

# THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th February 1998

Present :	Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)	Prof. C. Fuller*
	Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)	Dr. A. Hardy
	Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells
	Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)	Mr. J.R. Knox*
	Miss H.M. Bell	Mr. J. Losty*
	Prof. A.D.H. Bivar	Dr. M. Shokoohy
	Prof. Sir John Boardman*	Prof. N. Sims-Williams*
	Dr. H. Elgood*	

(\* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes 5/97 were approved and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

2. **Excavations at Old Kandahar in Afghanistan 1976 - 1978** by Svend Helms has been published by Archaeopress as SSAS monograph no. 2 - BAR - S686 1997. Copies at £38 may be purchased from Hadrian Books Ltd, 122 Banbury Rd, Oxford OX2 7BP.
3. The Finance Committee was authorised to make a travel/research award(not exceeding £1,000) to Dr Judith Roberts, Senior research Fellow of De Montfort University, Leicester for her project on British and Moghul Gardens in India, subject to resubmission of a a satisfactory application.
4. **MEMBERSHIP** (Paper 1/98)  
Membership of the Society continues to decline.Prof. Hinnells suggested that a fruitful source of new members could be found in widening the Society's scope to include religious studies - a growing field. He agreed to organise a series of workshops on religions in South Asia at Derby and Leicester for the Society.
5. **PUBLICATIONS**
  - a) The final draft of the Anuradhapura Excavation Report had been received.
  - b) The Gazetteer of Roman and Sub- Roman Finds in India is nearing

completion.

6. **JOURNAL COSTS** (Papers 3/98, and 12/98)  
It seemed clear that the sharp decline in institutional subscriptions in Britain was due to the arrangement allowing Oxford and IBH to print 200 extra copies of SAS in Delhi and market them at Rs495 (£8) instead of the £30 when purchased through Oxbow. References to the rupee price should be removed from the Journal. The Chairman was asked to write to Oxford and IBH cancelling this arrangement. Coupled with a decline in membership income, the Society faced a major deficit on the Journal.
7. **JOURNAL SIZE, CONTENTS, BUDGET** (Paper 4/98)  
The Editor was authorised to print SAS volume 14 (1998) limited to 176 pages (including both numbered and unnumbered pages). The Chairman was asked to obtain a written quotation from Oxford and IBH for printing SAS vol. 14. The Asst. Secretary was asked to produce a full detailed analysis of Journal costs and sales/subscriptions and other Journal income regularly each year. Advertisements and donations towards publication costs should be sought. Membership rates and sale prices should be increased from 1st Jan 1999:- Membership £30, Junior Membership £20, Associate Membership £10, Institutional Membership £40 and SAS vol.13 should be sold at £40.  
Dr. Shokoohy and Dr. Hardy were asked to suggest further ways to increase income and lower costs.
8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** (Paper 5/98)  
The British Council's offer to raise the Society's profile in India by arranging appropriate lecture meetings in Delhi was welcomed. Recipients of grants would be required to indicate dates when they could give lectures 3 months in advance.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 6/98)  
The Treasurer reported under expenditure on small research grants and aided projects.
10. **FUTURE MEETINGS**
  - a) The Secretary agreed to attend the BASAS annual conference in Manchester from 17th to 19th April 1998.
  - b) Council was reminded about the celebratory meeting to mark the 50th Anniversary of Indian Independence to be held when the Academy move to 10 Carlton House Terrace was completed.
  - c) The first SSAS Research Forum meeting would be held in the autumn of 1998 in London.
  - d) it was suggested that the proposed joint meeting with the Royal Asiatic Society on the Kabul Museum, and the sites and monuments of Afghanistan be held in February or April 1998, and the seminar on the significance of the Excavations at Kandahar be held in September 1999.
11. **THE NEW RESEARCH COMMITTEE** (Paper 7/98)  
Council appointed Dr. A Hardy, Prof. J Hinnells, Prof. D Bivar and Prof. C Fuller as members.

12. **BANNU PROJECT GRANT 1997/98** (Papers 8/98 and 9/98)  
A grant of £2,500 was authorised subject to submission of a satisfactory application, on the standard Form P2
13. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 10/98)  
Mr. John Tiernan were elected a member of the Society and Dr. Daud Ali, Mr Steven Cohen and Ms. Julia Shaw were elected associate members. .
14. **RESEARCH REPORTS** (Paper 11/98)  
The 1997/98 report on the Boats of South Asia Project by Prof. McGrail was noted.
15. **NEXT MEETING**  
  
Monday 20th April 1998 at 3pm at the British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH, preceded by a meeting of the Research Committee at 2pm.

## THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

### Meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th April 1998

Present : Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)      Prof. C. Fuller\*  
          Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)        Dr. A. Hardy  
          Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)            Prof. J.R. Hinnells\*  
          Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)\*            Mr. J.R. Knox\*  
          Miss H.M. Bell                        Mr. J. Losty\*  
          Prof. A.D.H. Bivar                    Dr. M. Shokoohy\*  
          Prof. Sir John Boardman\*          Prof. N. Sims-Williams  
          Dr. H. Elgood

(\* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

16. **MINUTES** 1/98 were approved and signed.
17. Professor Fuller had resigned from Council and the Research Committee.
18. A travel grant of £500 had been awarded to Dr Judith Roberts, Senior research Fellow of De Montfort University, Leicester for her project on British and Moghul Gardens in India.
19. **JOURNAL**  
17 more Institutions had cancelled their order with Oxbow, apparently because they hope to buy the Journal for Rs 495 (£8) from India. The officers withdrew Paper 12/98. Council considered it essential to retain direct control of Journal funding and policy, and asked the Internal Audit Committee to examine the present arrangements and make recommendations in June. Dr. Shokoohy was asked to assist the Committee on this issue. It should be made clear that Oxford and IBH was NOT authorised to print any extra copies of SSAS vol 14 beyond the number ordered by the Society.
20. **MEETINGS**
  - a) The Secretary had attended the BASAS annual conference in Manchester.
  - b) It was agreed that the 50th Anniversary celebratory meeting should be held at the Academy on Saturday 17th October.
  - c) The first SSAS Research Forum meeting should be held in London in 1999.
  - d) The meeting on the Kabul Museum, and the sites and monuments of Afghanistan should be held in early 2000.
  - e) The seminar on Kandahar should now be held in 2000. Abstracts of the papers

should be circulated in advance.

f) It was agreed to explore the possibility of holding lectures at the later time of 5.30pm.

21. **BUDGET**

The Society's grant from the Academy for 1998/99 has been increased to £67,000. The Finance Committee was asked to produce a detailed budget (1998/99) for the June meeting.

22. **SUBSCRIPTIONS 1998**(Paper 16/98)

In spite of reminders 19 members had not yet paid any subscription. The Asst. Secretary was asked to prepare letters in the name of the Treasurer reminding defaulters under rule 12 and demanding payment.

23. **PUBLICATIONS**

It was agreed to meet preparation costs for a series of Society Monographs from the Publication Reserve. The Finance Committee was asked to review the reserve funds held for the June meeting.

24. **AIDED PROJECTS**

a) Upper Ganga Project. The report and accounts for 1997/98 were approved and a net grant of £1750 was approved for 1998/99.

b) Bannu Project. No field work had been undertaken in 1997/98. The Chairman and Treasurer were asked to negotiate a satisfactory form P4 for a further three seasons - 1998/99 to 2000/01 (including publication) of this phase. directly with the directors of the Bannu Project for the submission of their proposed budget.

c) Samanalawewa Project. No work has been undertaken in 1997/98. Dr Juleff was unable to travel to Sri Lanka. The Chairman and Secretary were authorised to release the £2000 grant agreed in Min. 47 of 1997, when an acceptable proposal for phase 1 - fieldwork, processing data and completion of a final draft for publication was agreed within a total grant of £10k (including the £4k spent in 1996/97).

d) Muslim Architecture in South India. A grant of £6000 was agreed towards the costs of fieldwork etc. in Kerala in 1998/99 to complete the final draft of the Society monograph.

e) Survey of Tughluqabad. A grant of £8500 was approved towards the costs of fieldwork at Tughluqabad in 1999/2000 to complete work on the final draft of the Society monograph.

f) Anuradhapura Report. A further grant of £1000 was approved towards the costs of preparing data for the monograph.

25. **NEW MEMBERS**

Ms Rajinder Dadry was elected a student member of the Society.

26. **WORLD CORPUS OF AMARAVATI SCULPTURE**

Dr Willis agreed to become Director of the project.

27. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15th June 1998 at 3pm in the British Academy.

