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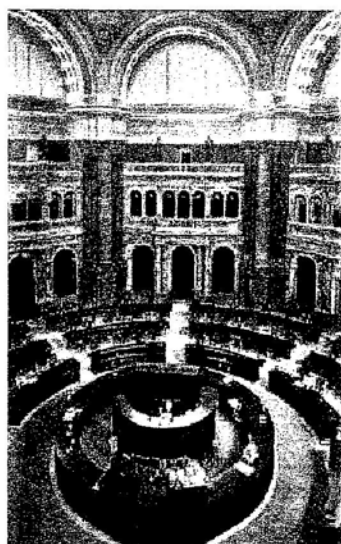
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### *Letter from the Executive Director*

*The Society for Iranian Studies has accomplished much this year. We have finalized the upgrade of the data base—increasing our capacity to manage both individual membership and institutional subscriptions. The journal continues to publish at a rapid rate in order to synchronize our journal issue with the calendar year (see the Report from the Editor).*

*My own goal is to continue efforts at making the Newsletter more informative and useful—in terms of news of the profession, research tools and current publications. It is my hope that the Newsletter will serve to enable members to become more informed of scholarship and activities pertaining to Iranian Studies broadly conceived on a more international scale. To this end, I am calling on the membership of the Society to actively participate in the gathering of information on conferences, new publications, archival holdings, etc., in the United States and abroad. My thanks go to Dr. Roxanne Haag-Higuchi who*

## Conference 2002



The Library of Congress -- General Reading Room

Last spring's successful Iranian Studies Conference is now behind us. Under the leadership of Dr. Mohammad Ghanoonparvar, preparations are already underway for the Fourth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference which will be held in Bethesda, MD on March 24-26, 2002. The call for papers as well as additional conference information appears in the centerfold of this Newsletter. The deadline for submitting paper abstracts is September 1, 2001.

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*kindly compiled information concerning new scholarship in Iranian Studies published in Germany that appears in this issue.*

*We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the letter requesting members to renew their membership for the year 2001. For all of you who have the envelope still sitting in your "inbox" please try to send in your renewal soon. All of the members who generously provided a donation to the Society are listed below. Thank you!*

*Monica M. Ringer*

## *Donations to SIS since January 2001*

### 100-Club

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# REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The year 2000 was financially a record year for the Society: record expenses, record revenues, and a record deficit! It is normal to expect both higher revenues and higher expenses during the year of the biennial conference, which this time was much larger than the previous ones. Accordingly, the conference costs were much higher at about \$36,500, but so were the revenues and consequently the conference nearly broke even with a deficit of only a few hundred dollars.

Our recurrent expenses were somewhat higher than in 1999 and we ended the year about a thousand dollars above the projected budget of \$40,000 even though some individual line items were substantially different from the projected levels. The largest discrepancies were in the cost of the office of the Executive Secretary, that of the Web site, and the expenses of the Newsletter. Our office costs will be significantly higher in 2001 while the other two items will most likely return to more normal levels.

On the revenue side, there were significant shortfalls compared to last year's figures and the budgeted amounts. Both individual and institutional dues fell substantially. The drop in institutional subscriptions is particularly worrisome. Gifts were down about 50% from last year.

The deficit, at over \$12,000, is much larger than what we expected and it has wiped out nearly half of the surplus built up over the previous two years. The Society is not in immediate danger of a cash crunch, but the situation is clearly not sustainable for long. We have to trim our expenses and we must renew our efforts to solicit donations and to expand our membership.

## Statement of Revenues and Expenses for 1999 and 2000

Operating Revenues		1999	2000
Dues:	Individuals	15,351.00	11,532.00
	Institutions	8,113.00	4,892.50
Back issues:		2,079.48	2,782.00
Gifts:		10,127.00	5,650.00
General:		(5,142.00)	(650.00)
Saidi-Sirjani Fund:		(4,985.00)	(5,000.00)

Interest:	3,104.28	4,207.33
Conference:	770.00	36,314.04
<b>Total:</b>	<b>39,544.76</b>	<b>65,377.87</b>

