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NEW TREASURER OF SIS

I am pleased to announce that Professor Vahid Noshirvani has accepted the Executive Committee's offer to become the next Treasurer of the Society for Iranian Studies, replacing Professor Jere Bacharach who has carried the burden of this important position for the past five years. Professor Noshirvani (B.S., Cambridge University in engineering; Ph.D., MIT in economics) was Associate Professor of Economics at Yale from 1968 to 1972, Professor of Economics at Tehran University from 1972 to 1983, and Senior Lecturer of Economics at Columbia University from 1988 until Present. He has been a member of the editorial board of *Iranian Studies* from 1988 to 1995.

He is the author of many articles on Iranian economic history, including "The Beginnings of Commercialized Agriculture in Iran" (in *The Islamic Middle East, 700-1900: Studies in*

Economic and Social History, ed. A. L. Udovitch, Princeton, 1981, pp. 547-591), and articles in *Encyclopaedia Iranica* on "Commerce in the Pahlavi and Post-Pahlavi Periods" (vol. 6, pp. 75-89) and "Economy in the Islamic Republic" (vol. 8, fasc. 2).

He has been one of the most active fund-raisers for SIS in the past 30 years, and is a member of the Fund-Raising Committee of the Society.

Let us all join in welcoming Professor Noshirvani to the Board.

Kambiz Eslami

NEW ISSUE OF IRANIAN STUDIES

Iranian Studies, volume 29, numbers 3-4 (Summer/Fall 1996) was published in June and was sent to all members. It includes articles by Shahrouh Akhavi, Ann Elizabeth Mayer, Guive Mirfendereski, Vera Moreen, and John Walbridge. The *Reviews* section of the journal contains twenty book reviews by Janet Afary, Houri Berberian, M. Neil Browne and Melanie Myers, Khalil Dokhanchi, M.R. Ghanoonparvar, Amir Hassanpour, Lee Horne, J.E. Knörzer, Rudi Matthee, Mohsen Milani, John Nawas, Andrew Newman, John Perry, Michael Rubin, James Russell, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, Asghar Schirazi, Brian Spooner, Ronald Grigor Suny, and Arnoud Vrolijk.

Two double issues of volume 30 (nos. 1-2: special issue on the Iranian diaspora; nos. 3-4: special issue on Iranian literature of the last two decades) are scheduled to come out in October and December of this year, bringing the Journal's publication date current.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Second Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies

May 22-24, 1998, Bethesda
Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD

Sponsored by
The Society for Iranian Studies (SIS)
and
The American Institute of
Iranian Studies (AIIS)

Conference Conveners:
Ali Banuazizi (SIS President-Elect)
Michael Bonine (AIIS President)

Program Committee:
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Abbas Amanat
Said Amir Arjomand
Anne Betteridge
Nader Entessar
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In order to promote scholarly investigations of all areas of Iranian studies broadly conceived, the American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIS) and the Society for Iranian Studies (SIS) are jointly organizing the Second Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, to be held in Bethesda, Maryland, May 22-24, 1998. It is hoped that the proposed conference will result in the widest possible gathering yet of scholars working on all areas of Iranian Studies, in all academic disciplines covering all historical periods. The Washington, D. C. area has been selected as the site of the Conference because of its centrality and in order

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to emphasize the continuity of this conference with the previous one held in May 1993.

After preliminary discussions, representatives of AIIS and SIS met last June in Bethesda, Maryland to further discuss the conference structure and finalize plans for the site, the accommodations and other details. Bethesda Hyatt Regency (see address and contact numbers below) was selected as the site of the conference. Thanks to Professor Yarshater's efforts the contract has now been signed with the hotel, which will enable colleagues to make reservations early enough to ensure they can take advantage of the highly discounted rates.

