

# **S.i.s. newsletter**

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The Executive Committee of the Society for Iranian Studies for 1982:

Editors, <u>Iranian Studies</u>	Ervand Abrahamian and Farhad Kazemi
Executive Secretary	Lois Beck
Treasurer	John Lorentz

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY - 1981

The Society's Sixteenth Annual Meeting was held during 4-7 November 1981 in Seattle, Washington, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association and hosted by the Near East Center of the University of Washington. The Society sponsored four successful and well-attended panels, and we offer our appreciation to Mary Jo Good (University of California, Davis), the 1981 SIS Program Chair. The panels and participants included:

#### A Critical Assessment of Anthropology in Iran in the 1970s

Chair: Byron Good

Papers: Michael M.J. Fischer, Manning Nash, Richard Bulliet, Leonard Helfgott and Lois Beck

Discussants: Ervand Abrahamian, Ali Banuazizi, Nikki Keddie

#### Post-Revolutionary Trends in Iranian Political Economy: Ideology vs. Reality

Chair: Manoucher Parvin

Papers: Manoucher Parvin and Udo Steinback, Djavad Salehi, Majid Tehranian, Tagi Sagafi-nezad, Fereydoun Safizadeh

Discussant: Rostam Kavoussi

#### Women in Post-Revolutionary Iran

Chair: Guity Nashat

Papers: Farzaneh Milani, Guity Nashat, Mary Hooglund, Shireen Mahdavi, Adele Ferdows

Discussant: Nikki Keddie

# Interpretations of the Iranian Revolution

Chair: Richard Cottam

Papers: Gregory Rose, Bahman Fozouni, Thomas Ricks, M.A. Jazayery, Younes Benab

Discussant: Grant Farr

The Society's Annual Business Meeting was held on November 5th. Ervand Abrahamian and Farhad Kazemi, editors of Iranian Studies, reported on the journal (report in this Newsletter) and on Society membership. Warm appreciation was offered to Ali Banuazizi for his fourteen years of work as editor of Iranian Studies. John Lorentz, SIS Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report and reported on information assembled by Kathy McNally, SIS Circulation Manager, on institutional and individual membership in the Society. Suggestion for a slight increase in annual membership dues was made and accepted. (A dues form is included in this mailing.) Nominations for the SIS Council were made, and the SIS-sponsored panels for the 1982 meetings were chosen.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY - 1982

The Society's Seventeenth Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 3-6 November 1982, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. November 3rd, a Wednesday, is set aside for meetings of organizations associated with MESA; on this day the Society will have its Council Meeting and its General Business Meeting. Further details are forthcoming in the September SIS Newsletter.

## SIS Panels for the 1982 Meetings

SIS members attending the Annual Business Meeting in November proposed three panels for the 1982 meetings. Renata Holod (University of Pennsylvania) will be this year's SIS Program Chair. The panels chosen and their Chairs/Organizers are the following:

Theme of the SIS Panels: "Culture and Politics in Iran Today"

### Religion and Nationalism

Chair/Organizer: Dr. M.A. Jazayery  
Department of Oriental and African Languages  
University of Texas  
Austin, TX 78712

### Uses of Culture

Chair/Organizer: Dr. Michael M.J. Fischer  
Department of Anthropology  
Rice University  
Houston, TX 77001

### Institutions and Intellectuals

Chair/Organizer: Dr. Ali Banuazizi  
Center for Middle Eastern Studies  
1737 Cambridge Street  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Anyone wishing to present a paper in one of these panels should write directly to the Chair/Organizer. Since SIS panels are held in conjunction with MESA, participants need to follow the requirements and deadline established by this organization. Information about participation in the MESA program was mailed to MESA members in early March in the MESA Newsletter, and the required forms for submission of proposals are contained within that Newsletter. Additional forms are available from: MESA, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 (Telephone: 602/626-5850). The Chairs of the 1982 MESA Program are Drs. Ann Mayer and John Keene of the Middle East Center of the University of Pennsylvania, and completed forms are to be mailed to them.