Operating Expenses	1999	2000
Journal:	22,764.98	22,661.33
Newsletter:	3,052.11	4,689.49
Secretary's Office:	5,325.60	4,343.95
Bank, Credit Card Charges:	856.69	1,149.22
MESA:	1,196.11	900.00
Professional & Legal:	40.00	815.00
Web Site & Advertising:	697.35	3,646.40
Saidi-Sirjani Award:	0.00	3,000.00
Conference:	868.51	36,452.96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>34,801.35</b>	<b>77,658.35</b>
<b>Balance (deficit)</b>	<b>4,743.41</b>	<b>(12,280.48)</b>

## INTERNET RESOURCES

**The International Crisis Group** (Brussels and Washington) has just completed an analysis of Central Asia: *Islamist Mobilization and Regional Security* in March 2001. The study is available on the web at [www.crisisweb.org](http://www.crisisweb.org).

Middle East Review of International Affairs (MERIA)@ [Meria.biu.ac.il](mailto:Meria.biu.ac.il)  
CAIS Reports @ [www.caisuk.com/reports.htm](http://www.caisuk.com/reports.htm). include:

*The Political Opposition to The Islamic Republic in Post-Khatami Iran* (April, 1998); *The Iranian Ethnic and Religious Minorities: Prospects of Stability and Challenges to Economic Development in the Moslem Republics of the Former Soviet Union* (April, 1996); *Sources of Instability and Inter-State Conflict in the Persian Gulf: A Commercial Perspective* (April, 1996); *Islamic Republic of Iran Military Establishment* (May, 1996 in Arabic).

**Caspian Studies Program** Newsletter 2/2001 has been published. The February 2001 Newsletter focuses on the involvement of officials, scholars, and civil servants from the Caspian region in programs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The Newsletter is available on the web at: <http://ksgnotes1.harvard.edu/BCSIA/Library.nsf/pubs/CSPNews2>

**The Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies** (The Middle East & Central Asia) (CAIS), **Australian National University** in Canberra, Australia, now [arts.anu.edu.au/cais](http://arts.anu.edu.au/cais)

*The Keele Guide to Middle East Government and Politics*  
[www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/mebase.htm](http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/mebase.htm)

*U.S. Department of State Human Rights Report on the Middle East:*

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*Volume 32, No. 4 (Fall 1999) was published and delivered to the mailer on March 15. If you have not already received it, you should shortly. This issue represents both the promise of the journal and the challenges it faces. For the first time since the founding of the journal in 1968 four separate issues have been published for a given volume. Volume 32 is not the largest volume the journal has published (that was the 1974 landmark issue *Studies on Isfahan* that came out in two double issues totaling more than 700 pages) but at 635 pages plus index it represents the kind of journal members of the Society deserve. It also is an indication of the productivity of scholars in the field. Despite a fairly high rejection rate (about 2/3 of all articles received) there is clearly a substantial amount of excellent scholarship being produced on Persian/Iranian themes. And we want to make *Iranian Studies* the journal of choice for researchers.*

*In an effort which often feels Farhadean, we work to reduce the backlog. This is a challenge to say the least. I have given up making predictions as to when we might achieve correspondence between the year on the calendar and the year on the journal spine. In the past twelve months, six issues have been produced and that should be cause for hope, but with a look at the year date on the latest number (Fall 1999) depression settles in. You should know, though, that you will not be shorted on your subscriptions. The policy of the Society is that members for a particular year will receive the journal issues for that year regardless of when they are published, and subscribers for the current year will receive all issues published in that year irrespective of the dates they carry.*

*The "head offices" of the journal seem to be in continual flux. Katsuyo Motoyoshi, assistant editor extraordinaire, moved on to better things at the Modern Language Association after nine months here. (I hope we are not becoming a training program for the MLA; first Linda Thomas and now Katsuyo have been lured away.) Nick Roberts, a graduate student here at NYU, has come back to help out in the interim and I am pleased to say that Dr. Rosemary Stanfield-Johnson, a Safavid specialist and a professional editor, has also signed on as part-time associate editor.*

*In an effort to improve both the technical quality of the journal and to address fulfillment issues (subscribers who don't get their journal), we have been exploring the possibility of assigning the right to publish the journal to a commercial publisher. Should such a change occur, we do not expect that individual subscription rates will change. Institutional rates would most certainly rise. We will keep you informed in future newsletters as to the progress of the negotiations.*

*I reiterate my perennial plea. Please send to the journal work that you think is appropriate to it. We are a peer-reviewed journal so submission does not mean acceptance, but even if your work is not immediately accepted, in every case where we receive a finished piece,*

*We encourage short pieces (2-3 pp) for the "Resources" section. These could cover a*

✎ Mohammad Ismail Marcinkowski was awarded the 1997 [Carnegie Medal](#) for the best book in Middle Eastern Studies published in Great Britain.

