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1986 Annual Meeting of SIS/MESA

The 1986 Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the Twentieth Anniversary Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Boston, MA from November 19-23, 1986. The meetings will be at the Boston Sheraton Hotel, where rooms will be available at special prices for those attending the meetings.

Both the banquet and the reception will take place in the Modern Art Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday, November 22. The banquet will feature Boston's well-known fresh seafood. Special buses will go from the hotel to the museum.

The Autumn 1986 SIS Newsletter will include details of the programs, including the Society meetings and panel presentations.

We look forward to seeing many of you here in November. Why not plan to stay for a few more days and enjoy a New England Thanksgiving?

1986 Election Results

The following members were elected to three-year terms on the SIS Council, replacing Peter Chelkowski, Guity Nashat and Ehsan Yarshater:

Abbas Amanat, Yale University
Muriel Atkin, The George Washington University
Afsaneh Najmabadi, Harvard University

Announcements

THE FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES' annual prize of $1000 for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies has been awarded to Dr. Anne H. Betteridge for her dissertation entitled "Ziarat: Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Shiraz," submitted to the Department of Anthropology of the University of Chicago in March, 1985.

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ISLAMIC TEACHING MATERIALS PROJECT -- The purpose of the project is to improve the quality and breadth of undergraduate course offerings in American colleges and universities by providing thoroughly-researched, concise and conveniently-formatted teaching aids on aspects of Islamic civilization to supplement existing curricula in art, architecture, comparative literature, religion, history, geography, archaeology, anthropology, and political science. In
addition, it will provide the materials and guidelines needed to develop a comprehensive course in Islamic civilization from the 7th century to the present. The project is sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies and supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The director of the project is Dr. Herbert L. Bodman, Jr., Professor of Islamic History, 554 Hamilton Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/962-2115.

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THE FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES announces a prize of $1000 for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies. All students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1985 and July 1, 1986 are eligible to apply for the 1986 prize. Dissertations must be nominated by the author's advisor with a letter of acceptance for the degree accompanying the dissertation.

Applicants for the 1986 award should submit 2 copies of the dissertation to:
   The Secretary
   Foundation for Iranian Studies
   1201 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
   Washington, DC 20016

The deadline is August 30, 1986.

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1986 MALCOM H. KERR DISSERTATION AWARDS -- All students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1985 and July 1, 1986 are eligible to apply for the 1986 prizes. Dissertations must be nominated by the author's sponsor or advisor, with a letter of acceptance for the degree accompanying the manuscript. The applicant must specify the category for which he or she is applying: humanities or social sciences.

Only one copy of the dissertation need be submitted, although 2 or 3 copies will facilitate reading by the committee. The copies will be returned. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting in Boston. The winner of each category receives $500.

Applicants for the 1986 awards should submit copies of their dissertations to:
   MESA Secretariat
   Department of Oriental Studies
   University of Arizona
   Tucson, AZ 85721

The deadline for submission is August 1, 1986, although it is best to send the copies as early as possible.

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IRANIAN STUDIES invites papers (reports on research or "think pieces" on a variety of topics) for a 1986 or 1987 special issue devoted to IRANIAN EXILES. The papers should be typed double-spaced, using IS style, not exceeding 30 pages. Authors should submit 3 copies and a 150-200 word abstract to:
   Agha Fathi
   Department of Sociology
   University of Calgary
   25090 University Drive NW
   Calgary, Alberta
   Canada T2N 1N4

News About SIS Members

ANNEMARIE SCHIMMEL, Professor of Indo-Muslim Culture at Harvard University, is to receive an honorary doctorate in Divinity from the University of Uppsala, Sweden. The degree recognizes her outstanding scholarship on Islamic mysticism.

MICHAEL HILLMAN has been promoted to Full Professor by the University of Texas at Austin.

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Recent Books on Iran
(* Books by SIS members.)


*FINDING HOSEYN. By Colin Mackinnon. Arbor House, 1985. $15.95. (A novel which received very good reviews.)


