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SUBMISSION PROCESS OF ABSTRACTS FOR ANNUAL MESA CONFERENCE

In response to the concern of SIS members regarding abstract submissions for the MESA Annual conference, the following are excerpts from guidelines published by the MESA Secretariat. These guidelines were followed in the 1989 review process, and will be followed in the future:

"When an abstract comes in it is first checked for completeness -- that is, whether all the proper forms are filled out, memberships are current, and registration fees are enclosed. It is then given a chronological number and a discipline code, and all pertinent information is entered into a database (from which the program and the badges are generated later on). Preorganized submissions are given both panel numbers and individual abstract numbers and entered in much the same way -- as are workshops and chair and discussant applications... The program chairs receive a copy of each paper; the third copy is sent to a member of the committee according to discipline. Submissions are blind-read by the committee members, meaning that they do not know the identity of the authors of the abstracts [bolded by MESA]. The readers are given three weeks in which to read and rate them according to the standards set up by the Board of Directors. They are looking for scholarly

papers with a strong, focused hypothesis; clear goals and methodology; well organized research data; specified sources; and convincing, coherent conclusions. The committee then meets for two full days to discuss all the submissions, and selects individual papers, preorganized panels, and workshops for inclusion in the program. Accepted individual abstracts are then formed into panels and given a title. Chairs/discussants are assigned to panels from the pool of chair forms received. Possible chairs and discussants are suggested for panels for which there was no match. An account of the results of the selection process is sent back to the Secretariat, at which time letters of acceptance or rejection are sent out. Panels are then assigned days and times and the Preliminary Program Newsletter is sent out..."

1989 ELECTION RESULTS

The following members have been elected to three-year terms on the Society for Iranian Studies Council:

Anne Betteridge,
University of Arizona

Fatemeh Moghadam,
Hofstra University

Gernot L. Windfuhr,
University of Michigan

Special thanks and appreciation to the outgoing members, Ali Banuazizi, Juan Cole, and Shahla Haeri for their contributions to the Society.

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE Nov. 10-13, 1990

SIS Activities

The Society for Iranian Studies will hold its annual meeting November 10-13, 1990 in conjunction with the MESA meeting at the Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. The SIS Council Luncheon Meeting will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th in Room 209. The Annual Business Meeting will take place on November 10th from 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. in Room 208.

News About Members

Prof. Hooshang Amirahmadi's new book on *Revolution and Economic Transition: The Iranian Experience*, is forthcoming from the State University of New York Press in late summer, 1990. His most recent journal articles include: "Universalism in Planning Education: Toward an Interactive Pedagogy," in *Ekistics*; and "Economic Reconstruction of Iran: Costing the War Damage," in *Third World Quarterly*. Professor Amirahmadi received a \$37,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education for the 1989-90 academic year to expand Middle Eastern Studies education at Rutgers and throughout the state. In April, 1990, he was an invited participant in a conference in Stockholm, Sweden, on the Medium-Term Economic Growth Prospects for the Third World.

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Authority in Islam: From the Rise of Muhammad to the Establishment of the Umayyads, by Hamid Dabashi, published by Transaction Publishers, has been named the most outstanding book in Philosophy and Religion in the Fourteenth Annual Professional and Scholarly Book Awards sponsored by the Association of American Publishers.

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

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Philip Lozinski has recently published "The Transfer of Mithraic Iconography from Central Asia to Rome," The International Congress of the History of Art, Washington, 1986, in *World Art: Themes of Unity and Diversity*, Vol. 1 (University Park, Pa., 1989), pp. 99-110. Offprints are available from the author, P.O. Box 3097, Westport, MA. 02790.

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Manoucher Parvin gave the presidential address of the Middle East Economic Association at its recent annual meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia. In his speech he reviewed the history of the development of Middle East economics as a field of study as well as the origin and development of this international organization which he led from 1985-1989.

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In June, 1989 Dr. G. Samarbaksh completed a doctoral dissertation in Social Anthropology at the University of Paris entitled "The Socio-Political Mutations in Contemporary Iran." This dissertation includes an annotated bibliography of approximately 100 pages on recent Iranian socio-anthropological questions which has been published separately by Paris University. In addition, Dr. Samarbaksh has also published a monograph on statistical and social problems in the Middle East (Paris University, February, 1990).

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Niloofar Shambayati, a Ph.D. Candidate in history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is working on a dissertation entitled, "The Structure and Dynamics of Iranian Politics, 1919-1925."

