

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th February 1997

Present :	Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)	Mr. T.R. Blurton*
	Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)	Prof. Sir John Boardman*
	Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
	Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)*	Mr. J.R. Knox
	Miss H.M. Bell	Dr. M. Shokoohy
	Prof. A.D.H. Bivar	Dr. D. Swallow*

(* members unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary) and Ms. Hillary Kent (British Academy)

MINUTES

1. Minutes 5/96 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

2. The Society has been unable to negotiate suitable terms with Professor Ucko, Director of the University of London Institute of Archaeology for the joint appointment to lecture in Indian Archaeology for the Institute and serve as director of excavations at Paithan for the Society. Dr Willis has held discussions with Professor Harding of Durham University on the possibility of a joint appointment at Durham.
3. The Chairman and Treasurer are to meet the officers of the British Academy's Committee for South East Asian Studies on Friday 21st February at the British Academy.

DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA

4. The Chairman reported on his recent visit to India and his discussions with the British Council, the A.S.I, the Department of Culture, INTACH, the EU mission in Delhi, the Indian Institute for Research in Numismatic Studies at Nasik, the Aurungabad Circle of the A.S.I and the team at Paithan - mostly accompanied by James Howell.
 - a) It was highly desirable to give the Society and its principal agent a higher profile. Council agreed that the Society's work should be known as the British Institute in India and its agent/Research Fellow as the Society's Area Director (India). In

Pakistan Dr. Thomas should be entitled the Area Director (Pakistan). When James Howell ceased to be employed directly by the Society he should be appointed as Consultant and paid at a daily rate based on his current salary.

- b) The head of the British Council in Delhi welcomed the suggestion that a local branch of the Society should be established in Delhi and will provide local facilities for lectures and an exhibition at the end of 1997.
- c) We reviewed the publication plans for the joint Society / ASI projects.
 - i) To complete the World Corpus of Amaravati sculpture photographs are still required of the sculptures at Amaravati, Madras Museum and Coimbatore. The ASI has agreed to give the Society access to its photographic archive. The Secretary would enquire whether there are any in the India Office Library. It will require the paid services of a researcher to complete this work.
 - ii) The Roman Finds will be published in three separate volumes:-
 - an archaeological gazeteer with the ASI
 - a numismatic study with the Fundmunzen Romischerzeit with the Academy in Frankfurt
 - and a study of the coin types found with the Nasik Institute.
 - iii) The EU mission suggested that the Society might well apply for funds for a joint project between institutions in two or more EU countries and an institution in India from their major new initiative. Council asked James Howell to prepare a submission to the EU on behalf of the Society. It authorised payment of his expenses to attend the International Meeting of South Asian Archaeologists in Rome in July 1997 and to discuss the question of possible Italian collaborators in Rome and Venice.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paper 1/97)

- 5. Expenditure for 1996/97 was up to budget. There may be an overspend due to increased administration. The Editors expenses have now been included in the cost of the journal.

ANURADHAPURA EXCAVATION REPORT (Papers 2/97 and 3/97)

- 6. Mr Knox advised Council that good progress had been made with the Anuradhapura report, but he had not yet received a complete draft. As a result Council decided to continue to withhold payment of the Charsada grant, and asked the Chairman and Secretary to meet Dr. Coningham as soon as possible.
- 7. It was agreed that recurrent grants for archaeological projects such as Anuradhapura and Charsada should not be made, unless the projects is made a joint project with the Society.