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# GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles

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Announcement/Call for Papers

# Fourth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies

organized by *The Society for Iranian Studies (SIS)*

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# Fourth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies

Bethesda, MD  
May 24-26, 2002

## Directions for paper submission and conference pre-registration:

- \* For those wishing to attend, and who are not submitting paper abstracts for presentation, please fill out form **A** only.
- \* For those submitting paper abstracts for presentation, please fill out both forms **A and B**.
- \* Please include your conference pre-registration payment with the necessary forms. (In addition, all panel participants must be SIS members for the year 2002.)

### Conference pre-registration

<i>Individual, and Life members:</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>Family members:</i>	<i>\$60 (for both)</i>
<i>Retired members:</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Student members:</i>	<i>\$25</i>

\* Please mail completed forms, abstract, and submit the necessary conference pre-registration payment by **September 1, 2001** to:

Professor M. R. Ghanoonparvar  
Program Committee Chair  
Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures  
West Mall Building 5.120  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas 78712, USA  
Work (512) 471-1365  
Home (512) 251-8578  
Fax (512) 990-1831



# Fourth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies

## Form A *(to be filled out by everyone wishing to attend the conference)*

### Individual Data

The nature of your participation:      ( ) Paper submission for presentation      ( ) Conference attendance only

### Badge and Mailing Data:

Name *(as it should appear on badge)*: .....

Institutional Affiliation *(as it should appear on badge)*: .....

Mailing Address .....

City .....

State, Zip, Country .....

Work phone: .....

Home phone .....

E-mail .....

Please include your conference pre-registration payment along with the necessary forms.

#### Conference pre-registration

<i>Individual and Life members:</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>Family members:</i>	<i>\$60 (for both or \$30 each)</i>
<i>Retired members:</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Student members:</i>	<i>\$25</i>

Amount enclosed: .....

Method of Payment ( ) check *(enclosed)* ( ) credit card

Credit card number: ..... exp ..... / ..... / .....

Signature .....

# Fourth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies

## Form B *(to be filled out only by those submitting paper abstracts for consideration)*

### Paper Abstract

Please type. do **NOT** include your name on this form.

Title of paper: *(keep short)* .....

Primary discipline or subject matter: .....

Abstract of paper. The abstract must be a clear and succinct outline of the central theme or subject matter of your paper, and should also mention your sources. Please limit to 250 words. Type below.

## NEW INITIATIVES IN RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

**The Middle East Documentation Center (MEDOC)** at the University of Chicago intends to begin publishing monographs relating to the history and civilization of the Islamic Middle East. Manuscripts in all disciplines and time periods will be considered. Submissions of finished manuscripts are invited. If you wish to have materials returned to you, please include a return package with appropriate postage. All submissions must include 1) a paper copy with full diacritical marks where required; 2) a copy on a computer disk without diacritical marks. Please include an email address and phone number. Submissions should be sent to: The Director, The Middle East Documentation Center, Pick Hall 201, 5828 S. University Ave., Chicago, IL 60637.

