

# THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 6th March 2000

Present : Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman)                      Dr. H. Elgood  
              Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)                Prof. J.R. Hinnells\*  
              Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)                              Mr. J. Losty\*  
              Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)                                    Dr. F. Orsini  
              Dr. Daud Ali    Prof. F.C.R. Robinson  
    Prof. A.D.H. Bivar    Prof. C. Shackle\*  
  
              Mr. J Cribb    Prof. N. Sims-Williams\*  
              Ms. R Crill

(\* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary) and Mr. David Waterhouse

1.     **MINUTES** 5/99 were approved and signed with the following amendment :-  
Minute 53. v. Andrew Wyatt - £700 to support a seminar series at University of Bristol on identity in South Asia to read **Conference Grant**. Dept. Politics, University of Bristol - £700 to support a seminar series on identity in South Asia
- .2.    **MATTERS ARISING**  
Mr. Joe Crib agreed to contact the Indian Institute for Numismatic Research at Nasik to ascertain what work has been carried out to date on the Catalogue of Indian Coins
3.     **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Dr. Willis outlined the responsibilities of the Trustees of the Society for the benefit of the new members of Council. The structure and modus operandi of the Research and Project Committees were explained. New members of Council were asked to obtain the pamphlet provided by the Charities Commission from the Assistant Secretary and to familiarise themselves with their responsibilities as trustees.
4.     **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 1/00)  
Expenditure to date for 1999/00 is over budget. To date £108,158 has been spent, although this figure includes the costs of the Post-Doctoral Research Fellows which were to be met from the reserves. A supplementary grant of £5,500 has been received from the Academy. It is anticipated that reserves of £100,000 will be carried over to the next financial year.
5.     **ASSISTANT SECRETARY**  
Council agreed that from 1st April 2000 the hourly rate paid to the Assistant Secretary should be increased to £12, and that a mileage allowance of 25p per mile should be paid for journeys exclusively made for Society business. These rates of remuneration should be reviewed on an annual basis.

6. **JOURNAL**

Council approved a budget of £10,300 for 2000/01 following the submission of a revised budget by the Editor. It is anticipated that the total cost of printing volume 16 and producing the art work will be approximately £4000. All contributors will now be asked to submit their articles on disc. The cost of scanning the photographs and drawings and arranging the layout will be approximately £1000. The budget also includes the cost of printing an advertising leaflet (£1000). Council agreed that it should be at the discretion of the Editor where the Journal is printed and that the minor details of the budget should be sorted out by the Editor and the Treasurer. Details about the Journal will be mounted without charge on the British Academy's web site, but the Society will be responsible for providing the Academy with the information and artwork on disc. A budget of £800 for the preparation of the artwork for the web site was approved. Dr. Hardy has taken charge of distribution and the back stock is being housed at De Montfort University and the British Museum. Council approved the improved design for the cover but insisted that the colour and lotus design be retained.

Dr. Hardy is currently investigating the possibility of Curzon Press taking over the publication of the Monographs series. Dr. Michael Willis agreed to act as the Monographs Editor. Dr. Hardy agreed to continue as the reviews Editor for the time being.

Mr. David Waterhouse was asked to make enquiries with the British Council in Delhi about the possibility of them distributing the Journal at a reduced cost to members in South Asia.

7. **ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM**(Paper 2/00)

Council asked Dr. Willis to hold further discussions with the University of Durham on the future arrangements for the research fellow, Derek Kennet. Durham had proposed to continue the position for three years with the University providing £20,000 per year and the Society £10,000 per year. Council agreed to this proposal provided that (1) the title of the position be changed to Lecturer/Research fellow to reflect Mr. Kennet's actual duties (2) the University guarantees one third of Mr. Kennet's time be dedicated to the completion of the Paithan report and (3) that the University demonstrate an ongoing commitment to South Asia, and as far as possible guarantee that a position in South Asian archaeology would continue after Society funding ended in 2003.

8. **SUPPLEMENTARY BID TO THE ACADEMY**

The Society has been awarded a supplementary grant of £5,500 by the Academy. This will be used to fund Dr. Sikand's stipend at Royal Holloway.

9. **ACADEMY GRANT FOR 2000/01**

The Society's bid to the British Academy has been successful, and a grant of £70,000 has been confirmed.