BANNU PROJECT (Paper 7/97)

8. The budget proposal for the project for 1996/97 was approved.

NEW MEMBERS (Paper 8/97)

9. Dr. Lucy Katherine Blue, Ms. Emma Zoe Back, Mr. Briece R. Edwards and Ms. Julie Melrose were elected members of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP (Papers 9/97 and 10/97)

10. The Assistant Secretary was asked to compile lists of a) Institutional members and personal members indicating those in arrears for 1997 and b) Institutions purchasing the journal direct or through agencies, to be made available for Council.
11. Dr Willis was asked to produce a brochure on the Society to attract new members, making it clear that the scope of the Society included all the subjects funded by the Humanities Research Board ie.. Language, Literature, History, Archaeology, Philosophy, History of Ideas, History and Philosophy of Science, Social Anthropology, Theology and Religious Studies, Linguistics, History of Art, Music, Drama and Theatre Studies, Dance Studies, Studies of Other Performing Arts, Film Studies, Communication and Media Studies and Cultural Studies, and that articles on these subjects would be considered for inclusion in the journal.Space in the journal would be allocated jointly by the publications committee and the editor.

V.S.O WORKERS IN SRI LANKA (Paper 11/97)

12. It was agreed to continue support for the VSO archaeologists working in Sri Lanka, but CV's should be supplied to the Society and the VSO archaeologists should be required to submit an annual report to the Society as a condition of grant.

REPORT BY PROFESSOR SEAN MCGRAIL (Paper 12/97)

13. The report by Professor McGrail was noted. Council would be prepared to consider modest funding for follow up research in Britain.

TYPE CATALOGUE OF INDIAN COINS (Paper 13/97)

14. Council approved the collaborative project proposal with the Indian Institute of Research In Numismatic Studies at Nasik and agreed to funding of £1000 per year for three years.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. In order to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of India and Pakistan it

was agreed to:

- Produce a larger volume of the journal in 1997
- Hold a half day seminar in London in collaboration with another institution. Dr. Willis was asked to approach the University of Sussex

16. Council was asked to ensure that the Society continues to supply fifty offprints of their article to each contributor to the journal.
17. The Assistant Secretary was asked to write to all recipients of Society awards requesting copies of their books, articles etc produced as a result for the Society's archive.

NEXT MEETING

18. Monday 21st April 1997 at 2.30pm.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st April 1997

Present : Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman) Mr. T.R. Blurton*
 Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer) Prof. Sir John Boardman*
 Dr. M. Willis (Secretary) Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
 Dr. B. Allchin (Editor) Mr. J.R. Knox
 Miss H.M. Bell* Dr. M. Shokoohy
 Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Dr. D. Swallow

(* members unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

MINUTES

19. Minutes 1/97 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

20. i) The Chairman and Treasurer had attended the recent meeting with BASIS. It was suggested that it might be preferable to have a separate meeting to discuss issues affecting the Societies (rather than the Schools and Institutes).
- ii) Dr. R.C Repp and Dr. B.J Mack have been appointed as assessors for the Society. Council agreed that they should be invited to join a Council meeting to discuss future strategy.
- iii) Council did not object in principal to the proposal for 'peer review' of the grant giving process. However, much of the present expertise in Archaeology, Art and related subjects in South Asia lies within the Council and with past officers and Council members of the Society.
- iv) The reports required by BASIS each year could form part of the Society's annual report to avoid duplication.
- v) When the Academy moves to its new premises it will provide a centralised secretariat for the Schools, Institutes and Societies. It was agreed that the Society would prefer to retain its present system. being most economical. It was agreed that a fax machine and an e mail link be provided for the Assistant Secretary..
21. The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary had met the officers of the Committee for South East Asian Studies. The Society differs from SEAS in its long standing archaeological links with the Sub-continent. It was agreed that the Society should explore ways in which it could ring fence the costs of its archaeological projects and

administer the balance of its grant for all subjects in South Asian Studies through a committee as the South East Asian Committee of the Academy did.