### *Foundation for Iranian Studies 1999-2000 Dissertation Award*

*The Committee on the Selection of Best Dissertation of the Year on a Topic of Iranian Studies of the Foundation for Iranian Studies has chosen Dr. Christoph Werner's dissertation, "An Iranian Town in Transition: A Social and Economic History of the Elites of Tabriz, 1747, 1848," submitted to the Graduate Faculty of the Otto-Friedrich University, Bamberg, as the recipient of the Foundation's annual Ph.D. dissertation award for the academic year 1999-2000. Dr. Werner worked under the direction of Prof. Bert Fragner.*

*The committee also cited for Honorable Mention two dissertations: "A World Unto Himself: The Rise of a New Human Image in the Late Seljuk Period (1150-1250)," by Dr. Oya Parcaroglu of Harvard University who worked under the direction of Prof. Gulru Nictpoglu, and "The Formation of Modern Iran, 1858-1909: Communications, Telegraph and Society," by Dr. Michael Allan Rubin of Yale University who worked under the direction of Prof. Abbas Amanat.*

The Iranian Research and Documentary Institute of Moaserpajooan, a non-governmental private institute, is willing to provide research services for scholars on the Middle East. Tools available include: books, manuscripts, lithographs and dissertations published in Iran. [info@moaserpajooan.com](mailto:info@moaserpajooan.com).

**The Modern Middle East Sourcebook Project (MMESP)** is an NEH-supported project seeks to create a collection of primary sources for the support of courses on modern Middle Eastern history at the university level. Ultimately, a print and electronic version of the MMESP is envisioned. Please visit our informational website at [www.middleeastsourcebook.com](http://www.middleeastsourcebook.com), or contact the Project Director, Prof. Camron Amin, at Email: [camamin@umd.umich.edu](mailto:camamin@umd.umich.edu).

## THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF PERSIANATE SOCIETIES (ASPS) ANNOUNCES FIRST BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN SHIRAZ, IRAN

**October 8-9, 2001—Shiraz, Iran.** Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) announces its first biennial convention, "Society, Language and Culture in the Persianate World." 2001. Send name, address, e-mail, affiliation, title of paper and a 1-2 page abstract to Dr. Jo-Ann Gross, History Department, The College of New Jersey, P.O. Box 7718, Ewing, N.J. 08628-0718; e-mail: [gross@tcnj.edu](mailto:gross@tcnj.edu); fax: 609-730-1949. Topics include culture; language and literature; religion and philosophy; democracy and civil society; political, social and economic history; technology and economy; history and memory; art, archaeology and architecture. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2001. It is anticipated that the Iranian government will provide accommodation for all participants and will reimburse the travel expenses for participants from India, Pakistan, Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia. For further information and update, see: [www.persiansocieties.org](http://www.persiansocieties.org).

# Letter from the Student Council Members

*As student representatives to the Council we aim at promoting communication among the graduate student members of the Society and beyond. For this purpose we have compiled the following list of students who have provided us with their contact information and the summaries of their research interests. We hope that this list will encourage Iranian studies graduate students to share their ideas and information with others. In future issues of the Newsletter we hope to feature graduate student profiles with more extensive abstracts of research currently underway. Those wishing to volunteer for a feature should contact either of us at the email addresses below. We also hope to organize a "Young Iranists" round table at the Fourth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, May 24-26, 2002 to be held in Bethesda, Maryland. The following list is by no means complete. Student members of the Society who are not on the list and who wish to be included in future lists published in the Newsletter should send their contact information and area of research interest to Afshin or Judith. We hope to add additional names to our ever-expanding network. Thank you for your support and cooperation!*

*Afshin Marashi, UCLA (Email: afshin@ucla.edu)*

*Judith Pfeiffer, University of Chicago (Email: pfeiffe@midway.uchicago.edu)*

## University of Arizona

Andrea Giacomuzzi. Persian speaking societies of Central Asia.

Pamela Zahra Karimi. Iranian architecture, cultural studies.

Gijs Kruijtzer. Persian India.

Jan Mohammad. Linguistics.

Leila Mohraram. Iranian media and culture.

Harry Neale. Classical Persian literature, sufism.

Sharon Parker. Iranian women artists.

Farhang Rouhani. Regional development, internet in Iran.

Mary Switzer. Ancient archaeology.

## University of California, Berkeley

David N. Yaghoubian, History. Diss title: "Ethnicity, Identity, and the Development of Nationalism in Iran."

Ilya Yakubovich, Near Eastern Studies. Diss research: lexicography/etymology of Sogdian.

Sholeh Shahrokhi, Anthropology. Diss research: women and sexual politics in contemporary Iran.

## University of California, Davis

Abbas Kadhim, Political Science/Near East Studies.