Efforts have been undertaken to ensure the diversity and inclusiveness of the various facets of Iranian Studies, the plurality of research approaches and methodologies, and to enlist the cooperation of scholars residing in Europe, Iran, and elsewhere. To achieve those goals, a program committee has been set up to review the abstracts submitted. (see Call for Papers inserts)

Panels will cover all aspects of Iranian studies, including established academic disciplines such as art and art history, architecture, contemporary arts and crafts, history, politics and diplomacy, philosophy and religion, languages and literatures, anthropology and folklore studies, economics and economic history, and women's studies. However, panels will not be limited to these, and new areas of investigation and novel approaches to the more traditional fields will receive particular attention. Colleagues are therefore encouraged to submit proposals in all areas of their interest, especially those which they feel have not received deserved attention in past conferences.

Progress reports will be presented at the SIS and AIIS meetings held in conjunction with the November, 1997, MESA Conference in San Francisco,

as well as in the future issues of *SIS News*. A preliminary version of the Conference Proceedings (including a list of prospective panels and papers, exhibitions and other events and activities) will be published in *SIS News* in February 1998 and in the SIS web site. The final Conference program will be available to all the registered participants as part of the registration packet. The Society will also coordinate all efforts to publicize the Conference and ensure the widest possible level of participation by all interested individuals.

The Society for Iranian Studies urges all its members and other scholars to send abstracts of their papers to the Chair of the Program Committee by November 15, 1997. It encourages all individuals interested in attending the conference to register and make reservations as soon as possible. To register, fill in the Registration Form included in this issue of *SIS News* and send it to SIS Executive Secretary, together with a check or money order in the amount of \$25 payable to SIS. To make hotel reservations, contact Hyatt Regency Hotels directly at 1-800-233-1234 or the conference site:

Bethesda Hyatt Regency
One Bethesda Metro Center
Bethesda, MD 20814 U.S.A.
Phone: 301 657-1234
Fax: 301 657-6478

Sixteenth Annual Conference of The Center For Iranian Research & Analysis (CIRA)

April 24-25, 1998, Middle East Studies
Center, Portland State University,
Portland, OR

The Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA) will hold its 16th Annual Conference in association with Portland State University's Middle East Studies Center on April 24-25, 1998 on the campus of Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. The general theme

of the conference is *Iran and the Region: Past, Present and Future Relations with its Neighbors*. In addition to proposals dealing directly with the main theme of the conference, the Program Committee welcomes submissions on all social, political, historical, economic, literary and artistic issues related to Iran, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

The Program Committee welcomes proposals for pre-organized panels and workshops or for individual papers. Please submit an abstract (300-400 words) and title with name and complete address (including e-mail, if available) no later than January 12, 1998. Early submissions are encouraged.

Proposals should be sent to:

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Danesh Institute Second Annual Conference

October 18, 1997, Indiana University
and Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN

The Second Annual Conference of the Danesh Institute has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 1997 at Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis. The conference theme is *Maintaining Iranian Identity Abroad: Issues and Concerns*. The plenary paper will be presented by Dr. Manoucher Parvin of the University of Akron.

For further information contact:

Cyrus Behrooz at
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SIS LOGO



The Executive Committee approved the use of a 4th-5th/9th-10th century Iranian radial pattern as the official logo of the Society. The pattern, reproduced in A. Dawlatshahi's *Naqsh va nigarha-yi Irani bara-yi hunarmandan va sanatgaran* (Tehran : Surush, 1369 [1990], p. 93) is based on the fruit of the Punica granatum plant, pomegranate, which has been considered in Iranian as well as in Islamic traditions a sacred fruit and a symbol of bountifulness and fertility. The motif was first used in a 4th-5th/9th-10th century bronze tray which is now kept in the Hermitage (for a photograph of the tray see *Lost Treasures of Persia* by V. Loukonine and A. Ivanov; Washington D. C. : Mage Publishers, 1996, p. 115).

