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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR IRANIAN STUDIES

The Society's Ninth Annual Meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky on 20-22 November 1975. The Society sponsored three panels on: "The Power of the Family in Iran", "Arts as Craft: Its Practices and Transmission", and "The Economic Transformation of Iran". Unfortunately, because of last minute emergencies for some of the participants, the panel on "Economic Transformation of Iran" had to be cancelled. Professor Nowshirvani, however, delivered his paper on "Case Study in Industrialization for Agriculture" in another MESA panel. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank our Program Director, Professor Thomas Ricks, and all those who delivered papers and participated in our panels.

The Annual Business Meeting was held in the late afternoon. The following brief reports were submitted by the Society's officers:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Farhad Kazemi.

The Secretary reported that the Society's membership has increased modestly during the past year. The Society now has about 270 members. This is an increase of approximately 20 over the previous year. It appears that the membership has stabilized for the time being. There is, however, much room for expansion outside the United States, especially in Iran. In addition to the above figure of 270 members, there are approximately 40 individual and over 120 institutional subscribers to the journal, Iranian Studies.

More than half of the Society's members are in the academic disciplines of history, Near Eastern languages and literatures, linguistics and political science. Other disciplines represented in the membership include anthropology, art and art history, economics, geography, psychology and sociology.

The Secretary reported about the successful fund-raising activities of the Society in the past year under the direction of Professors Vahid Nowshirvani and Gene Garthwaite. Professor Nowshirvani discussed his efforts on behalf of the Society in Iran and his success in attracting various individual gifts to the Society. Professor Garthwaite reported on his activities during the past two years to get financial backing for the Society from various universities in the United States with programs in Iranian Studies. He pointed out that a few universities have already made contributions to the Society and there are possibilities for additional support.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, Ann Schulz.

The Treasurer reported that the Society's financial situation has continued to improve in 1975. This has been due mostly to financial support and contributions received from members and academic centers in the United States:

TREASURER'S REPORT  
1975

INCOME

<u>Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
Institutional memberships	\$1500.00
Regular memberships	1668.00
Student memberships	644.00
Contributing memberships	2371.00
Family memberships	14.00
Institutional subscriptions	2614.00
Individual subscriptions	78.84
Journal sales	1590.70
Advertising	30.00
Donations	1800.00
	<u>\$12311.04</u>

ASSETS

Time-saving account	\$2000.00
Checking account	800.00
	<u>\$2800.00</u>

OUTFLOW

Printing	\$1308.48
Typing	148.80
Secretarial	882.00
Advertising	100.00
	<u>\$2439.88</u>

The most recent issue of the journal represents outstanding debts for this otherwise sound financial picture. We will also have a sizeable bill from the Fogg Museum for their share of the Isfahan issue sales.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF IRANIAN STUDIES, Ali Banuazizi.

The Editor's report was delivered by the Associate Editor, Jerome W. Clinton. Professor Clinton reported on the journal's situation and the content of the future issues. He pointed out that there is much demand for the back-issues of Iranian Studies, some of which are out-of-print. The Society will probably have to reprint them in the near future.

Volume VIII, Number 3 (Summer 1975) of Iranian Studies has recently been published and distributed. This issue includes articles by Charles R. Laudor and Sirousse Tabriztchi and Michael Hillmann; book reviews by Israel J. Katz, Oleg Grabar, and Jerome W. Clinton; and an exchange between Marvin Zonis and James A. Bill. The unusual delay in getting this issue out was caused by a combination of appalling congestion in the Iranian postal system and the unexpected need to find a new printer when our former one quietly disappeared from the Boston area. Your patience at this delay has been much appreciated.

The preparation of Volume VIII, Number 4 is now well advanced and this issue should be mailed out in May.

ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Ms. Geraldine Gillio was appointed the chairperson of the Election Committee to organize the balloting. She was assisted in her task by Professor Robert Dillon and Ms. Wendy Schonfeld. The following nominations were submitted to the Society: Ahmad Ashraf, Amin Banani, Lois Grant Beck, Constance Cronin, Gene R. Garthwaite, Hosseine Morewedge and Thomas M. Ricks. The election was conducted by mail and according to Ms. Gillio's letter, the following three were elected to the Council for 1976-1978 term: Ahmad Ashraf, Amin Banani and Gene Garthwaite.

Many thanks are due to the members of the Election Committee for their work.