## University of California, Los Angeles

Ahmad Alwishah, NELC. Illuminationist philosophical and logical texts.

Ali Anooshahr, History. Medieval Middle East/Central Asia.

Henning Bauer, NELC. Diss research: Structure of the Persian verb, the verbal system and suffixed morphemes,

with a comparative structural approach on New Persian and Middle Persian. Bauer is currently teaching Persian language at UCSB, Department of Near Eastern Studies.

Keven Brown, NELC. Diss research: the concept of the cosmogonies and creation principles in the philosophy of Mir Damad.

Ghazal Dabiri, NELC. Iranian language and literature.

Azadeh Farahmand, Film.

Elham Geytanchi, Sociology.

Pari Iranmanesh, NELC. Diss research: speculative 'erfan and related literary traditions. She is teaching accelerated elementary Persian at UCLA.

Afshin Marashi, History. Diss title: "Nationalizing Iran: Culture, Power, and the State 1870-1940."

George Maschke, NELC. Diss research: The collection, analysis, and databases of Persian Proverbs: the semantics and semiotics of Persian linguistic and literary expression. Maschke is currently representing the U.S. as an expert on Iran and Persian language at the International Tribunal at the Hague.

Firouzeh Papan, NELC. Diss research: Classical textual traditions on 'erfan. She is currently teaching Persian language at Santa Monica College.

Nahid Pimazar, NELC. Diss research: Judeo-Persian literature. She is currently teaching Persian at Santa Monica College.

Amir Hossein Pourjavadi, NELC. Diss research: Textual traditions on the medieval history and theory of Persian music with the view of the impact of philosophy on such texts.

Dalia Yasharpur, NELC. Diss research: Medieval Judeo-Persian literary and Biblical traditions. Yasharpur recently completed her MA in Iranian Studies and has won a Fulbright Fellowship for study in Israel this year.

#### **University of Chicago**

Judith Pfeiffer, NELC. Diss title: "Conversion to Islam among the Ilkhans in Muslim Narrative Traditions."

Nabil al-Tikriti, NELC. Diss title: "Sehzde Korkud (ca.1468-1513) and the Struggle Over Early 16th Century Ottoman Religious Identity."

Ilker Evrim Binbas, NELC. Post-Mongol historiography, sufism in Central Asia, history of music.

Alyssa Gabbay, NELC. Bahram Gur period in works including the "Shahnameh" and "Haft Paykar".

Roschanack Shaery-Eisenlohr, NELC. Diss title: "Transnational Political Shi'ite Networks Between Iran and Lebanon in the 1970s."

Farkhondeh Shayesteh, NELC. Iranian history/culture since 1800.

Matthew Canepa, Art History. Middle Iranian art and imperial ritual (including Parthian, Sogdian, Manichaean and Sasanian); cultural contact and exchange between Iran and its neighbors on the Silk road (Rome, India, and Central Asia).

#### **Harvard University**

Nagmeh Sohrabi, NELC. Diss title: "Books of Astonishment: Wonder, Travel and Modernity in 19th-Century Iran."

#### **University of Michigan**

Kamyar Abdi, Anthropology. Archaeology.

Bjorn Anderson. Classical art and architecture.

Mariana Giovino, Dept of History of Art.

Shah Hanifi. 19th century Afghanistan.

Layla Hourani. Modern Iranian history

Najeeb Jan. Ulama politics in Pakistan.

Karen Johnson. Classical art and architecture.

Leah V. Khagani, American Culture Program/Iranian Studies.

Setrag Manoukian, Anthropology/History. Diss title: "The City of Knowledge: History and Culture in Contemporary Shiraz."

#### **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

Karen Ruffle, Religious Studies. Diss title: "Verses Dripping Blood: A Study of the Religious Elements of Muhtasham Kashani's 'Karbala-nameh'."

#### **University of Pennsylvania**

Christine Gruber, History of Art.

Farooq Hamid, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

#### **Princeton University**

Arang Keshavarzian, Politics. Diss title: "Between the Bazaar and the State: Change and Continuity in Tehran's Bazaar (1963-present)."

Jocelyn Sharlet, Near Eastern Studies. Diss title: "Frustration and Fulfillment: The Moral Dynamics of the Classical Arabic and Persian Panegyric."