DISSERTATION IN PROGRESS

Early Shi'ism

Maria Dakake, a graduate student in the Near Eastern Studies Department at Princeton University, is working on a dissertation entitled *Early Shi'ite Group Identity*. The purpose of this work is to determine when the Shi'ite community first developed. Towards this end, Ms. Dakake is studying the basis of individual Shi'ite identity, relations between Shi'ites and the imam, and relations among individual Shiites. She is examining these issues in the context of religious concepts such as *iman* and *kufr*; biographies of individual Shi'ites; and the emergence of Shi'ite law.

Ms. Dakake recently returned from a year of research in Iran, where she was affiliated with the Academy of Philosophy in Tehran. Ms. Dakake reports that her research in Iran was invaluable for her work and urges other students interested in Iranian Studies to seek research opportunities there.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to SIS

Members recruited by

Ahmad Ashraf:
Hossein Adibi
Jamsheed Akrami
Iraj Anvar
Meran Cricket Bauer
M. Ebtehaj
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Abbas Heydari
Ebrahim Kermani
Farhad Khamsi
Ahmad Kooros
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Shokooh Mirzadehi
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Manoucher Parvin
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Farhad Eslami
Thomas Leisten
Priscilla Soucek
Shiva Vakili

Ehsan Yarshater:

Mohsen Ghaemmagham
Mahvash Shahegh Hariri
Oliver Bast
Lawrence A. Franklin
Elahe Nazemoff
Nader Sohrabi

We would like to welcome all new members and thank them and their recruiters for their support. Please continue to tell your colleagues about us and encourage them to join the Society. Prospective members should address their inquiries to Kambiz Eslami, SIS Executive Secretary, at: keslami@phoenix.princeton.edu

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

The Iran Heritage Foundation

The Iran Heritage Foundation is a UK registered charity established in October 1995 to help promote knowledge of the rich cultural heritage of Iran both among students and the academic community at large. The prime focus of projects seeking support should be the Iranian world. The Foundation will consider making grants for:

- research and publication
- conferences and seminars
- lectures and lecture series
- study of Persian language and the literature, history, art, architecture, archaeology and culture of the Iranian world

There is no set application form. Applicants should submit:

- detailed and carefully costed outlines of their project
- plans for publication, if applicable
- two academic letters of reference

Materials must be received by April 15 for consideration in June or November 15 for consideration in January. The Foundation prefers to offer help in the form of matching funds.

If successful, applicants must submit progress and budget reports. The Academic Committee may award grants in installments on completion of specified stages of the project. Recipients of grants must make a formal and prominent acknowledgment of the support which their project has obtained from the Foundation.

Application materials should be sent to:

Academic Committee
Iran Heritage Foundation
POB 2256
London W1A IYS
United Kingdom

SIS Meetings Scheduled in conjunction with MESA '97

November 22-25, 1997, Hyatt
Regency San Francisco, San
Francisco, CA

Board Meeting, Saturday, 11/22,
10:00am-12:00noon (Golden Gate)

Editorial Board Meeting, Saturday,
11/22, 7:00pm-8:00pm (Pacific
Concourse A)

Business Meeting, Saturday, 11/22,
8:00pm-10:00pm (Ballroom C)

Dear SIS Members:

*By this time, you
should have received
a notice to renew your
membership for 1997.*

*Please make sure to
fill out the renewal
form and send it in
with your membership
payment.*

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SIS WEB SITE AT:
[http://www.princeton.edu/
~keslami/first.html](http://www.princeton.edu/~keslami/first.html)**

SIS Sponsored Panels at MESA '97

Cultural Representations and Technologies in Qajar Art

From Workshop and Bazaar to Academy : The Royal Ateliers in the Qajar
Period

Maryam Ekhtiar, The Brooklyn Museum

Qajar Painting : Beyond Representation

Layla S. Diba, The Brooklyn Museum

Buq'eh : Popular Murals in Shi'i Shrines in the Qajar Period

Peter Chelkowski, New York University

Reading for Gender Through Qajar Art

Afsaneh Najmabadi, Barnard College

Aspects of Cultural Transition from Sasanian Persia to Islamic Iran

The Administrative Geography of Late Sasanian, Early Islamic Fars

Touraj Daryaei, UCLA

Aspects of Social and Linguistic Transition From Sasanian to Islamic Iran

Azaran Aramavi, Berkeley

Sufi, Fighi, and Zoroastrian Linguistification of Ritual

Kambiz Sakhai, Columbia University

Issues in Religious and Ethnic Pluralism of Iran

The Tehran Children

Avi Davidi, University of Southern California

Islam and National Identity in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan and the Iranian
Connection