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After completing a dissertation entitled, "Soviet Azerbaijan and Comparative Institutional Development in the Soviet Southern Tier," Dr. James Joseph Sanchez created the Asia Pacific Database, which now has 150000 records and is available through Dialog Information Services as File 30. The Asia Pacific Database, which includes over 5000 records on Iran, covers business, economics, technological innovation and new industries of the Pacific Rim nations, South Asia, the Middle East, Australia and the Pacific Island nations. For further information, write to Asia Pacific Database, P.O. Box 12625, Tucson, AZ 85732.

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T.A. Sinclair, of Birmingham University, Great Britain, has published *Eastern Turkey: An Architectural and Archaeological Survey*, 4 vols. (Pindar Press, 66, Lyncroft Gardens, London NW6 1JY, England). He is also working on a thesis at the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham, entitled, "The Administration of the Lake Van Region under the Kara Koyunlu in the Second Half of the 14th Century A.D."

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ARTS AND MUSIC OF IRAN

NAME-YE SHAYDA - SHAYDA CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC CENTER

A new cultural center named the Shayda Cultural and Artistic Center has been formed in an attempt to reactivate the original Chavouch Institute of Arts and the "Shayda Group" which was formed in Iran in 1975. The Shayda Cultural and Artistic Center has produced a series of cassette tape recordings. Other activities of the center include setting up an automated tape archive of traditional music of Iran. A Bulletin is also being published in English and Persian.

COMPUTER THEFT IN SIS OFFICE

In April, 1990 the computer at the SIS office at the Middle East Institute, Columbia University was stolen. Since all SIS data was stored in this computer, it has taken some time to retrieve addresses and updated material. However, it is impossible to know whether we caught all the renewals and address changes. If you have any problems regarding addresses, receiving the Journal or Newsletter, or Membership status, please notify us as soon as possible.

The computer theft has also delayed the publication of the *Roster of Members* as well as the new issue of the *Journal*. We ask for your patience, and hope that both publications will be completed shortly.

The center is in the process of publishing various articles written by foreign researchers about the ancient music of Iran. These articles will be published in the near future. If you can assist in this endeavor, or are interested in subscribing to the Bulletin or purchasing tapes, write to: Shayda Cultural and Artistic Center, 19336 Montgomery Village Ave. #111, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

Concerts

Sunday, May 6th, The Rouhollah Khaleghi Orchestra, The Triplex, Borough of Manhattan, Performing Arts Center, New York, N.Y.

On March 3, 1990, Chakavak Ensemble, under the supervision of Ms. Shahla Nikfal, performed at Rosemont College in Philadelphia.

The Shayda and Aref Ensembles, under the direction of Hossein Alizadeh, will perform in Germany, England, The Netherlands and Austria this spring.

Mr. Reza Derakhshani will perform at the Festival of the Music of Nations, sponsored by The World Center for Folk Music.

On May 5, 1990 Mohammad Reza Lotfi performed themes from Iranian traditional music at the University of California, Berkeley. Lida Saeedian, Partou Houshmand-rad, Ali Farasat and Majd Karimi also participated in

this concert.

On June 19, Mohammad Reza Lotfi performed at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington, D.C. in a concert devoted to Iranian classical music.

Exhibitions

Metropolitan Museum of Art, May 24-January 6, 1991, an exhibition of Islamic glass entitled "Glass Gathers."

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington, D.C. -- on view for an extended period, "Variations on a Script: Islamic Calligraphy from the Vever Collection." Continuing exhibition, "Nomads and Nobility: Art from the Ancient Near East."

Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio, "Romance of the Taj Mahal," April 28-June 24, 1990.

Call for Papers College Art Association

Annual Meeting of the College Art Association, Washington, D.C., February 21-23, 1991. Those interested in participating in a panel entitled "Court and Commerce: Original Contexts for Oriental Carpets," please contact Carol Bier, Textile Museum, 2320 South St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of California at Berkeley announces a position for an Assistant Professor in Persian Literature, effective July 1, 1991. Individuals with superior qualifications may be considered for Associate or Full Professor. Ph.D. in either medieval or modern Persian literature is required. Fluency in spoken Persian and in English is essential, as is demonstrable competence in the fields of Persian language, culture and history. Familiarity with the disciplinary areas of literary theory and criticism and the ancillary cultural areas of Islamic history and Arabic language and literature is highly desirable. Within the general specialization in Persian literature, all critical approaches qualify for consideration. Applications must be received by October 31, 1990 by the Chair, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Persian Journal *Ayandeh*

Vol 15, No. 3-5 of the Persian journal *Ayandeh* is now available. All inquiries should be addressed to the editor, P.O. Box 19575-583, Niyavaran, Tehran, Iran.

