1984. 400pp. \$10.95 (paper).

HEART OF QUR'AN AND PERFECT MIZAN. By Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri. Blanco, TX: Zahra, 1983. 140pp. \$14.00 (paper).

INDUSTRIALIZATION IN IRAN 1900-1941. By Willem Floor. Durham, UK: University of Durham Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, 1984. 69pp.

INTRODUCTION TO SHI'I LAW: A BIOGRAPHICAL STUDY. By Hossein Modarressi Tabataba'i. London: Ithaca, 1984. 258pp. \$25.75.

THE IRANIAN RESCUE MISSION: WHY IT FAILED. By Paul B. Ryan. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1984. 136pp. \$13.95.

THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR: IMPLICATIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES. By Mark A. Heller. Tel Aviv: Jaffee Center and the Center for International Affairs (Cambridge), 1984.

IRAN SINCE THE REVOLUTION: INTERNAL DYNAMICS, REGIONAL CONFLICT, AND THE SUPERPOWERS. Ed. by Barry Rosen. New York: Columbia University Press, 1985. 200pp. \$20.00.

ISLAM AND POLITICS. By John L. Esposito. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1984. 273pp. \$29.00 (paper, \$12.95).

ISLAM IN IRAN. By Petrushevsky. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1984. \$49.50.

KALILAH AND DIMNAH: FABLES FROM THE ANCIENT EAST. Trans. by Hassan

Tehranchian. New York: Crown, 1985 (June). \$12.95.

THE KURDS: AN UNSTABLE ELEMENT IN THE GULF. By Stephen C. Pelletiere. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1984. 220pp. \$22.50.

MIDDLE EAST CONTEMPORARY SURVEY. VOL. V: 1980-81 & VOL. VI: 1981-82. Ed. by Colin Legum, Haim Shaked and Daniel Dishon. New York: Holmes & Meier, 1982 & 1984. 2 vols. \$198.00 each.

NARRATIVE OF A JOURNEY INTO KHORASAN IN THE YEARS 1821 AND 1822. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985. 824pp. \$29.95.

OCCIDENTOSIS: A PLAGUE FROM THE WEST. By Jalal Al-i Ahmad. Berkeley: Mizan Press, 1984. 160pp. \$5.95 (paper).

ODES OF HAFIZ: POETICAL HOROSCOPE. Trans. by Abbas A. Kashani. Lexington, KY: Mazda, 1984. 267pp. Persian/English text. \$10.00 (paper).

PERSIAN CARPETS. By Michael Craig Hillmann. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 1984. 98pp. \$19.95.

PERSIAN CUISINE, BOOK TWO: REGIONAL AND MODERN FOODS. By M.R. Ghanoonparvar. Lexington, KY: Mazda Publishers, 1984. 220pp. \$12.95 (paper).

THE PERSIAN GULF UNVEILED. By John Bulloch. New York: Congdon & Weed, 1985. 224pp. \$16.95.

THE PERSIANS AMONG THE ENGLISH. By Denis Wright. London: I.B. Tauris, 1984. 306pp. \$29.50.

THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF ECONOMIC PLANNING IN IRAN, 1971-1983. By H. Razavi and F. Vakil. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1984.

PROPHETS OF DOOM. By M.R. Ghanoonparvar. New York: University Press of America, 1984. 242pp. \$12.00 (paper).

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS AND SECTS IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM. By Wilferd Madelung. London: Variorum, 1985. 352pp. \$55.00.

New Books on Iran, cont.

SHAH OF SHAHS. By Ryszard Kapuscinski. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985. 160pp. \$12.95.

THE SOVIET UNION AND THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION. By Aryeh Yodfat. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1983.

A SURVEY OF PERSIAN ART: FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES TO THE PRESENT. Ed. by Arthur Upham Pope and Phyllis Ackerman. Ashiya, Japan: SoPA, 1985. 16 vols. bound as 18. 3,816 text pages. 3,737 plates. \$1200.00. (Separate vols. available for ca.\$200. Write to publisher for more details.)

TEXTUAL SOURCES FOR THE STUDY OF ZOROASTRIANISM. Ed. and tr. by Mary Boyce. Manchester, UK/Dover, NH: Manchester University Press, 1984. 166pp. L16.50 (paper, L5.50).

TRIBAL RUGS OF SOUTHERN PERSIA. By James Opie. Portland, OR: James Opie, 214 S.W. Stark Street, Portland, OR 97204. 224pp, 100 color plates. \$70.00.

WORDS OF ECSTASY IN SUFISM. By Carl W. Ernst. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1985. 184pp. \$34.50 (paper, \$12.95).

A YEAR AMONGST THE PERSIANS: IMPRESSIONS AS TO THE LIFE, CHARACTER AND THOUGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PERSIA. By Edward Granville Browne. New York: Hippocrene, 1985. 688pp. \$11.95 (paper).