Nayereh Tohidi, UCLA

The Reaction of Recognized Religious Minorities to State Intrusion in Iran

Eliz Sanasarian, University of Southern California

Taze Hayat (Bakou) and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution

Evan Siegel, City University of New York

Panturkish Propaganda in the Caucasus and the Iranian Democrat's Response

Turaj Atabaki, Utrecht University

Other MESA '97 Panels with Papers on Iran

Doctors, Healers and Their Role in 19th and 20th Centuries Muslim Societies

Shahs, Commoners and Doctors

Shireen Mahdavi, Independent Scholar

Islamization/Reislamization

Political, Scholarly and Popular Religion in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Fariba Adelkhah, CERI/F.N.S.P.

Architecture and Literary Texts

'Reading' the Built Environment : Persian Literature and the Architecture of
17th-Century Safavid Iran
Sussan Babaie, Smith College
Cities, Buildings, and Gardens : Topographical Masnavis in Safavid Iran
Paul E. Losensky Indiana University

From Late Antiquity to Early Islam

Crossing Boundaries : The Limitations of Classification in Museum
Institutions
Ladan Akbannia, UCLA

Recent Studies in Islamic Numismatics

The Origin of the Safavid Shahi
Stephen Album

Adab Islami : Islam, Religion, and Literature in the 20th Century

Islamic or Feminist?: The Writing of Postrevolutionary Iranian Muslim
Women
Kamran Talattof, Princeton University

Tragic Modes in Arabic and Persian Literatures

"Tears of Khurasan": The Elegiac and the Nostalgic in a Qasideh of Anvari
Abivardi
Farooq Hamid, University of Pennsylvania
Nostalgia for Ghazna and Sultan Mahmud in Mas'ud-e Sa'd's Qasidahs
Sunil Sharme University of Chicago

Nationalisms in the Middle East : New Methodologies in a Comparative Perspective

Kerbala, Iranian National Symbol
Kamran Scot Aghaie, UCLA
Nationalism and Despair in Early Modernist Iranian Literature
Afshin Melin-Asgari, California State University, Northridge

Triumphs and Travails of Secularism in Turkey and Iran

The Secularist Project in Early Twentieth Century Iran : An Assessment
Mehrzad Boroujendi, Syracuse University
Is Secularism Possible in Iran?
Ali Mirsepassi, Hampshire College

On the Edge? : Khurasan and the Caliphate

Topographical Characteristics of Khurasan and the Pattern of Arab
Settlement
Parvaneh Poorshariati, Columbia University
Al-Samani's Account of the Marv Oasis
Elton Daniel, University of Hawaii
Khurasani Revolutionaries and al-Mahdi's Title
Michael L. Bales, American Numismatic Society
Qarmatis and Ismailis in the Samanid Period
Julie Scott Meisami, Oxford University

Gender, Nation, and Activism

Public Activism of Armenian Women in Turn-of-the-Century Iran
Houri Berberian, UCLA
Constructions of Femininity and Womanhood in the Iranian Women's Press,
1910-1945
Jasamin Rostam, UCLA

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Nizami Ganjavi: His Time, His Life, and His Poetry

In Commemoration of K. Allin Luther

The late K. Allin Luther, a professor of Iranian studies at The University of Michigan, spent the last ten years of his life reading and teaching Nizami Ganjavi's works. Professor Luther, in fact, dedicated a great amount of his time to leading a Nizami reading group on campus and at his home even while fighting his cancer. For him, Nizami's writings served as source of inspiration and motivation. We, as his former students, have decided to pay tribute to him by editing a volume of essays on Nizami Ganjavi. Contributed essays may be on any topic related to Nizami's poetry, time period, or life.