22. Dr Willis had attended the recent meeting of the British Association of South Asian Studies. It currently has some 400 academic members drawn from all disciplines interested in South Asia. To widen the Society's membership base into all fields of South Asian Studies Dr Willis proposed that all current members of BASAS be given complimentary membership of the Society (excluding the journal) for one year, and that a special membership rate be offered subsequently. Dr Willis was asked to produce firm proposals on a system of associate and full membership for the June meeting.
23. Council agreed that the scope of the journal should be slightly widened into related fields of Anthropology, Architecture, history etc in a careful way would not lose the important niche that it currently occupies.
24. Dr. Coningham had met the Chairman and Secretary and promised the completed Anuradhapura excavation report by September.
25. Caroline Gait's request to use her research award to prepare the publication drawings for the Samanlawewa project report in Cornwall (where the material has been brought) was approved. The finance committee was authorised to set the size of the award when a new budget was received.
26. Dr Dilip Chakrabarti's budget proposal for his next season of field work in the Upper Ganges was approved.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paper 23/97)

27. Expenditure for 1996/97 was up to budget. The Treasurer was asked to produce separate accounts for the journal with all items of expenditure including membership administration costs set against subscriptions and sales.

GRANT IN AID 1997/98 (Paper 14/97)

28. The Society's grant from the Academy for 1997/98 is £64,000.

REPORT BY THE RESEARCH FELLOW(Paper 15/97)

29. The report by James Howell was noted. Council suggested that it might be beneficial to expand the Paithan Project to study the textile industry and architecture of Paithan.

JOINT SOCIETY/UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT(Papers 16/97, 17/97 & 18/97)

30. The proposed joint Society/University appointment with the Institute of Archaeology

or Durham University or the University of Cambridge was considered. Council preferred the terms offered by Durham University. The Research Fellow was asked to investigate further possibilities. The finance committee was authorised to make a final decision in May.

RESEARCH GRANT REPORTS (Papers 19/97, 20/97 & 21/97)

31. a) The report by Sophie Hawkins was noted. Council authorised the payment of her travel grant of £500.
- b) Dr Adam Hardy's report was acknowledged.
- c) The letter from Dr Smith was noted. Council asked the Assistant Secretary to reply to Dr Smith stating that the Society will consider a further grant application if the present difficulties can be resolved.

TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATIONS (Paper 22/97)

32. The following grant was awarded:-

Mr. Jonathan Lee - £500 towards the cost of his survey of monuments in northern Afghanistan.

EXPANDED JOURNAL (Paper 24/97)

33. Council agreed to further increase funding for volume 13 of the journal to the extent of £1,400 provided that the Ancient India and Iran Trust produces the balance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

34. Council authorised the Chairman to reply to the letter from the Academy regarding the points raised by the BASIS meeting on their behalf.

NEXT MEETING

35. Monday 16th June 1997 at 2.30 pm.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th June 1997

Present : Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman) Mr. T.R. Blurton*
 Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer) Prof. Sir John Boardman*
 Dr. M. Willis (Secretary) Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
 Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)* Mr. J.R. Knox*
 Miss H.M. Bell Dr. M. Shokoohy
 Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Dr. D. Swallow

(* members unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

36 **MINUTES**

Minutes 2/97 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

37. **Separate accounts for the Journal** for 1996 and 1997 would be produced in September by the Treasurer.

38. **Machine readable Mahabaratha project.** Dr. J Smith has been able to resolve the copyright problems. A grant not exceeding £4,000 was authorised on the express condition that the computers remained the property of the Society.

39. **BASIS Meeting** (Paper 25/97)

The Chairman's reply to the British Academy was noted.

40. **THE COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIAN STUDIES.**

The officers had met the Chairman of the Committee and discussed its Corporate Plan 1996/97 and its procedures for granting research awards (Paper 24/97). Council agreed that the Society for South Asian Studies should follow similar procedures for making research grants across all the fields of South Asian Studies

41. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WILSON REPORT** (Paper 26/97)