10. **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS** (Papers 3/00 and 4/00)

Council received a report that the workshops at the University of Bristol, which the Society is supporting, were to take place in May.

The Assistant Secretary was asked to send a good will message to Professor Hinnells

in the light of his forthcoming hospitalisation.

Mr. Joe Cribb's proposal that the Indian Numismatic Days held at the British Museum, should be run under the aegis of the Society was approved.

11. **ANURADHAPURA REPORT**

Volume 1 has been published as a monograph of the Society. It is hoped that Volume 2 will be published later in the year. Council agreed that £2000 should be made available to cover the publication costs of Volume 2.

12. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 5/00)

Council approved the election of the following new member of the Society:-

Full member - Dr. Filippo Osella

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Projects Committee will meet as soon as possible. Reports are currently being received from the project directors.

14. **NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged

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Meeting of the Council held on Monday 12th June 2000

Present : Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman)                      Dr. H. Elgood\*  
              Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)                Prof. J.R. Hinnells\*  
              Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)                                Mr. J. Losty  
              Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)\*                                    Dr. F. Orsini  
              Dr. Daud Ali    Prof. F.C.R. Robinson\*  
    Prof. A.D.H. Bivar    Prof. C. Shackle

                  Mr. J Cribb\*    Prof. N. Sims-Williams  
                  Ms. R Crill

(\* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

15. **MINUTES** 1/00 were approved and signed.

16. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mr. Waterhouse has not been able to discuss the distribution of the Journal with the British Council in New Delhi as the current director, Mr. Colin Perchard, retires in a few weeks.

Dr. Willis has held further discussions with the University of Durham on the future arrangements for the research fellow's position there. Durham has agreed verbally to the amended proposal put forward by Council, and a letter confirming the arrangements is expected shortly. The position will continue for a further three years with the University providing £20,000 per year and the Society £10,000 per year. A permanent position in South Asian archaeology will then be established by the University after Society funding ends in 2003..

17. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer gave a verbal report to Council. Most outstanding payments have now been met. The payments for the excavation at Paithan will be paid once satisfactory accounts have been received, The next payments for the research fellows at The British Museum and Royal Holloway College are due in June and September respectively.

18. **BUDGET 2000/01** (Paper 7/00)

The budget for 2000/01 was approved by Council. Total income for the year will be £83,000 with expenditure expected to be approximately £120,000. The anticipated

overspend of £37,000 is in line with Council's intention to run down the reserves to meet the Research Fellows' costs.

Dr. Willis reported that he had received a letter from the British Academy requesting the Society to outline its future plans for fellowships. Dr. Willis has replied describing the Society's current scheme; he anticipates that funds may be available in the future to continue the Society's programme once the reserves have been spent.

19. **BID PROPOSALS FROM INSTITUTIONS** (Papers 8/00 and 9/00)

Council considered two bids for funding which had been received in response to the notice posted on the BASAS web site. Bids were received from the Department of the Study of Religions at SOAS to fund a position in Vedic Studies and from the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh to fund a position in the Social Study of Childhood in South Asia. Both posts were within the Society's remit and of a high standard. The SOAS Vedic Studies proposal was felt to have a higher research profile and to be more competitive in terms of its funding structure. Council therefore agreed to fund the SOAS position on the condition that Council's concerns about the availability of Sanskrit language at SOAS were addressed. The Chairman agreed to write to Professor Brian Bocking to express Council's concerns and to determine with him how a slight redefinition of the job description might meet these concerns.

20. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE** (Paper 10/00)

Council awarded the following grants recommended by the Research Committee:-

**Small Personal Research Grants**

i. Jeevan Singh Deoli - £1,000 to study and photograph 18th and 19th century Sikh manuscripts in the Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

ii. Dr. Natalie Tobert - up to £1,000 to study mental health practices in a South Indian context. This grant is dependent upon the outcome of applications to other institutions.

iii. Dr. Kalpana Wilson - £2,000 to conduct a study of women and work in rural Bihar.

**Conference Grant**

Professor R. Jeffery, Dept. Sociology, Politics, University of Edinburgh- £3,000 to support the 16th European modern South Asian studies conference.

