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Dear Society Member/Friend:

This is the first of what we hope to become an occasional newsletter, providing a source of information on the Society's activities as well as on current research in the field of Iranian studies. We also hope for the Newsletter to serve as a medium of communication among the Society's members and other scholars engaged in research on any aspect of Iran. We would be happy, therefore, to publish in these pages any news, views and queries pertaining to the objectives of the Society.

To fulfill these purposes, the future issues of the Newsletter will hopefully include at least three regular columns: (1) News of the Society; (2) News of Current Research on Iran; and (3) News of Iranian Studies (conferences, publications, exhibitions, etc.). We would be very grateful for any news items that you could send us for publication under the second and the third columns.

Majid Tehranian,
Secretary to the Society

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

UCLA Conference Planned for June

The Society's first of what is hoped to become an annual series of conferences on various aspects of Iranian Studies will be held on June, 26, 27, and 28, at the University of California, Los Angeles. The Conference is sponsored by the UCLA Summer Session and the Near Eastern Center in collaboration with the Society, and it will serve as an introductory part of a Summer Session course entitled "State and Society in Islamic Iran." Registration for the course will include attendance at the conference, but the conference may be attended separately. Members of the Society will be exempt from payment of fees incident to the Conference.

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UCLA Conference (cont'd)

The theme of the Conference will be "The Structure of Power in Islamic Iran." Five panels have been planned for the Conference on the following topics: Historical patterns of Power, Functioning of Power, Tribal Influence on the Power Structure, Economic Power and the Power Structure, and the International Context of the Power Structure. An international group of scholars in the field of Iranian Studies, representing a variety of disciplines in the social sciences will participate in the Conference.

Further information concerning the Conference may be obtained from either Professor Amin Banani, Department of Near Eastern Languages, UCLA, Los Angeles, California 90024, or the Secretary to the Society.

Harvard Chapter Meets to Hear Professor Lamberg-Karlovsky

The SIS Chapter at Harvard met on January 11, for a dinner reception and a presentation by Professor C. C. Lamberg-Karlovsky on his team's discovery of Kermania two years ago. This dramatic discovery of the city and its relics took place near Kerman at the site of a hill, known locally as Tappe Yahya, where a team of Harvard and Radcliffe students were excavating for the traces of Alexander's expedition in Iran.

Professor Lamberg-Karlovsky is heading another team this summer for the third year to complete his work at that site. The Spring issue of Iranian Studies will contain an article by Professor Karlovsky and some photographs of the site.

Iranian Studies

The next issue of Iranian Studies, the Society's Bulletin, is scheduled to appear in the Spring.