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Meeting of the Council held on Monday 15th June 1998

Present :	Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)	Dr. H. Elgood
	Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)	Dr. A. Hardy
	Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
	Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)*	Mr. J.R. Knox*
	Miss H.M. Bell	Mr. J. Losty
	Prof. A.D.H. Bivar	Dr. M. Shokoohy
	Prof. Sir John Boardman	Prof. N. Sims-Williams*

(\* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

28. **MINUTES** 2/98 were approved and signed.
29. **COST OF THE JOURNAL** (Paper 21/98). Council unanimously accepted all the eleven recommendations of the report of the Internal Audit Committee, which should result in all the costs of the Journal being met from subscriptions and sales next year.
- 1) No colour illustrations should be included in the Journal unless the full costs are met by outside funding.
  - 2) Council should limit printing to a maximum of 400 copies until the demand for copies rises substantially.
  - 3) Indian sales of SAS 14 and future volumes at a heavily discounted price through Oxford and IBH should be discontinued immediately.
  - 4) Members of the Society resident in India should pay a reduced rate of subscription of £16 pa. These arrangements should be administered by the Society through an appointed agent with whom it has a reciprocal agreement. The Journal price. would not be available for sale through book sellers at this price.
  - 5) Each September Council should establish the Budget for the following year's Journal. Before 31 August the Editor should provide the Finance Committee with the unit rates established for printed text pages, B&W illustrations, line drawings etc. for the agreed number of copies and information about any grants to meet the cost of colour illustrations, donations, other expected receipts, the size of Journal suggested and any special requirements.
- The Finance Committee should estimate the coming year's expected income, and present a draft budget in standard form to Council. Council should set a budget with fixed cost limits of expenditure (including the provision of free offprints) and the maximum number of pages for the next SAS, **within** which the Editor would be required to operate, making best use of the available pages. These limits should be

strictly enforced and copy material should be held over to the next year if necessary.

The Editor should then secure a fixed price quotation for approval by Finance Committee, before authorising the printer to proceed

6) Every three or four years at least, the market in India should be tested and quotations sought from at least two other respectable printers.

7) All agreements should be made in writing and approved by the Finance Committee. No agreement should be concluded that would make it difficult to change printers.

8) When available, accounts for each year's Journal should be presented to Council, comparing actual costs with budget and explaining any differences.

Consideration should be given to including this information in one of the notes to the annual accounts.

9) The stock of back numbers should be used to encourage new personal and institutional members. A report on the stock of back numbers should be made to Council each year and appropriate offers formulated to promote sales to both existing and new subscribers, on advice from Oxbow.

10) Council should monitor the implementation of any decisions it makes about the Journal.

11) Consideration should be given to the appointment of a Publications Business Manager responsible for the practical business and costing aspects of all the Society's publications with a separate academic editor for South Asian Studies and for each monograph.

30. **SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES 14.** Council authorised the printing of 400 copies only limited to 176 numbered and un numbered pages plus any pages to be funded separately by Oxford and IBH for Harappan Studies. Authorisation was given for two pages of colour plates at an additional cost to the Society of £900 to be included for the article by Lee and Grenet.

31. **BUDGET 1998/99** (Paper 22/98) was noted.

32. **COUNCIL.** Nominations would be required in September for two vacancies.

33. **THE REPORT BY THE RESEARCH FELLOW** (Paper 23/98) was noted.

34. **AIDED PROJECTS**

a) **Boats of South Asia Project** (Paper 24/98). A grant of £4000 was approved for 1998/99, and a similar figure would be included in the Corporate Plan for 1999/2000, subject to submission of summary accounts and a proposed budget at the time.

b) **Akra Excavations Phase 1** (Paper 25/98). Corporate Plan provision was approved at £3,500 in 1998/99 and £4,500 in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. Council approved a grant of £3,500 for 1998/99. The Director should be reminded about the need to submit a report and summary accounts of actual expenditure promptly after completion of each season of field work,

c) **The Sri Lankan Archaeometallurgical Project** (Paper 26/98) Council approved a Corporate Plan entry of £2000 each year for 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001; and confirmed its authorisation for a grant of £2,000 for 1998/99.

**d) Boats of South Asia Monograph** (Paper 27/98). The proposal was agreed in principle subject to Prof. McGrail submitting a detailed budget closer to the time.