**Travel Grants**

i. Dr. John Clarke - £600 to carry out research in Bhutan, India and the Kathmandu Valley for a catalogue and book on Himalayan jewellery.

ii. Dr. Jennifer Howes - £634 to conduct fieldwork for a book on the drawings of Colin Mackenzie.

iii. Dr. Iftikhar Malik - £600 to study issues of Muslim identity amongst the Urdu speaking communities of Dhaka, Hyderabad and Karachi.

21. **REPORT FROM PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

All project directors have submitted their detailed annual reports to the Projects Committee, and their progress has been reviewed. A new aided project jointly directed by Dr. Sudeshna Guha and Dr. Robin Boast of Cambridge University was approved by the committee. The committee awarded a grant of £2,000 per year for a

period of three years to enable them to study the work of Sir Mortimer Wheeler in India.

A proposal from Dr. Lucy Blue to extend the Boats of South Asia project was deferred until the monograph for phase one of the project has been submitted. Dr. Shokoohy's application to provide further funding for fieldwork relating to his proposed monograph on Muslim architecture in South India was deferred until the monograph on Tughluqabad has been completed.

22. **SOCIETY MONOGRAPHS** (Paper 6/00)

Dr. Willis presented the estimated costings for Dr. Shokoohy's monograph on Muslim architecture of Southern India and volume 2 of the Anuradhapura excavation report by Dr. Conningham.

23. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 11/00)

Council approved the election of the following new member of the Society:-

Full members - Professor Timothy Dyson, Dr. David Gellner, Ms. Sophie Gordon,  
Dr. Hans-Georg Huettel and Miss Giovanna Nancini

Associate member - Dr. Jennifer Howes

24.. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Willis presented the report from Mr. Derek Kennet on the work carried out on a 7th century brick temple at Cotta Chandor, Goa during the 2000 field season. This report has been presented to the Government of India as stipulated in the Society;s agreement with the Archaeological Survey of India.

25. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18th September 2000

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Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18th September 2000

Present :	Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman)	Dr. H. Elgood*
	Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
	Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Mr. J. Losty
	Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)	Dr. F. Orsini
	Dr. Daud Ali*	Prof. F.C.R. Robinson*
		Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Prof. C. Shackle
	Mr. J Cribb	Prof. N. Sims-Williams
	Ms. R Crill*	

(\* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

26. **MINUTES** 2/00 were approved and signed.

27. **MATTERS ARISING**

The letter confirming the future arrangements for the research fellow at the University of Durham has not been received. Dr. Willis will pursue the matter.

The new position in the Department of the Study of Religions at SOAS has been advertised and has attracted an impressive field of suitable candidates. The views of Council were forwarded to Professor Bocking and the post will now have the title the Study of Ancient Indian Religion.

28. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 18/00)

The report by the treasurer was noted.

The treasurer presented a letter from Dr. Shokoohy to Council concerning the use of his 'aided project' grant. Council agreed that it was only appropriate for recipients to charge living costs and not to claim a per diem allowance. Council decided that a clear instruction on acceptable expenditure must be sent to all recipients of grants in future. The treasurer was asked to reply to Dr. Shokoohy.

29. **DRAFT ACCOUNTS** (Paper 12/00)

The draft accounts for the fiscal year ending 31st March 2000 were approved and signed.

30. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT** (Paper 13/99)

The draft annual report for the year ending 31st March 2000 was approved with the

addition of some minor amendments.

31. **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

There will be two vacancies on Council next year when Professor David Bivar and Professor John Hinnells will have completed their four year terms. Council nominated Dr. Andrew Topsfield and Dr. Crispin Bates to stand for election. Council expressed the view that, despite appropriate steps being taken in the last two years, further efforts were still needed to broaden the disciplinary and regional base of Council membership. the Hon. secretary reported on action taken to date and asked members of Council to forward names of suitable persons who would be willing to serve on Council in future years.

32. **ANNUAL LECTURE SCHEDULE** (Paper 14/00)

Professor Dr. Hans Backer was proposed and approved as the speaker for the Society's annual lecture in 2000. The names of eminent scholars who might be approached to deliver the annual lecture in future years were presented to Council for. The Hon. Secretary was asked to explore these matters further and report to council.

