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Voted in this election, only 10 were students (and hence qualified to vote for the student representative). Since they each garnered five votes, we have decided to allow both to share the representative job.

Council members whose terms expire this year are Beatrice Manz at Tufts University and Hossein Ziai at UCLA. We wish to thank them for the time and energy they have devoted to SIS during their tenure in office.

The remaining Council members are Janet Afary, Purdue University; George Bournoutian, Iona College; Layla Diba, Brooklyn Art Museum; Mary Elaine Hegland, Santa Clara University; Farhad Kazemi, NYU; and Hamid Naficy, Rice University.

SAIDISIRJANI MEMORIAL AWARD
The Society for Iranian Studies announces the establishment of an award to honor the memory of the late writer and scholar Ali-Akbar Saidi-Sirjani. The Saidi-Sirjani Memorial Award will be given each year for a published book in English, French, German, or Persian in the field of Iranian Studies, inclusive of all disciplines and time periods. It includes a Certificate of Award and a prize of three thousand United States dollars.

The Society’s Executive Committee has appointed a committee consisting of Professors Ali Banuazizi, William Hanaway, Jr., and Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak to assist in soliciting and processing applications, and appointing adjudicating committees.
Nominations may be made by authors, publishers, or interested members of the society. To be nominated for the award in any given
year, the nominating letter or proposal and two copies of the published work must be received at the SIS office by May 31 of the year following publication (for books published in 1995, for instance, the deadline is May 31, 1996). Please send nominations to The Saidi-Sirjani Memorial Award c/o the Society Secretariat (return address for this newsletter) at the University of Washington.

The society also invites donations for this newly-established award for which we have opened a separate bank account. You may send donations in any amount to SIS (again, to the newsletter return address). Checks should be made payable to “Saidi-Sirjani Book Award.” All donations in the United States are tax deductible.

SIS CONFERENCE DATE SET

SIS is planning to hold its next conference in the Washington, D.C. area in May, 1996. All indications are that the conference will take place toward the beginning of the month. Details will follow, but mark your calendars now!

THANKS TO DONORS

The following members made extra donations to Society for Iranian Studies in the last four months. To all of them we express our thanks. SIS is a tax exempt organization and all donations are deductible.

Reza Amin
Jere L. Bacharach
Olga M. Davidson
Kambiz Dowlatshahi
Manouchehr Faily
Percilla Faily
Mohsen Fardmanesh
William Millward
Mohammad Hossein Mohseni

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS/LIFE MEMBER

We would like to welcome the following people as new members of SIS:

Reza Amin
Fakhreddin Azimi
R.A. Bekius
Kambiz Dowlatshahi
Manouchehr Faily
Percilla Faily
May Farhat
Reza Farzad
Chad Kia
Ali Keshavarzian
Mohammad Hossein Mohseni
Michael Rubin
Gerrard Sables
Mariana Samani-Khoury
Farhad Shirzad
Jalil Shoraka
Hadi Sultan-Qurraie

New Life Member:
Brad Hanson

The membership of the Society now stands at 290, up almost 100 from the number in January. We would still like to have 400 members by year’s end. This number would put the Society on a much firmer financial footing. Current members with students interested in Iranian studies should encourage them to join SIS. We have very few student members and membership at $18 is a real bargain! For a membership brochure, contact Charlotte Albright c/o the return address.

Many thanks are due Janet Afary, Hassanali Mehran, and Houchang Chehabi, who have gone to great lengths to recruit new members to the Society. Their efforts are deeply appreciated!
PUBLICA TION UPDATE

Since the last SIS News went to press in late January, Numbers 3-4 of Volume 26 (1993) of Iranian Studies was mailed to you. Editor Abbas Amanat and his assistants Amin Neshati and Michael Rubin have logged many hours getting Volume 27 (1994) ready for press. This volume is a special issue entitled “Religion and Statecraft in Pre-Modern Iran” and was guest-edited by Said Amir Arjomand. This issue is approximately 200 pages long and includes articles by Said A. Arjomand, Margaret Malamud, Jamal J. Elias, Lawrence G. Potter, Rula Jurdi Abissaab, Rosemary Stanfield Johnson, Kathryn Babayan, and Ernest Tucker, and in addition 20 book reviews. Volume 27 is in press and should reach you in early summer. Abbas Amanat plans to begin immediately to edit Volume 28 (1995) with the aim of publishing this volume by year’s end.

At the Secretariat we have been putting together an SIS Roster of Members for 1995. This publication is ready for final editing. We hope to send it to the printers in June and have it to members by August. We are also preparing a membership brochure which we will use to invite people to join the Society.

CLINTON’S EXECUTIVE ORDER

As most readers will know, President Clinton issued an executive order on May 8, 1995, “prohibiting certain transactions with respect to Iran.” Although we are not an organization that lobbies, we should be informed of some aspect of this order since they will impact our dealings with SIS members and others living in Iran.

The pertinent portions of the order are as follows:

Section 1: The Following are prohibited:
(a) the importation into the United States, or the financing of such importation, of any goods or services of Iranian origin, other than Iranian-origin publications and materials imported for news publications or news broadcast dissemination;
(b) ...the exportation from the United States to Iran, the Government of Iran, or to any entity owned or controlled by the government of Iran, or the financing of such exportation, of any goods, technology (including technical data or other information subject to the Export Administration Regulations...).

