

The proposal for the Vidisha Project was accepted

9. **FUNDING PROPOSALS** (Papers 8/01 and 9/01)

a) Dr. Jennifer Howes :- a subvention of £1,000 was approved to allow Dr. Howes to complete her monograph.

b) Oriental Studies Workshop :- a conference grant of £2,000 was approved for the proposed conference at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Cambridge.

10. **ANNUAL LECTURE 2001**

Council agreed that Professor G. Fussman should give the annual lecture following the AGM in November 2001

11. **ELECTION OF HONORARY FELLOW**

Council agreed that Professor David Bivar should be made an Honorary fellow of the Society and directed the Assistant Secretary to write a letter informing him of this.

NEW MEMBERS (Paper 10/00)

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

Full Members - Mr. Naman P. Ahuja, Mr. John Randall, Miss Ramani Sivasothy, Professor David waterhouse and Mr. Fabio Rossi

Associate Members - Mr. Nile Green

12. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21st May 2001

- i. Dr. Lalita du Perron - £1,870 to study linguistic issues in the new North Indian states of Uttaranchal, Chattisgarh and Jharkhand. The decision to make Dr. du Perron's work a Society project was deferred until such time as Council hears the result of her British Academy post-doctoral fellowship application.
- ii. Dr. Dorian Fuller - £1,476 to conduct a pilot study of the archaeobotanical evidence for early rice cultivation in the Middle Ganges region.
- iii. Lakshmi Holmstrom - £1,180 to prepare a critical edition of the novel *Clarinda* by A. Madhaviah.
- iv. Dr. Perveez Mody - £1,824 to conduct an ethnographic study of the 2001 census in Northern India.
- v. Dr. Natalie Tobert - Council felt unable to assess Dr. Tobert's application and asked the Asst. Secretary to seek an opinion from Dominic Wujastik, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.

Conference Grants

- i. Dr. Claret Harris, Pitt Rivers Museum Research Centre, Oxford - £2,000 to organise the 10th Colloquium of the International Association of Ladakh Studies. Council stipulated that some clarification was needed as to precisely how the Society's grant would be spent and requested that Dr. Harris write a letter to the assistant secretary for presentation at the next meeting.
- ii. Dr. Michael Hutt, SOAS, London - £2,000 to organise an international conference on the Maoist movement in Nepal. Council requested that Dr. Hutt should keep it informed as to the development of the conference and to describe how the Society's grant would be spent closer to the time of the conference.

18. **PAITHAN REPORT** (Paper 16/01)

As requested Dr. Kennet presented a report indicating the funding required to complete the Paithan report. It was agreed that Dr. Kennet should be awarded a further £2,750 to see the report to completion. Council would make a decision on whether it was necessary for Dr. Kennet to travel to India to carry out proof reading nearer the time. If the visit was justified Dr. Kennet would be able to apply for a Travel Grant to cover the travel costs. The Treasurer also requested that detailed accounts should be submitted.

19. **BOATS OF SOUTH ASIA MONOGRAPH** (Paper 12/01)

Professor McGrail is currently working on the suggestions put forward by Dr. Rieth in his report on the manuscript. The Hon. Secretary reported that the manuscript is being costed by Curzon and expressed the hope that full costings will be available for the next meeting. It is anticipated that these will be in the region of £3,000. Council instructed the Asst. Secretary to write to professor McGrail thanking him for refunding £1,000 of his grant which was unspent.

20. **BOATS OF SOUTH ASIA PROJECT** (Paper 13/01)

Council agreed that the models of boats produced for the project should be donated to the Centre for Maritime Archaeology, University of Southampton.

21. **UPPER GANGES PROJECT** (Paper 14/01)

Council agreed that Dr. Chakrabarti should be given a grant of £2,300 for the current year as this had been included in the budget for 2000/2001. From 2002 Dr. Chakrabarti should be invited to bid for funds for a new project following the usual

format.

22. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 15/01)

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

Full Members - Professor Kalyan Kumar Sarkar and Dr. Carolyn Woodford Schmidt

Associate Members - Professor Graham Chapman, Mr. K.T. Patel and Dr. Vinita Damodaran.

23. **ANNUAL LECTURE**

Council agreed that a booklet containing the bibliographies of the speakers who present the annual Society lecture should be published every four or five years. It was felt that this would help to raise the profile of the annual lecture.

24. **AOB**

The Treasurer reported that the Academy is looking into the feasibility of introducing a central credit card payment facility. This would ease matters considerably for foreign members who have difficulty paying their annual subscription.

The funding for the Vidisha project is being administered by the Society and will be shown as 'income' in view of the British Academy's wish that the Society attract outside funding for projects when possible.