33. **FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS** (Paper 15/00)

Council considered the proposed invitation to institutions to submit funding proposals for academic positions by May 2005. Members agreed to the scheme and its timing but suggested that some amendments were necessary and that a revised draft should be produced by the Hon. secretary..

34. **THE UPPER GANGES PROJECT**

Dr. Chakrabarti has completed his manuscript and has taken it to India for publication.

35. **PAITHAN PROJECT** (Paper 16/00)

Council noted the specialists reports presented by Mr. kennet. These reports will be included in the final report. Under the current agreement with the Archaeological Survey of India the Paithan Report is to be published as a monograph of the A.S.I. Council agreed that Dr. Willis should meet the Director General and request permission to publish some of the reports as articles in South Asian Studies.

36. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 17/00)

Council approved the election of the following new member of the Society:-

Full members - Dr. Stuart Blackburn and Dr. J.L. Brockington

Associate members - Dr. Crispin Bates and Dr. Eiluned Edwards

37. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Journal is being printed and will be sent to members within the next month. Dr. Crispin Branfoot was elected as the new Reviews Editor.

The Society's web page on the British Academy's web site is being re-designed and is much improved.

The Chairman and Secretary will produce a calander of meeting dates for 2001.

Council approved the purchase of a replacement computer for the Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary and the Treasurer will attend the BASIS meeting in November.

38. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 27th November 2000 at 3pm at the British Academy



publications was also emphasised at the meeting.

43. **PUBLICATIONS**

Council agreed that :-

- a) A full set of Journals should be donated to the new library at the British Academy.
- b) Both volumes of the Kandahar report should be donated to SOAS
- c) 10 copies of the Anuradhapura report should be donated to the Archaeology Department of Sri Lanka

44. **JOURNAL**

Volume 16 of South Asian Studies has been received from the printers and is now being dispatched to members. Following a number of enquiries Council agreed that book sellers should be offered a discount of 35% on the Journal.

45. **UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM** (Paper 19/00)

The letter concerning the future arrangements for the research fellow at the University of Durham has been received. Dr. Willis will reply.

46. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 20/00)

Council approved the election of the following new members of the Society:-

Student members - Dr. Sujata Ananth Gopinath and Mrs. Opinderjit Kaur Takhar

47. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE** (Paper 21/00)

Council awarded the following grants on the recommendation of the Research Committee :-

**Small Personal Research Grants**

- i) Dr Stuart Blackburn - up to £4,400 to study the oral traditions of tribes in Arunachal Pradesh, India
- ii) Dr. Crispin Branfoot - £900 to study the major 14th and 15th century monuments in the highland region of central Sri Lanka.
- iii) Dr. Eiluned Edwards - £1,957 to document the production of cloth by the Khatris of Kachchh

48. **MEETINGS FOR 2001**

The following dates were set for Council meetings in 2001:-

- Monday 12th March
- Monday 21st May
- Monday 17th September
- Monday 26th November - AGM

49. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12th March 2001

## **THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES**

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 27th November 2000  
at the British Academy

Members of Council present :

Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman)  
Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)  
Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)  
Prof. A.D.H. Bivar  
Mr. J Cribb  
Dr. H. Elgood  
Dr. F. Orsini  
Prof. F.C.R. Robinson

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)  
Members of the Society.

### **MINUTES**

1. Minutes 6/99 of the A.G.M of the Society held on 29th November 1999 at the British Academy were approved and signed.
2. The Chairman presented the report of Council for 1999/2000
3. The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for 1999/2000 which were approved.  
Chartered Accountants of 29-39 London Rd, Twickenham. Middlesex,  
were re-appointed auditors for 2000/2001.  
Pridie Brewster,  
TW1 3SZ
4. The following were elected Officers for 2001:-  

Chairman	Dr. Giles Tillotson
Treasurer	Mr. David Waterhouse
Secretary	Dr. Michael Willis
Editor	Dr. Adam Hardy
5. The following were elected new Ordinary Members of Council from January 2001:-  

Dr. Crispin Bates
Dr. Andrew Topsfield
6. Professor, Dr. Hans T. Bakker gave a lecture entitled 'Religion and Politics in the Vakataka Kingdom'