*Jerome W. Clinton
Kamran Talattof*

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The Economics of Women and Work in the Middle East

The Fourth annual volume of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) is soliciting contributed papers for the forthcoming *The Economics of Women and Work in the Middle East*. The papers

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Teaching with Technology : Middle East History and Politics

Middle East History Teaching in a Multimedia Environment : Some Preliminary Reflections
Ernest Tucker, US Naval Academy

Modernism in Qajar Iran : Constructions of Race, Monarchy, and the Homeland

In Sickness and in Health : Doctors, Diseases, and Love of Homeland (hubb-i watan) in Qajar Iran

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, Yale University

Racism as Ideology in Iranian National Identity

Kouross Esmaeli, Columbia University

Muhammad 'Ali Shah's Fall : Monarchy for Iranians in Paris, 1908-09

Pardis Minuchehr, Columbia University

Creating a New Order : Social Repercussions of Militarism and the Military

Heidi Walcher, Yale University

Modernization in 19th Century Iran

Dowlatabadi's Hayat-e Yahya : Critical Reflections on the Reform Agenda, 1890-1920

Monica Ringer, UCLA

Religious "Know-How" and the Stakes of Citizenship in Muslim Societies :

The Oppositional Islamism of Abdolkarim Surush

Behrooz Ghanari-Tabrizi, UC Santa Cruz

Nationalist Investment Strategies in the Middle East, c. 1939-1945

State Autonomy and Economic Policy Making, Iran 1930-1950

Hoolan Shambayati, University of Utah

Performance and Feminine Poetics in a Muslim Context

Return, Resurrection, Reformation : Ta'ziyeh as Model for Early Babi Historiography

Negar Mottahedeh, University of Minnesota

Workshop on Translating Persian Literature

Richard Davis, Ohio State University

Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, University of Washington

Faridoun Farrokhi, Texas A&M International University

Franklin D. Lewis, University of Chicago

M. R. Ghanoonparvar, University of Texas at Austin

Peter Chelkowski, New York University

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Economics of Women...

should examine the general area or country-specific issues of women and work. Topics include discussion of labor markets, formal/informal work dichotomy, institutional settings, labor laws, dynamics of women's work during structural macro adjustments, and women and political Islam. Other dimensions of work not listed above, as well as comparative region/country studies are also welcome.

The refereeing process will be double blind peer review. Please submit three copies of papers by September 15, 1997 to E. Mine Cinar, Dept. of Economics, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60611, USA.

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Upcoming Features in SIS NEWS

Interviews with
Scholars

Current Contents of
Persian Academic
Journals

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- conferences and seminars
- calls for papers
- recent publications
- dissertations in progress
- fellowships and grants
- print or electronic resources

and anything else that might be of interest to the members of SIS to Kambiz Eslami, Executive Secretary
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OBITUARIES



Professor James Douglas Pearson, 1911-1997

J. D. (Jim) Pearson died on Friday 1 August 1997, at the age of 85. He had suffered a stroke about a week previously.

Professor Pearson was one of the most eminent, and pioneering, librarians and bibliographers in the field of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, and beyond that in Oriental studies generally. Born in December 1911, he grew up and was educated in humble circumstances in Cambridge. First employed in Cambridge University Library at the age of 16 as a book-fetcher, he developed a taste for, and skill in, "exotic" languages, and was awarded a scholarship (for Hebrew) at St John's College. After studying also Arabic and Persian at Pembroke College, he graduated in 1936. He was then employed in the Oriental Section of the Library until 1941, when he was enlisted for war service until 1945. He worked again in Cambridge University Library as an Assistant Under-Librarian from 1945 until 1950.