1976 ANNUAL MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

Dr. Eric Hooglund has been appointed the Program Director for the Society's panels in November. The following panels have been arranged by the Society for Iranian Studies:

PANEL A:           MEDIEVAL PERSIAN NARRATIVE LITERATURE

Chairperson: Jerome Clinton, Princeton University

Discussant: Amin Banani, University of California at Los Angeles

Papers: Edward W. Davis, University of Michigan  
          "Narrative in the Marzbān Nāma of Varāvīnī"  
          Stephen Fairbanks, University of Michigan  
          "Rūzgār: The Concept of History in the Tārīkh al-Vuzarā"  
          William L. Hanaway, Jr., University of Pennsylvania  
          "Toward a Functional Analysis of Medieval Prose  
          Narrative"

PANEL B: CONTEMPORARY SHI'ITE PRACTICE: AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Chairperson: Reinhold Löffler, University of Western Michigan

Papers: Anne Betteridge, Chicago  
"Ziārat: Pilgrimage in Iran"  
Michael Fischer, Harvard University  
(title not confirmed)  
Gustav Thaiss, Shiraz, Iran  
(title not confirmed)

PANEL C: WORKSHOP ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY IN IRAN

Chairperson: Homa Snibbe, University of California at Los Angeles

Discussant: Ralph Magnus, American Enterprise Institute

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THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR IRANIAN STUDIES

Both Farhad Kazemi and Ann Schulz expressed the wish to the new Society Council to be relieved of their duties as executive secretary and treasurer, respectively. They pointed out that they have served the Society in the above capacities for the past five years and would now like to devote more time to their own work.

The Society for Iranian Studies Council has subsequently appointed the following persons as its Executive Officers for 1976:

Ervand Abrahamian	Executive Secretary
Thomas M. Ricks	Treasurer
Ali Banuazizi	Editor of <u>Iranian Studies</u>

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF IRANIAN STUDIES (AIIS)

The Tehran Center of the American Institute of Iranian Studies has just re-opened its hostel. The landlord forced the move of the old hostel out of the Institute building rather abruptly in late August but the new director, Colin McKinnon, has succeeded in renting the building directly opposite the Institute for this purpose. The new rates are: bed and breakfast for students from universities supporting the AIIS, 300/night, 7,500/month; bed and breakfast for others, 500/night, 12,250/month; lunch, 120; key deposit, which is refundable, 200. Rates cover breakfast, utilities, maid service, 24 hour per day access to the kitchen. Monthly rates are payable in advance. For further information, call 42488 or write Box 11-1885, Tehran.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

The University of Utah and the University of Tehran have announced plans for expanding Utah's Middle East Center by establishing a Division of Iranian Studies. As part of the agreement, the Iranian institution will provide \$100,000 in annual support for the new program and Utah will seek matching federal funds. The agreement calls for the development of an interdisciplinary master's degree program in Iranian Studies with curricular offerings to begin in the autumn quarter 1976. Program curricula will include anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, government, history, language, literature and religion. Specifications also provide for visiting specialists on sabbatical leave from Tehran University. For more information, write to Professor Khosrow Mostofi, Director, Middle East Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.

### IRANIAN GOVERNMENT UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL GRANTS

Two American scholars have been awarded grants of \$21,000 each for research in Iran as part of a gift of \$100,000 made to the United States in honor of the Bicentennial by the Iranian government. William Martin Evan, Professor of Sociology and Management at the University of Pennsylvania, will conduct "An Analysis of Technology Transfer Via the Multinational Enterprise and the Process of Modernization: A Case Study of Iran". William O. Beeman, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Brown University, will survey indigenous theatrical traditions in Iran. The grants are administered by the American Friends of the Middle East, Inc., 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

### INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE

An international philosophy conference was held in New York (28 March - 4 April 1976) to bring about a dialogue among various philosophical studies. As part of the conference, many papers were delivered on Iranian and Islamic philosophy by noted scholars in the field. For more information, write to Professor Parviz Morewedge, Department of Philosophy, Baruch College, 17 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10010.

### KEVORKIAN LECTURESHIP

Dr. Janine Sourdell-Thomine, Professor of Archaeology and Islamic Art at the Sorbonne, delivered a series of four illustrated lectures on "The Development of the Iranian Mosque" 3-10 December 1975. The lectures were delivered as part of the Hagop Kevorkian Lectureship in Near East Art and Civilization at New York University. For more information, write to Professor Peter Chelkowski, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, New York 10003.

### OUTGOING SECRETARY'S NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all those friends and colleagues who made my work as the Executive Secretary of the Society for Iranian Studies easier and more pleasurable. The list would be too long if I were to mention

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