Gary Sick at Columbia University has created an email list and has kept a large number of scholars around the country informed as to what this means for scholars and scholarly exchange between the U.S. and Iran. Here are some of his conclusions (and the following are quotes):
1. It is very clear that the payment of an honorarium to anyone in Iran will be prohibited. That means that Iranian scholars cannot be even modestly reimbursed for scholarly contributions to books, encyclopedias, journals, newspapers, or other media.
3. It is not at all clear who will be permitted to travel [to Iran], for what purpose, and under what circumstances. If travel is restricted to full-time journalists, as in the Cuban case, that will be little comfort to scholars and American residents with relatives in Iran.

The same is true of personal remittances to friends or family in Iran. They will probably be permitted in principle, but the circumstances may be so circumscribed as to make it difficult or impossible in practice. (End of quote)

The reason that there is still uncertainty surrounding some of these issues is that the details of the Order are being worked out as your editor writes. By the time you receive this, the details should be known. In the meantime, the Society will refrain from taking payment
AIIS ANNOUNCES DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

The American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIS) awards up to $2,500 annually for research on any aspect of Iranian history and civilization in any discipline. Applicants must be enrolled at an AIIS member institution (see below) and have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. degree except the dissertation. Application forms may be obtained by writing to: The Secretary, AIIS, Univ. of Pennsylvania Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6398.

Completed application forms for the current cycle should be submitted to the Secretary by September 30, 1995. In addition to the application form, applicants should submit a copy of their dissertation proposal, a timetable for completion of the research including an explanation of how the money would be used, a curriculum vitae and transcript, and names and addresses of two referees (one of whom should be the dissertation advisor).

Founded in 1967, AIIS is a consortium of educational and cultural institutions. It represents institutional interests in the field of Iranian Studies, promotes the field in North America and facilitates research abroad. The Institute is a member of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. From the fall of 1969 to the fall of 1979, AIIS maintained an overseas research center in Tehran. It remains committed to reopening that center and/or other centers elsewhere in Persian-speaking areas of West Central Asia at the earliest possible time. AIIS members currently include the Universities of Arizona, California (at Berkeley and Los Angeles), Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas (at Austin), Utah, and Washington, and Columbia, Harvard, New York, Ohio State, Princeton, and Washington Universities, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Royal Ontario Museum, and the Smithsonian Institution.

FIS ANNOUNCES ANNUAL PRIZE

The Foundation for Iranian Studies announces its annual prize of $1,000 for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies. Students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995 are eligible to apply for the 1995 prize. Dissertations must be nominated by the author's advisor and be accompanied by the letter of acceptance of the dissertation committee.

Applicants for the 1995 award should submit two copies of the dissertation to: Secretary, Foundation for Iranian Studies, 4343 Montgomery Ave., Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814. Deadline for submissions is August 1, 1995.

ISMAIL KHOI TO TOUR U.S. AND CANADA

Iranian poet Ismail Khoi, who currently lives in London, will be on a poetry-reading tour in the U.S. and Canada in the months of June and July. He will be reading his poems in Washington, D.C., Austin, Houstin, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, Vancouver B.C., and Toronto. His trip has been occasioned by the publication of a translation into English of selections of his poetry by Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak and Michael Beard. This book is being published by Blue Moon Press in Los Angeles and will be offered for sale at the readings. Persons interested in specific details of Mr. Khoi's itinerary could contact Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak at (206) 543-7145 or by email at <karimi@u.washington.edu>.

PAST CONFERENCE

The Department of Economics and Finance at Montclair State University sponsored a one-day conference entitled "Economic Development in Post-Revolutionary Iran" on March 3, 1995. Speakers included Javad Salehi Esfahani,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Gholam Azarbayejani, World Bank; Michael Nightingale, World Bank; Hooshang Amirahmadi, Rutgers University; and Jahangir Amuzegar. For the proceedings of these and two earlier conferences held in 1992 and 1993, contact Kamrouz Pirouz, Department of Economics and Finance, Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 Tel. (210) 893-5255.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES
The Middle East Economic Association will hold its sixteenth annual meeting January 5-7, 1996 in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the Allied Social Science Associations. You may contact Fatemeh Moghadam, Executive Secretary, Department of Economics, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550-1090 Tel. (516) 463-6010, for details of this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW ASSOCIATION IMMINENT
A committee composed of Cyrus Behroozi, Indiana University at Indianapolis; Anne Betteridge of the Middle East Studies Association; Hamid Dabashi, Columbia University; Nazif Shahrani, Indiana University at Bloomington; Akbar Turanzod, Tajikistan Academy of Sciences; and Said A. Arjomand, SUNY at Stony Brook are working on the bylaws of an organization to be called the International Association for the Study of Persian-speaking Societies. The group will move to incorporation of this association in the near future. For information, contact Said A. Arjomand at SUNY Stony Brook, Department of Sociology, Stony Brook, NY 11794-4356 Tel. (515) 632-7746.

NEWS OF PUBLICATIONS
Recent Publications in English:


Zubaida, Sami and Richard Tapper, eds. *Culinary Cultures of the Middle East.*

**Recent Publications in Persian:**
The following list of publications in Persian was kindly provided by Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi. We owe him a debt of gratitude for undertaking the task of transliterating these titles into Latin script!

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