Council agreed

- a) that it will continue to support its range of Society Projects, controlled directly through its officers and Council but would also establish a Research Committee for South Asian Studies to give general financial support for the full range of South Asian Studies. This Committee would consist of a nominated Chairman (who would be co-opted as a member of Council) and some eight members across various disciplines, based on the model of the Committee for South East Asian Studies. The Committee would be a sub-committee of Council making recommendations to Council, who as trustees are ultimately responsible. The Hon. Secretary would be ex officio secretary of the sub-committee.
- b) the Society will meet its obligations to complete and publish its current aided projects, but in future will only accept aided projects over which it has adequate control.
- c) The 1998/9 budget will be drawn up on this basis in January/February 1998, fixing the allocations that will be available to the sub-committee.
- d) the Journal will continue to specialise in Art and Archaeology, but its scope will be widened to include allied subjects such as history and anthropology.
- e) there will be three categories of membership:
 - i) Full members receiving the journal
 - ii) Ordinary members not receiving the journal
 - iii) Associate members (ie the complimentary members of BASAS) who will not pay a subscription or be entitled to vote, but will be invited to attend lectures etc about which they will be notified by the BASAS Bulletin.
- f) the Society's Development Plan, Mission Statement ,Objectives and Priorities will be drafted on this basis.

42. **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WILSON REPORT. CHAPTER 2 (Appendix to Paper 26/97)**

Council discussed the recommendations relevant to the Society and decided.

- 11 to conform to the latest Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2) in the presentation of its accounts.
- 14 to record and monitor the proportion of grant aid spent on research in a note to the accounts.
- 15 to record the income from external sources in support of the Society's projects in a note to the accounts.
- 16 to promote a continuous fundraising strategy.
- 18 to limit the size of Council to ten members.
- 20 to remind all Council members of their duties as Trustees. The Assistant Secretary will circulate each year in December the pamphlet provided by the

Charity Commission.

- 24 the enrolment of members of BASAS as complimentary associate members and the holding of an annual forum should increase awareness of the virtues of the wider research community in South Asian Studies.
- 39 collaboration with the Institute of Archaeology, London and the the joint appointment of a Research Fellow with the University of Durham should ensure close contact with the strengths of British Archaeology at home..
- 47 the establishment of the sub-committee to administer small research grants should encourage non-archaeological projects.
- 86 to set up IT and vehicle replacement funds.
- 115 the Society.s agreement with BASAS should establish establish strong links with the South Asian Studies home constituency.
- 117 the Society has always placed great emphasis on close liaison with British Embassies and the British Council.
- 118 the Society is currently investigating the possibility of EU funding.
- 123 a scheme for local membership of the Society is already well under way in India.
- 131 the Society has already taken steps to adopt a higher profile in the sub-continent and Britain.

Other recommendations, where relevant have already or are currently being implemented.

Council agreed that a draft reply to the British Academy on current progress in the implementation of the general recommendations listed in the Wilson Report should be prepared by the Assistant Secretary.

43. **FINANCE**

The outline budget for 1997/8 was accepted. It was agreed that journal costs and subscription rates should be reviewed annually especially for institutional members annually will be considered at the next meeting.

44. **JOINT SSAS/UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM RESEARCH FELLOW.**

It was agreed to meet 75% of the Research Fellow's salary in the first year reducing to 50% in subsequent years. The Chairman, Secretary and present Research Fellow would represent the Society on the interview board.

45. **REVIEW EDITOR**

Council appointed Dr Adam Hardy.

46. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 27/97)

Ms Nicole Lise Boivin and Mr Robert W. Morrell were elected members of the Society.

47. **THE SAMANALAWEWA PROJECT** (Paper 28/97)

The report for 1996/97 was approved and a grant of £2,000 awarded for 1997/98.

48. **THE BOATS OF SOUTH ASIA PROJECT** (Paper 29/97)

Proposals for 1997 to 2000 were approved in principal and a grant of £4,000 was awarded for 1997/98

49. **RESEARCH GRANT** (Paper 32/97)

Dr. Adam Hardy was awarded a small personal research grant of £1,000 towards the costs of his study of the compositional principles of Shekhari Temples in Gujarat.

50. **TRAVEL GRANTS** (Paper 31/97)

Travel grants of £400 each were awarded to Miss Corrina Faye Bower and Mr Nicholas Hornig to enable them to participate in the Upper Ganges project under the direction of Dr Chakrabarti.