Center for Iranian Studies

The ongoing projects of the Center - the Tabari Translation Project, the publication of the definitive edition of the *Shahnameh*, the publication of the Columbia Lectures in Iranian Studies, and the publications of the *Bibliotheca Persica* - have been progressing on schedule.

The third year of the Seminars in Iranian Studies continued this Spring with Professor Peter Chelkowski of New York University, Professor David Stonach of UC-Berkeley, Professor Roy Mottahe-deh of Harvard University, and Dr. Karen Robinson.

The Center also co-sponsored two lectures by the Academician Bos Litvinsky of Tajikistan in February at New York University's Fine Arts Institution.

To date, seventeen volumes of the Tabari Translation Project have been published by SUNY Press and it is expected that four of the nine volumes currently in press will also be published by the end of Spring 1990. Since January the center has begun to publish its own Newsletter, edited by Jennifer Rose.

International Centre for Islamic Studies -- Academic Council

The Board of Governors of the International Centre for Islamic Studies, on the successful completion of its first five years in August, 1989, has decided to set up an Academic Council with a view to broadening its activities. Membership of the Academic Council will be conferred on those scholars and writers who have made significant contributions to any aspect of Islam and the Muslim world. The Centre will compile a directory of members of the Academic Council which will list the names and addresses of Council members and their fields of activities. From January, 1990 the Centre will publish a News Bulletin

highlighting the activities of the Council members. For further information, write to The Academic Council, International Centre for Islamic Studies (ICIS), ICIS House, 144-146 King's Cross Road, London WC1X 9DH, Great Britain.

COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS

Fulbright Scholar Program Research of Lecturing Awards are available in individual countries of the Middle East and North Africa for periods of 3-10 months during the 1991-92 academic year. Up to 25 awards may be funded for research and/or lecturing in areas including, but not limited to, archaeology, area studies, anthropology, language and literature, international relations, library science, folklore, and ancient and modern history. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have advanced degree and/or evidence of substantive accomplishments in their academic or professional field. Appropriate language proficiency is required for research awards; Arabic or French is required for some lecturing awards, though English is generally sufficient. Awards provide a maintenance stipend for living expenses of the scholar and family, plus travel for one or two persons, depending on the duration of the grant. Deadline for receipt of applications is August 1. Information and applications are available from: CIES, 3400 International Dr., N.W., Suite M-500, Washington, D.C. 20008-3097.

Vladimir G. Lukonin Memorial Fund - Appeal

Vladimir Lukonin, who died in 1984 at the early age of 52, was a

distinguished Russian scholar who specialized in the art, archaeology and history of ancient Iran and Central Asia. In 1964 he became Head of the Oriental Department at the State Hermitage in Leningrad, a post which he held until his death. He was mainly interested in the Parthian and Sasanian periods, and in many books and articles he made significant contributions to this subject. The purpose of the Vladimir G. Lukonin Memorial Fund, which will be administered by the British Academy, is to foster and encourage Ancient Iranian studies in the most effective possible way. Grants and scholarships would be open to both younger and established scholars of any nationality. Those wishing to make donations to the fund should contact: The Finance Officer, The British Academy, 20-21 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4PQ, Great Britain.

EURAMES ESTABLISHED

A European Association for Middle East Studies (to be known as EURAMES) has now been established. Its objective is to foster cooperation among European scholars working in this field. At a meeting which was held in Oxford on December 13, it was agreed that the Constitutional Convention of the projected organization would take place during the AFEMAM-BRISMES Conference in Paris, July 9-11, 1990. It was agreed that Professor Andre Raymond would chair the Constitutional Convention in Paris.

New Madrasa in Baku

A new madrasa, the only one in Transcaucasia, has recently been opened in Baku. It is situated next to the Taza Pir mosque. Twenty

students from Azerbaijan and Georgia have already been enrolled. The Rector of the madrasa is Haji Ahmed Abasov. The curriculum includes the basic Islamic subjects as well as Arabic, Persian and English. The course lasts five years.