#### ELECTIONS TO THE SIS COUNCIL

Three members of the SIS Council completed their three-year terms in 1981. They are Ahmad Ashraf, Mary Jo Good, and Heshmat Moayyad. Five persons were nominated for the Council at the fall's Council Meeting and General Business Meeting. They are: Said Arjomand (State University of New York, Stony Brook; 1981-1982 St. Antony's College, Oxford University), Farhad Diba (Oxford University), Habib Ladjevardi (Harvard University), Majid Tehranian (University of Hawaii), and Marilyn Waldman (Ohio State University).

The 1982 SIS Elections Committee consists of Jerrold Green (Chair), K. Allin Luther, and Gernot Windfuhr, all of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. SIS members will find a ballot enclosed with this Newsletter and should mark and mail it directly to Jerrold Green. Results will be announced in the next Newsletter.

#### SIS MEMBERSHIP (Kathy McNally, Circulation Manager)

Individual Members	USA and Canada	241
	Iran	46
	Other foreign	60
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Institutional Members	USA and Canada	97
	Iran	32
	Other foreign	50
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#### REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF IRANIAN STUDIES

The transition of editorial responsibilities from Ali Banuazizi to Ervand Abrahamian and Farhad Kazemi has been essentially completed. Ali Banuazizi, however, continues to provide valuable advice and assistance in the various phases of the journal's operation. Most of the editors' time and effort during the past year was centered on our recently published volume, Iranian Revolution in Perspective. A generous grant from New York University's Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies eased some of the financial burdens incurred in this volume's publication. A major concern at the moment is to resolve our mounting backlog problem and print the journal on schedule. Our next volume (XIV) will be devoted primarily to the publication of our backlog of accepted articles and book reviews as well

as printing a special double issue on The Economic History of Iran. Volume XV will be a special volume concerned entirely with the theme of Literature and Society in Iran and is edited by Michael Hillmann. Publication of Literature and Society in Iran is made possible by grants received from the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, and the Iran-American Foundation.

Several important changes have been made in the editorial composition of the journal. An editorial board has been formed and is composed of the following:

Shaul Bakhash (Institute for Advanced Study)  
 Ali Banuazizi (Boston College)  
 James A. Bill (University of Texas, Austin)  
 Michael E. Bonine (University of Arizona)  
 Michael Hillmann (University of Texas, Austin)  
 Renata Holod (University of Pennsylvania)  
 H. M. Katouzian (University of Kent at Canterbury)  
 John Perry (University of Chicago)

Shahrough Akhavi (University of South Carolina) will serve as the Book Review Editor. Other members of the journal staff include Naomi Schorr (Assistant Editor), Kathleen McNally (Circulation Manager), and Ina Moses (Production Assistant).

The primary decision-making body of the Society remains the elected members of the Council who will continue to supervise the various operations of the Society as in the past.

We would like to conclude this report by expressing our appreciation to the many individuals who have helped in the process of editorial transition.

Ervand Abrahamian  
 Farhad Kazemi

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO SIS AT THE SEATTLE MEETING

The following individuals generously contributed to the financial operations of the Society during our last Annual Business Meeting:

Richard Bulliet	Samuel Peterson	Ahmad Akhavan
Nikki Keddie	Mary Jo Good	Habib Ladjevardi
Manoucher Parvin	Byron Good	Bahman Fozouni
Mohammad Jazayery	Jerome W. Clinton	Shireen Mahdavi Khazeni
James A. Bill	Richard Cottam	Leonard Helfgott
Farhad Diba	Gene Garthwaite	Farhad Kazemi
Mohammad Tavakoli	John Perry	Ali Banuazizi
Asghar Fathi	Ervand Abrahamian	John Lorentz
William Hanaway	Michael Hillmann	

We warm-heartedly thank these individuals. We offer other members the chance to contribute to the Society, especially to its advertising campaign, by adding to their annual dues.

John Lorentz, Treasurer

Society members should send news of their recent publications to Lois Beck, for inclusion in the next Newsletter.