51. **BASAS.**

The Hon. Secretary has been invited to attend BASAS Council meetings as an observer. It was agreed that a small contribution could be made to the BASAS newsletter in return for publicity about SSAS activities.

52. **INDIAN ARTS CIRCLE.**

It was agreed that complimentary associate membership of the Society be offered to members for one year.

53. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15th September 1997 at 2.30 pm at the Education Department of the British Museum.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 15th September 1997

Present : Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman) Mr. T.R. Blurton*
 Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer) Prof. Sir John Boardman
 Dr. M. Willis (Secretary) Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
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 Miss H.M. Bell Dr. M. Shokoohy*
 Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Dr. D. Swallow*

(* members unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

54 MINUTES

Minutes 3/97 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

55. **Size of Council.** It was decided that Council should be retained at its present level of fourteen members in order to cover a range of disciplines
56. **BASAS.** The Secretary will determine the size of contribution expected from the Society towards the publication costs of the BASAS bulletin and will report to the finance committee before the next meeting.
57. **EU Project Funding.** It has proved impossible to find a European partner to make a joint application for an EU project grant.
58. **Indian Branch of the Society.** It is hoped to launch branch of the Society in Delhi if the British Council can arrange legal registration in India.
59. **JOINT SSAS/UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM RESEARCH FELLOW.**
Durham University will advertise the appointment in the Guardian and the Times Higher Education Supplement. Council authorised expenditure up to £1,000 for candidates air fares if necessary. The Secretary will circulate details of the post to all Council members.
60. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 33/97)

The Treasurers report was noted.

61. **DRAFT AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL REPORT** (Papers 34 and 36/97)

The draft Annual Report and Audited Accounts were approved with minor amendments.

62. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 37/97)

Dr. Annamaria Dallaporta and Dr. Lucio Marcato were elected members of the Society.

63. **REPORT BY DR. AMIN JAFFER** (Paper 38/97)

The report by Dr. Amin Jaffer was noted.

64. **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

It was agreed that the Chairman of the new Research Committee should be a full member of Council and that the Secretary of BASAS would be invited to attend Council meetings as an observer.

65. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 26th November 1997 at 2.30 pm at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 26th November 1997

Present :	Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)	Mr. T.R. Blurton*
	Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)	Prof. Sir John Boardman*
	Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
	Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)	Mr. J.R. Knox*
	Miss H.M. Bell	Dr. M. Shokoohy
	Prof. A.D.H. Bivar	Dr. D. Swallow

(* members unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

66. **MINUTES**

Minutes 4/97 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

67. **The Joint SSAS/University of Durham Research Fellow**

Mr Derek Kennett has been appointed to take up post mid January 1998.

68. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 39/97)

The Treasurers report was noted.

69. **ADMINISTRATION COSTS** (Paper 40/97)

The Assistant Secretary was asked to keep a classified record of hours worked for a complete year.

70. **JOURNAL COSTS**

The Treasurer was asked to produce an analysis of total journal costs for 1995, 1996 and 1997 related to Society income from Subscriptions and Sales in each year.

71. **KANDAHAR VOLUME II**

It was agreed to accept BAR's proposal that the Society should pay the cost of producing the first 150 copies and covers - £1,827. The text will be digitised and held electronically so that further copies can be printed on demand at the expense of BAR.

72. **BASIS MEETING** (Paper 41/97)

It was agreed that A research policy for India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka should be drafted to meet the requirements of BASIS in the revision of the corporate plan.