Association for the Advancement of Central Asian Studies

AACAR would like to invite SIS members to join. The association, now in its second year, was founded by H.B. Paksoy, Eden Naby, Richard Frye, and Audrey Alstadt. They currently have 600 members in 40 countries. Membership includes a subscription to the AACAR Bulletin (biannual) and costs \$25. per year. For further information or to join write: Audrey L. Alstadt, Treasurer, AACAR, c/o History Dept., Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley St., New Britain, CT. 06050.

MESA 1990 Dissertation Awards Competition

All students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1989 and July 1, 1990 are eligible to submit entries for the 1990 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Competition. Dissertations must be nominated by the author's sponsor or advisor, with a letter of acceptance for the degree accompanying the manuscript. Applicants should specify either Social Sciences or Humanities as the category for which they are entering, although the Dissertation Committee reserves the right to change the category if they deem it more appropriate. Entrants need to submit only one copy of their manuscript (not the original), but if further copies are available, they would appreciate receiving them too. Winners will

be announced at the 1990 annual meeting in San Antonio. There is a \$500 award for the winning dissertation in each category. Dissertations must be in the hands of the Secretariat (along with the necessary letter of recommendation) by July 1 to be considered. Materials should be sent to: MESA, University of Arizona, 1232 N. Cherry, Tucson, AZ 85721.

The Journal of Islamic Studies

The *Journal of Islamic Studies* is scheduled to issue its first publication in April, 1990. Published by Oxford University Press for the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, St. Cross College, Oxford, the Journal will contain articles and book reviews by leading scholars bringing their diverse perspectives and expertise to bear on a wide range of subjects. For details on subscribing, write: Journals Subscription Dept., Oxford University Press, Pinkhill House, Southfield Road, Eynsham, Oxford OX8 1JJ.

Annenberg Research Institute

The Annenberg Research Institute of Philadelphia announces the publication of a new journal, *Tarikh*, devoted to the history and culture of the ancient and Islamic Near East. It will appear twice yearly, and will publish articles and book reviews relating to these topics. The first issue will appear in the spring of 1990. Contributions should be typewritten, with wide margins, and double spaced (including footnotes). Manuscripts may also be submitted on computer disk written in WordPerfect, Notabene, Wordmill or Multi-Lingual Scholar. Contributions should be sent to: Bernard Lewis, Editor,

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Conferences and Seminars

Middle East Studies Association Conference

MESA will hold its twenty-fourth annual meeting at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel and San Antonio Convention Center, November 10-13, 1990. The Center for Middle Eastern Studies of the University of Texas at Austin will be the host. The program will feature 75 panels, 60 book exhibits, art exhibits, film program, special sessions and a gala evening featuring Southwestern food and festivities. To receive information and registration forms on the annual meeting, information on the book exhibit, or for information on membership in MESA, write to: Middle East Studies Association, 1232 N. Cherry Avenue, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. Telephone: 602-621-5850.

The Legacy of Medieval Persian Sufism

A three-day international conference on classical Persian sufism will be held December 5-7, 1990 at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for analysis of classical Persian sufism, enabling leading scholars, literary historians, and specialists to present their views and give a balanced assessment of this important period. All those interested in the mystical dimension of the literary and intellectual culture of classical Islam are invited to participate. Among the speakers are Prof. S.H. Nasr,

George Washington University; Prof. A. Schimmel, Harvard University; Prof. W.C. Chittick, Stony Brook, Prof. J.W. Morris, Oberlin College; Prof. R.J. Austin, Durham; Dr. J.A. Gross, Trenton State College; Dr. I.R. Netton, Exeter; and Prof. H. Norris, SOAS.

SOAS SPRING LECTURES

Among the spring lectures sponsored by the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London are the following: March 16, Prof. C.E. Bosworth, "Farrukhi's Elegy on Mahmoud of Ghazna: Historical Setting and Literary Significance;" April 27, Dr. Ronald Ferrier, "Safavids and Europeans," May 18, Prof. A.K.S. Lambton, "Qum: The Evolution of a Mediaeval City."

Christian-Muslim Encounter - Hartford Seminary

Hartford Seminary, in cooperation with Saint Joseph College, Trinity College, and the University of Hartford, is presenting a conference entitled "Christian-Muslim Encounter" on the campus of Hartford Seminary, Thursday through Saturday, June 7-9, 1990. Speakers include Dr. Annemarie Schimmel, Harvard University, "Maulana Rumi's Use of Symbols from the Christian Tradition," and Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University, "Theoretical Considerations Concerning the Encounter of Traditions, Concentrating on Christianity and Islam."