In 1950 he was appointed Librarian of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, and from then until 1972 oversaw the drastic expansion and development of the SOAS Library in what were probably the most important years of its history. As well as librarianship, however, he also devoted himself to bibliography (in the enumerative sense), being responsible for a number of fundamental reference tools and surveys, most notably *Index Islamicus*, which began publication in 1958, *Oriental Manuscripts in Europe and North America* (1971), *A bibliography of pre-Islamic Persia* (1975), the *World Bibliographies of African and Asian Bibliographies* (1975), the *Supplement* to Creswell's *Bibliography of the Architecture, Arts and Crafts of Islam* for 1972-80 (1984) and the series of comprehensive surveys of British archives relating to Asia, Africa and the Middle East (1965-94). He was still working on a further volume (on the Middle East) in this series at the time of his death.

He was appointed in 1972 Senior Fellow, and subsequently Professor of Bibliography with reference to Asia and Africa in the University of London. He retired from this post in 1979 and moved back to his native Cambridge, while still working on *Index Islamicus*. In 1982 he arranged for Cambridge University Library to take this over, and from then onwards devoted himself to other bibliographical projects.

Apart from his own work as librarian and bibliographer, he was active in encouraging and inspiring colleagues elsewhere in Britain and other countries to follow his lead. In 1967 he took the initiative in establishing the Middle East Libraries Committee (MELCOM) -- now MELCOM (UK) -- which brought

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together most British librarians in this field, and gave birth to a long series of major and minor bibliographies and research tools, in several of which Pearson himself actively participated. He was closely involved also in the beginnings of a European dimension to this activity in 1979, resulting eventually in the formation of MELCOM International. An enthusiastic and assiduous traveller, he visited many colleagues, Orientalists and scholars throughout the world, becoming well known for his genial conviviality, as well as his practical advice.

He will therefore be greatly missed and mourned, not only by his British colleagues, but also by a wide international circle of friends, companions and collaborators, and by all those who have benefitted from his bibliographical legacy.

Geoffrey Roper
Islamic Bibliography Unit
Cambridge University Library

Donald N. Wilber

We must also report the death, on February 2, 1997 in Princeton, of Dr. Donald N. Wilber at the age of 89, author of several important works on Iranian architecture and modern history. The following is an excerpt from an obituary that appeared in the weekly *Princeton Packet* (Tuesday, 4 February 1997, p. 7).

Born in Madison, Wis., Donald N. Wilber received a bachelor's degree in 1929 from Princeton University. He also received a master's degree in 1933 and doctorate in architecture in 1949 at Princeton University. Beginning in 1930, he worked for several years as an artist for the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago at Luxor, Egypt, and as architect for archaeological excavations in Greece, Syria, and France. He was architect for the Princeton-Louvre expedition to Antioch, Syria, in 1934. He was a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton from 1934 to 1939; Assistant and Associate Professor of the Asia Institute in New York from 1939 to 1947; chairman of Color Slides Cooperative in Princeton, a non-profit organization that produced and distributed color slides to colleges and universities for use in courses in art history, from 1939 to 1954. He served with the Office of Strategic Services in Iran for four years during World War II. He was a member of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1948 to 1970, traveling on many occasions to the Middle East. In 1952 he was political attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and consultant to the U.S. State Department and to the Institute for Defense Analysis. In 1964 he was an adviser to the government of Afghanistan on the framing of a new constitution. From 1960 to 1970 he was Chairman of the Iran Foundation in New York. The Foundation operated a teaching hospital, an eye hospital, and a school of nursing in Shiraz. Between 1970 and 1976 he and his wife led tours for museums and institutions to Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Russia. He wrote about and appraised oriental rugs, and - with his wife - was head of the Princeton Rug Society. He was a member of the board of the Iran-America Society in Tehran; the Middle East Institute; the Middle East Studies Association of the Archeological Institute of America; and was on the board of directors of the Princeton Middle East Society. He was a member of Decor House Club in Washington DC, and the Nassau Club in Princeton. He authored or edited 18 books on Egypt, Syria, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

A complete bibliography of Donald Wilber can be found in the appendix to his autobiography, *Adventures in the Middle East*, Princeton, 1986.