73. **MEMBERS IN ARREARS** (Paper 42/97)
The list of members in arrears was noted. Members in arrears should not be sent the Journal and should in future be automatically suspended if their subscription was unpaid by 1st November. The following year they should be invoiced for the year's subscription and arrears due.
74. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 43/97)
Dr. Heather Elgood, Professor C Fuller and Kirtana Thangavelu were elected members of the Society.
75. **BASAS**
The Society agreed to contribute £100 pa. towards the publication costs of the BASAS bulletin and for use of the BASAS web site. There will be a session on SSAS work during the BASAS conference in Manchester in spring 1998.
76. **SPECIAL SOCIETY MEETINGS**
Dr Willis will organise a meeting to celebrate 50 years of independence of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in 1998 when the move to the Academy has moved to its new premises. Professor Bivar will organise a meeting jointly with the RAS to discuss the problems of Afghanistan and the Kabul Museum. It was agreed that from 1999 the Society's programme should normally consist of a day's programme of communications on the work done with the aid of SSAS grants, and the AGM lecture.
77. **RESEARCH REPORTS** (Paper 44/97)
The research reports of Dr J. Laidlaw and Jonathan Lee and the travel grant report of Corrina Bower were noted.
78. **ANURADHAPURA EXCAVATION REPORT** (Paper 45/97)
Council authorised payment of £1,000 to enable Dr Coningham to complete the report if he produced details on the artefacts requiring inputting to the satisfaction of the Hon. Secretary. If he submitted the final draft of his report on the excavations to the Hon. Secretary by 15th February 1998 a further £500 would be paid on receipt.
79. **RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS** (Papers 46 and 47/97)
a) Dr Ian Glover, Emeritus Reader, Institute of Archaeology, University College, London. - £1000 towards the cost of further investigations of high tin bronze manufacture in South India, studying and sampling for analysis recently excavated bronzes from Kodumanai, Tamil Nadu and bronzes from Adichanallur in the Government Museum, Chennai.
b) Dr C. and Dr F Osella, Lecturers in the Dept. of Anthropology, University of Durham. - £1,200 towards the cost of collecting supplementary data from Tamil and Malayalam films and fashion trends, complementing research undertaken in 1989/91 and 1994/96 to complete a book length manuscript on styles, arenas and representations of masculinity in South India.
c) Mr Justin Morris, Museum Assistant Quaternary Section, Prehistoric and Romano British Antiquities, The British Museum - £300 towards travel costs to establish the context of Late Stone Age collections from Sri Lanka in the British Museum and to examine recently excavated material in Sri Lanka.

d) Mr John Tiernan, Conservation Architect, Staffordshire County Council - £600 to document the structures at Paithan, Maharashtra excavated by the Nizam's Archaeological Department in 1937 and to carry out a provisional survey of 18th and 19th century secular architecture in Paithan town.

e) Dr. Judith Roberts, Research Fellow, de Montfort University, Leicester. Applications seeking support for her projects to record the British Gardens in India and document the Historic Gardens of Delhi would will be considered when the results of her application for a Churchill Travelling Fellowship and her grant from INTACH were known

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NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th February 1998 at 2.30 pm in the British Academy.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Wednesday 26th November 1997 at the
Victoria and Albert Museum

Members of Council present : Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)
Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)
Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)
Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)
Miss H.M. Bell
Dr. M. Shokoohy
Dr. D. Swallow

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)
Twenty six ordinary members of the Society were present.

MINUTES

1. Minutes 6/96 of the A.G.M of the Society held on 2nd December 1996 in the rooms of
the British Academy
were approved and signed.

2. The Chairman presented the report of Council for 1996/97

3. The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for 1996/97 which were approved.
Pridie Brewster, Chartered Accountants
of 29-39 London Rd, Twickenham. Middlesex, TW1 3SZ were
re-appointed auditors for 1997/98.

4. The following were elected Officers for 1998:-

Chairman	Dr. D.W. MacDowall
Treasurer	Sir Oliver Forster
Secretary	Dr. Michael Willis
Editor	Dr. Bridget Allchin

5. The following were elected new Ordinary Members of Council from 1998:-

Dr. H. Elgood	Professor C. Fuller
Dr. A. Hardy	Mr. J. Losty
Professor N. Sims-Williams	

6. Miss Rosemary Crill gave a lecture entitled Textiles of Swat and Indus Kohistan:
Embroidery in Northern Pakistan.