The Hon.. Secretary informed Council that he is currently discussing a project with the British Library regarding Sanskrit and related Buddhist manuscripts from Central Asia. It is anticipated that the British Library will submit a project proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

The Chairman indicated that under the new rules of the Society he and the Hon. Secretary will complete their terms of office in December 2001 and will not be eligible for re-election. Council was asked to consider the names of replacement candidates for discussion at the next meeting.

25. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 1st October 2001

addition of some minor amendments. The Asst. Secretary was asked to contact Dr. Willis about the necessity of including the annexes.

31 **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

Under the new rules of the Society the Chairman and the Hon. Secretary will complete their terms of office in December and will not be eligible for re-election. Council nominated Dr. Michael Willis and Dr. Francesca Orsini as its preferred candidates for the posts of Chairman and Secretary respectively. There will also be three vacancies on Council next year as Dr. Hetty Elgood, Professor Nicholas Sims-Williams and Mr. Jerry Losty will have completed their four year terms. Council nominated Prof. Graham Chapman, Dr. Jennifer Howes and Dr. Vinita Damodaran to stand for election.

32 **BASIS REVIEW** (Papers 19,20 &21/01)

Dr. Tillotson briefed Council on the most recent meeting with BASIS and the circumstances leading to Dr. Willis' reply to the British Academy. It was stressed to the Academy that closer cooperation (rather than full merger) with BASAS is considered desirable by Council. Council requested that Dr. Tillotson should write a supplement to Dr. Willis' reply.

33. **GRANT IN AID 2002/3** (Paper 22/01)

A total grant of £75,000 has been requested from BASIS for 2002/03.

34. **NI'MAT NAMA PROJECT** (Paper 23/01)

Council unanimously agreed that Norah Titley's Ni'mat Nama manuscript should be considered as part of the Society's monograph series. The Chairman and Mr. Losty will open negotiations with Curzon Press about the publication costs. The British Library has agreed to take responsibility for the production of the photographs. A research grant of £300 was awarded to Miss Titley to enable her to gather more material for the publication.

35. **BOATS OF SOUTH ASIA MONOGRAPH** (Paper 24/01)

Council approved payment of £700 to Jenny Marsh to complete the editing of the monograph.

36. **MUSLIM ARCHITECTURE OF SOUTH INDIA** (Paper 25/01)

Council approved payment of £500 to Jenny Marsh to complete the editing of the monograph subject to the agreement of Dr Shokoohy.

37. **SUBVENTION BID BY DR. BARBARA BREND** (Paper 26/01)

Council approved a grant of £1,000 to enable Dr. Brend to complete her publication, Perspectives on Persian Painting. In view of the increasing number of subvention bids for the publication of research Council asked the Asst. Secretary to produce a standard application form. Applications should also be accompanied by a supporting reference and verification of the costs involved.

38. **APPLICATION BY DR. NATALIE TOBERT** (Paper 27/01)

Following the independent assessment of Dr. Tobert's application by Dr. Dominic

Wujastyk of the Wellcome Trust Council awarded her a research grant of £2,300 to study mental health practices in South India

39. **SUBVENTION BID BY DR. WARWICK BALL** (Paper 28/01)
Council approved an award of £1,000 towards the production costs of the Ralph Pinder-Wilson Festschrift. Council wishes to have its grant acknowledged in the publication and felt that it would be fitting if reference was made to Mr. Pinder-Wilson's work for the Society in the introduction. The Asst. Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Ball concerning these points.
40. **REPORT BY DR. SUDESHNA GUHA** (Paper 29/01)
Council noted Dr. Guha's report and sanctioned her request to carry her underspent grant over to the next financial year. Consequently Dr. Guha's grant will be reduced by £1,000 in 2002.
41. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 30/01)
Council approved the election of the following new members of the Society:-
Full Members - Mary Hunt Kahlenberg,, Vijay Nanda and Christine Knoke .
42. **NEXT MEETING**
Monday 26th November 2001

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 26th November 2001

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

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

(* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms. Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

43. **MINUTES** 3/01 were approved and signed.

44. **MATTERS ARISING**

The reports requested by Council as a condition of grant from Dr. Clare Harris and Dr. Michael Hutt have been received.

Dr. Tillotson has written a supplement to Dr. Willis' reply to the British Academy following the most recent meeting with BASIS. Dr. Tillotson reported that his letter had been passed on to the Society's BASIS assessors.

45. **POLICY STATEMENTS ARISING FROM THE BASIS MEETING** (Paper 31/01)

Council agreed to accept the proposed policy statement regarding the election of members of Council with one minor amendment; the term 'ordinary members' should read 'members' as all members present at the AGM are eligible to vote.

Council agreed in principle with the suggestion that the Society's remit should be extended to cover the regions of Central Asia not presently covered by any other British Academy Society.