NEW INTERNET RESOURCES

Computus: Date Conversion for Middle Eastern Studies

Dr. Gerhard Behrens of Munich, Germany has developed a fast, efficient program for converting dates among a number of calendars, including the Western Christian, Islamic solar, Islamic lunar, and Jewish calendars. *Computus* is a freeware DOS program. Thanks to Dr Behrens, it is now available for download at:

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Area.Programs/Near.East/computus.html>

Dr. Behrens is making this software available without charge to academics, librarians, and others interested in Middle Eastern Studies.

Islamic Civilization on the Web

Professor Jerome Clinton has developed a website resource for Islamic culture in the pre-Mongol period. He has also mounted syllabuses for two of his introductory courses on Islamic and/or Iranian civilization. He would very much like to receive feedback on these resources, and would be happy to provide feedback on other websites on Islamic and/or Iranian civilization.

The address is:

<http://www.princeton.edu/~humcomp/alikhaz.html>

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Resources for Shaykhi, Babi, and Baha'i Studies

H-Bahai is a moderated discussion list for the academic study of the Shaykhi, Babi and Baha'i religious. It is part of the H-Net consortium of academic lists hosted by Michigan State University and also supported by the Michigan Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is edited and moderated by Juan R. I. Cole. Other moderators are Susan Maneck and Negar Mottahedeh. The editorial board consists of Abbas Amanat, R. Jackson Armstrong-Ingram, K. Paul Johnson, Sholeh Quinn, and John Walbridge.

Inquiries about membership may be addressed to Juan R. I. Cole at: jrc@umich.edu

Several refereed digital publication series are available on the *H-Bahai* Web site. *H-Bahai* seeks only first electronic rights, which consist in the right to keep this draft of the paper up on our Web site in perpetuity. Papers may also appear in print form. Digital publication provides a wide potential audience among all readers with a Web browser. It also makes it easier for other authors to consult and cite works.

Occasional Papers in Shaykhi, Babi and Baha'i Studies

Several papers have already appeared in this series, including: Denis MacEoin, "The Trial of the Bab: Shi'ite Orthodoxy Confronts its Mirror Image"; William Garlington, "The Baha'i Faith in India: A Developmental Stage Approach"; and Thomas Linard, "Bibliographie des ouvrages de langue française mentionnant les religions bâbîe ou bahâ'îe (1844-1944)."

Occasional Papers on Iranian Religions

Submission of papers of about 25 pages on any aspect of religion in Iran, from Zoroastrianism to Shi'ism, and from Mazdakism to Isma'ilism, is welcome.

Persian and Arabic Texts on the Shaykhi, Babi and Baha'i Religions

H-Bahai has digitally published for the first time two Qajar Persian manuscripts in facsimile. The first is the memoirs of Ustad Muhammad 'Ali Salmani, Babi barber and masseur from Isfahan who became a Baha'i and a companion of Baha'u'llah. Also available is Husayn "Mahjur" Zavarihi's "Majlis-i shahadat-i Qa'im-i Khurasani" on the death of Mulla Husayn Bushru'i. Published Shaykhi, Babi and Baha'i materials, which are often rare, are also available here.

NEW CD-ROMs

Lughatnamah-i Dihkhuda

Mr. Karim Emami of Zamineh Books, Tehran, attended a demonstration of the *Lughatnamah-i Dihkhuda* on CD-ROM at the Tehran University booth of the Tenth Tehran Book Fair. The CD is scheduled for release in October, 1997. The demonstration staff told Mr. Emami that the retail price of the CD-ROM will be 25,000 *tomans*. (The current official exchange rate is 300 *tomans* to the US dollar.) No advance sales were made.

Divan-i Hafiz

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