#### **Southern Illinois University, Carbondale**

Lucian Stone, Philosophy. Islamic philosophy and sufism/Persian literature/Iranian cinema. This summer Stone will be taking part in the American Institute for Iranian Studies (AIIRS) language program held at the Dekhoda Institute, Tehran.

#### **University of Utah**

Latifeh E. Hagigi, History. Diss title: "Qajar Royal Succession: The Case of Muzaffar al-Din Mirza."

#### **University of Washington**

Benjamin Smith, Political Science. Diss title: "Hard Times in the Land of Plenty: Oil Booms and Social Protest in Late Developing States."

Fevziye Bahar Barlas, NELC. Diss research: Persian poetry in the Ottoman court.

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visit SIS online at:  
[www.iranian-studies.org](http://www.iranian-studies.org)

## CONFERENCES

**March 26-30, 2001—Bamberg, Germany.** The "Deutsche Orientalistentag," the conference of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft (founded 1845), is the largest conference on Oriental studies in Germany, held every three years. The section of Iranian Studies is headed by Prof. Bert Fragner (Bamberg) and covers the fields of Ancient, Middle and New Iranian Studies.

**April 7, 2001—Washington, DC.** The Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy,

Georgetown University. Annual Conference: "Islam, Democracy, and the Secularist State in the Postmodern Era." [www.aarweb.org/annualmmet/2001/call2001/guidelines.asp](http://www.aarweb.org/annualmmet/2001/call2001/guidelines.asp) or [cebworth@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:cebworth@gvpt.umd.edu).

**April 28-29, 2001—Toronto.** CIRA conference entitled, "Iran: Between Tradition and Modernity." Panels focus on contemporary Iran, historical background, literature, politics, women's issues, economics, sociology, psychology, media, technology and international relations. For panel and attendance information, see the CIRA website, or contact Ramin Jahanbegloo at [rjahanbe@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:rjahanbe@chass.utoronto.ca).

**May 3-6, 2001—Chicago.** Student Union, Northeastern Illinois University announce a conference entitled: "Mossadegh and the Future of Iran: Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Mossadegh's Government." Persian is the primary language of the conference with three sessions (mainly on Friday evening) to be held in English. For further information: [IranAction@Aol.com](mailto:IranAction@Aol.com) or : phone: (773) 442-6126, Fax: (847) 729-5926.

**May 12-16, 2001—Tehran, Iran.** Seminar on International Courts and Tribunals for Practitioners from the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus Region. This seminar is being jointly organized by the Project on International Courts and Tribunals (PICT) and the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), in cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Coalition for an International Criminal Court (CICC). The aim of the seminar is to illustrate to practitioners from the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus region how international courts and tribunals, and other major implementation control and dispute settlement bodies, are used and accessed. The general goal is to create a local capacity to access and utilize international courts and tribunals effectively. All candidates must be officially nominated by an educational or research institution, a non-governmental organization, their

employer or a government department. All participants will receive free tuition, training materials, accommodation and food. They must, however, pay their own travel costs to and from Tehran. Deadline: 28 March 2001. For more information, contact Martin Bohnstedt, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneve 10, Switzerland, Tel.: 41/22-917-1234, Fax: 41/22-917-8047. E-mail: [martin.bohnstedt@unitar.org](mailto:martin.bohnstedt@unitar.org).

[www.unitar.org/diplomacy/iran.htm](http://www.unitar.org/diplomacy/iran.htm)

**May 17-19, 2001—Leiden, Holland.** Conference on "Photography in the Qajar Era." For information, see [www.qajarstudies.org](http://www.qajarstudies.org)

**June 8-9, 2001—New York.** "The Heritage of Sasanian Iran: Dinars, Drahms and Coppers of the Late Sasanian and early Muslim Periods," in honor of William B. Warden, Numismatist (1947-2000) to be held at The American Numismatic Society at Audubon Place (155th and Broadway). Abstracts and information should be directed by E-mail to Dr. Stuart D. Sears at [sears@aucegypt.edu](mailto:sears@aucegypt.edu) or Dr. Michael L. Bates at [bates@amnumsoc.org](mailto:bates@amnumsoc.org) or by mail to: Dr. Stuart D. Sears, The American University in Cairo, Department of Arabic Studies, Box 2511, Cairo, Egypt 11511. All abstracts should be submitted by February 15th. Communications by E-mail are preferred.