Women and War in the Middle East: Challenges and Choices

A symposium on "Women and War in the Middle East" took place at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey on Saturday, March 24, 1990. The conference was divided into two parts: "Women as Participants" and "Women on the Home Front- War and Post War." Among the participants were: Miriam Cooke, Duke University, "Impact of War on Gender Representation: The Lebanese Case;" Amira Dotan, Brigadier General, Reserves, Israeli Defense Force, "An Israeli Perspective on Women and War;" Sarah Roy, MIT, "Women in the Intifada;" Jennifer Freedman, SUNY Binghamton, "Iraqi Women, 1979-1989;" Muna Bahry, University of Baghdad, "The Changing Role of Women in Iraq;" Erica Friedl, Western Michigan University, "Iranian Women, 1979-1989;" and Fatemeh Moghadam, Hofstra University, "Women, Revolution and War in Iran."

Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies - Seminar Series

The Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University launched a new seminar series during the spring semester entitled "The Political Economy of Resource Windfalls." The seminar, funded partly by a grant from the Ford Foundation, explored the political and social correlates of the phenomenon of the "Dutch Disease" in the setting of the petroleum producing countries of the Middle East. Among the papers were the following:

Don Babai, CMES Research Associate and Assistant Prof. of Government, Smith College, "The Dutch Disease in the Middle East: Problems of Explanation;" Alan Gelb, World Bank, "A Comparative Study of the Oil Windfalls and their Political and Economic Consequences," Dr. Jahangir Amuzegar, International Monetary Fund, "Oil and Development in Iran - A Retrospective Look;" Prof. Jill Crystal, University of Michigan, "Oil and State Formation in Kuwait;" and Prof. Vahid Nowshirvani, Columbia University, "Iranian Agriculture: The Impact of Oil and Revolution."

Vladimir Lukonin Memorial Lecture

The first Vladimir Lukonin Memorial Lecture was given at the British Museum on July 4, 1989 by Academician B.B. Piotrovsky, Director of the Heritage State Museum, Leningrad. Professor Piotrovsky spoke on "Ancient Iran and the Caucasus", with special reference to the culture of the South Caucasus in the Early and Middle Bronze Ages. He gave an account of the finds made during the excavations of the Trialeti tumuli in Georgia by B.A. Kuftin in 1936-40.

Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi: His Life and Times

The Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society was founded in 1977 to promote a greater understanding of the work of Ibn Arabi and his followers. It is an international association, with its headquarters in Oxford, and with branches in Turkey, the U.S. and Australia. The seventh annual symposium of the Society, which took place March 22-25 in Oxford, was a special celebration commemorating the 750th anniversary of

the death of Ibn Arabi. For more information, contact: The Secretary, Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society, 23 Oakthorpe Rd., Oxford OX2 7BD.

33 International Congress of Asian and North African Studies

The Congress will take place on the campus of the University of Toronto from August 19-25. The program theme, "Contacts between Cultures," encourages the examination of the interactions between different regional traditions within Asia as well as between the Orient and the West. In addition to paper presentations, there will be a series of forums open to the general public which will feature panels including writers, architects and composers discussing East-West influences and "modern" styles in current work in the creative arts. Pre-registration will be approx. \$100 U.S. It entitles participants to certain publications, social and cultural events, and to unlimited travel during the Congress on public subways, streetcars and buses throughout metropolitan Toronto. For further information, write: Congress Secretariat, 33 ICANAS, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1K7, Canada.

Fourth International Conference on Central Asia

Jointly sponsored by the University of Wisconsin and the Association of Central Asian Studies the conference will be held from September 27-30 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Environmental Issues in Central Asia

Indiana University is planning to

hold an international conference on Environmental Issues in Central Asia on July 14-19, 1990. The conference will focus on the interface between the natural and social sciences, and will provide the Soviet participants with an opportunity to compare their problems, perceptions of problems, tried remedies and policy approaches with counterparts from other countries. The conference will focus on the well-established range of environmental problems in the area of Soviet Central Asia, and spend some time defining what is known and understood about the extent of these and the processes involved. The conference will look at local and national recognition of the problems and the policy response to them. For further information, contact Professor Randal Baker, Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies, Indiana Univ., Goodbody Hall 343, Bloomington, IN 47405.

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