It was agreed that the Chairman should make an informal approach to the Chair of the Stein Arnold Fund as it would seem logical for a member of Council to sit on the Board of Trustees for this fund if the Society is to take responsibility for the region.

46. **POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS** (Paper 32/01)

Members of Council agreed that the scheme has been successful to date and that it

would be beneficial for it to continue. It was proposed that two new fellowships should be created for a period of two years duration. This would be at a total cost to the Society of £80,000, and would be financed from the reserves. Both fellowships will be based in a host institutions that agree to supervise and manage the projects, and applicants will be asked to demonstrate the institution's commitment to their project. It is anticipated that an advertisement will be placed early in the new year with a closing deadline in March and appointments being made in March/April.

Dr. Yoginder Sikand will complete the period of his fellowship in January 2002 but requires further funding for a period of seven months before taking up a post-doctoral position in Leiden. Council agreed that it would be appropriate to revert to the original agreement with Royal Holloway College in which they and the Society contributed 50% of the fellow's costs. This would amount to a contribution by the Society of £5,000.

47. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report to Council. Currently Council has approximately £16,000 available to fund projects and publications.

48. **EXCAVATIONS AT LEWAN - PUBLICATION PROPOSAL** (Paper 33/01)

Council read the proposal to publish a monograph on the excavations at Lewan with interest. It was agreed that as soon as the manuscript is produced Council would be happy to consider it for inclusion in the monograph series.

49. **SUBVENTION BID BY HELEN WANG** (Paper 34/01)

Council approved a grant of £1,000 towards the publication of Dr. Helen Wang's book 'Sir Aurel Stein in the Times'. Members of council expressed interest in seeing further applications from Dr. Wang relating to other parts of the project if appropriate.

50. **AIDED PROJECT PROPOSAL FROM THE BRITISH LIBRARY** (Paper 35/01)

Council received the project proposal to study the Stein and Hoernle collections of Sanskrit Central Asian manuscripts with interest. However, members felt that as such significant funding was required for the project the British Library should be encouraged to nominate a candidate to enter the forthcoming competition for post-doctoral research fellowships. If unsuccessful in this competition the project's assistant cataloguer would be eligible to apply for a Society Travel Grant in order to undertake the fieldwork aspect of the project in Delhi. The Assistant Secretary was asked to write to the British Library on this matter.

51. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

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

Small Personal Research Grants

- i. Dr. Stuart Blackburn - £1,500 to study oral genres among the Apatani and other tribes of Arunchal Pradesh.
- ii. Ms. Nicole Boivin- £1,750 to conduct a preliminary survey of Neolithic period

sites in Sanganakallu area of Bellary district, South India.

iii. Dr. Alessandra Iyer - £1,1850 to study contemporary Indian dance in the Indian subcontinent.

iv. Dr. Nicolas Magriel - £1,550 to study Rajasthani instrumental music.

v. Ms. Julia Shaw - £1,100 to study the social, economic and religious impact of Buddhist propagation in north India.

52. **DATES OF MEETING IN 2002**

Monday 25th February

Monday 13th May

Monday 7th October

Monday 25th November - AGM

53. **AOB**

The international workshop on religion and violence in South Asia has been rescheduled to take place in Derby in April 2002.

Mr. Cribb thanked the Society for the success of Dr. Bhandare's research project. Dr. Bhandare will take up a post in Oxford in the new Year.

54. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 25th February 2002

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 26th November 2001
at the Royal Asiatic Society

Members of Council present :

Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman)
Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)
Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)
Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)
Dr. Daud Ali
Prof. A.D.H. Bivar
Mr. J Cribb
Ms. R Crill
Mr. J. Losty
Dr. F. Orsini
Prof. F.C.R. Robinson

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

MINUTES

1. Minutes 5/00 of the A.G.M of the Society held on 27th November 2000 at the British Academy were approved and signed.
2. The Chairman presented the report of Council for 2000/2001
3. The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for 2000/2001 which were approved.
Pridie Brewster,
Chartered Accountants of 29-39 London Rd, Twickenham. Middlesex, TW1 3SZ
were re-appointed auditors for 2001/2002.
4. The following were elected Officers for 2001:-

Chairman	Dr. Michael Willis
Treasurer	Mr. David Waterhouse
Secretary	Dr. Francesca Orsini
Editor	Dr. Adam Hardy
5. The following were elected new Ordinary Members of Council from January 2002:-

Prof. Graham Chapman

Dr. Jennifer Howes
Dr. Vinita Damodaran

6. Mr. David Waterhouse proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Tillotson for his work on behalf of the Society.
7. Professor G. Fussman gave a lecture entitled 'Chanderi in Madhya Pradesh: Planning and Building a Town in Muslim India'.