**July 15-18, 2001—University of Edinburgh.** The British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES). "The View from the Top: State and People in the Middle East." [www.dur.ac.uk/brismes/conferences.html](http://www.dur.ac.uk/brismes/conferences.html) or: [c.m.laidlaw@ed.ac.uk](mailto:c.m.laidlaw@ed.ac.uk)

**October 8-9, 2001—Shiraz, Iran.** Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) announces its first biennial convention, "Society, Language and Culture in the Persianate World." 2001. Send name, address, e-mail, affiliation, title of paper and a 1-2 page abstract to Dr. Jo-Ann Gross, History Department, The College of New Jersey, P.O. Box 7718, Ewing, N.J. 08628-0718; e-mail: [gross@tcnj.edu](mailto:gross@tcnj.edu); fax: 609-730-1949. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2001. For further information and update, see: [www.persiansocieties.org](http://www.persiansocieties.org). (see add in Newsletter)

**November 7-10, 2001—Atlanta.** The Comparative Politics section chair (Tim Power of FIU) for the Southern Political Science Association Conference is looking for Middle East participants, as individuals or as part of pre-arranged panels. <http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/spsa/atlanta-2001/papers.html>



## *Encyclopædia Iranica* Fascicles 4 & 5 of Volume X Published

The fascicles 4 and 5 of Volume X of *Encyclopædia Iranica* were published in the fall of 2000 and spring of 2001, and the fascicle 6 is in press. With the publication of the latter fascicle, volume X of the *Encyclopædia* will be completed. These fascicles feature articles on various aspects of Persian culture and history, including five series of articles on specific subjects: Six major articles on "Abu Hamed Ghazali," one of the greatest Persian theologians and jurists of medieval Islam and a prolific Sunni author: "Biography"; his "*Ehya' olum al-din*"; "Ghazali as faqih"; "Ghazali as theologian"; "Ghazali and the Barenis"; and "Ghazali's Persian Works"; and also an article on Ghazali's brother, Ahmad Ghazali, the outstanding mystic and eloquent preacher of the 12th century. Two articles discuss "Gender Relations," in Persia, one a general survey of the subject and the other on gender relations in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Five major articles deal with the Geography and Geology of Persia and Afghanistan: the "Evolution of Geographical Knowledge in Persia"; "Human Geography of Persia"; "Political Geography of Persia; an article on the "Cartography of Persia"; and an article on "Geology of Persia."

Perso-Georgian relations are presented in eight major articles: "The land and the people of Georgia"; "History of Perso-Georgian relations"; "Georgian art and archeology as related to Persia"; "Literary contact with Persia";

"Iranian elements in Georgian language"; "Iranian Studies, Iranian manuscripts and art collections in Georgia"; "Georgians in the Safavid administration"; and "Georgian Communities in Persia".

Nine major articles treat Irano-German relations: "Diplomatic relations"; "Archeological excavations in Persia by German scholars"; "Iranian studies in Germany pertaining to pre-Islamic period"; "Iranian Studies in Germany pertaining to the Islamic period"; "German travelers in Persia"; "Persian art collections in Germany"; "German cultural influence in Persia"; "Germans in Persia"; and the "Persian community in Germany."

Articles on Iranian religions include an entry on "Gayomart," the sixth of the heptad in the Mazdean myth of creation, as well as the first king in the Iranian mythical history; and the entry on "Ghayba," a term used by the Shi'ites to refer to the occultation of the Twelfth Imam.

Topics on history are treated in a number of articles, including "Ghazan Khan," the 7th Il-khanid ruler; *Ghazan-nama*, a verse chronicle of the reign of the Il-khanid ruler Ghazan Khan; "Genoa," an account of commercial and political relations of this important medieval Italian port with the East; Gardane Mission, the diplomatic and military mission from Napoleon to Fath-Ali Shah; and an article on the creation and development of the Gendarmerie, the first modern highway patrol & rural police force in Persia founded in the 1910s.

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