35. **GRANT APPLICATIONS** (Paper 28/98). Council awarded the following grants recommended by the Research Committee:-
- a) Dr Virinder S. Kalra - £600 towards the cost of exploratory work into the impact of partition on 'tadhi', a musical form of the Punjab.
  - b) Nicholas Magriel - £600 towards his further investigation of Sarangi styles in Hindustani Art Music subject to the Hon. Secretary receiving a satisfactory reply from the applicant's referees, and satisfactory publication proposals.
  - c) Amy North and Emily Hayes - £600 each on the condition that the Asst. Secretary receives written confirmation that both applicants will spend at least 14 days working on field work engaged in fieldwork with the Upper Ganges Project. Council will require a written report giving the dates spent with Dr Chakrabarti in the Upper Ganges region, and their role in the fieldwork.
  - d) Dr Roberta Tomber should discuss her material from Berenike with Mr James Howell (Area Director India). and submit a further application in October if it was felt necessary.
  - e) Dr Nicholas James' proposal to study cultural heritage tourism in Orissa seemed more appropriate to INTACH or D/ID. It would be prepared to consider a more academically based project in this field if a submission is made.
36. **MEETINGS.**  
The regular lecture programme for 1998/99 is being arranged. It was agreed that the 50th Anniversary celebratory meeting should be cancelled because of the current political situation in the sub continent.
37. **THE PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING ON SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS** was considered. The Asst. Secretary will ask Prof. Hinnells to submit a costed proposal within the scope of the Society's normal policy for aided projects.
38. **THE REPORT ON YAKOLANG AND BAMIYAN** (Paper 30/98) was noted.
39. **THE RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANT REPORTS** (Paper 32/98) from Dr Ian Glover and John Tiernan were noted.
40. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 33/98)  
Dr Vivek Nanda was elected a full member, Miss Karin Harvey and Emily Hayes as student members and Dr Tanvir Hasan and Dr Roberta Tomber as associate members.
41. **NEXT MEETING**  
Monday 21st September 1998.

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In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

42. **MINUTES** 3/98 were approved and signed.
43. **MATTERS ARISING**  
Four colour pages had already been printed for South Asian Studies vol. 14 although Council only gave authorisation for two. Mr. Primlani has offered to hold the cost over until 1999, but Council authorised payment of the bill in full this year.
44. The Assistant Secretary was asked to enquire about the fieldwork in India to be undertaken by Dr. Chakrabarti's students and to report at the November meeting.
45. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 41/98). Expenditure to date for 1998/99 is within budget.
46. **DRAFT AUDITED ACCOUNTS 1997/98** (Paper 35/98) were approved with the addition of a further £885.30 to publication sales and the consequent amendments to accruals and totals.
47. **REVISED BUDGET** for 1998/99 (Paper 42/98) submitted by the Research Fellow (India) was approved
48. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 1997/98** (Paper 36/98) was approved with the addition of "and action is being taken to correct this" at the end of the Financial Review.
49. **REPORT BY AREA DIRECTOR (INDIA)** (Paper 38/98) was noted
50. **JOURNAL** (Paper 37/98) Dr. Allchin was willing to remain editor of SAS, while the Society appointed a new editor of the Society who would be elected as an officer and

would be responsible as Business Manager for all Society publications. The Assistant Secretary will compile a report on the stock of back numbers held at the Ancient India and Iran Trust and Oxbow Books for the November meeting.

Council approved the following budget for South Asian Studies volume 15:-

AiIT Secretarial	1,200	
Editors visit to India	800	
Air freight	450	
Customs clearance	200	
	-----	£2,650
Printing of 400 copies		
176 text pages @ £15	2,640	
85 Black and White photographs and line drawings @ £4	340	
Colour photographs	--	
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	£2,980	
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	<b>£5,630</b>	

Council decided to postpone the proposal to abolish 'associate membership' for the moment but agreed to the other suggestions in Paper 37/98

- a) all recipients of awards should be required to become members at least for the year of their award.
- b) the best potential area of growth in sales is probably among institutions in India - so long as the Society receives an adequate returns from sales at a preferential price from Indian subscribing members. This is being actively explored.
- c) future volumes, SAS 15 onwards will carry commercial advertisements if these can be secured.
- d) the Assistant Secretary should report on the Journal stock for the November meeting.
- e) the Society should try to double the size of the journal- carrying articles on non archaeological topics in a second section if the British Academy agreed to a subsidy of say £2,500 pa for five years in a major drive to attract new members, especially in the fields of modern history, religious studies, architecture and anthropology.
- f) an editorial board should be appointed covering all the subjects within the Society's remit and be expected to secure a range of good quality articles in these fields.

The Chairman was asked to discuss these and other possibilities with the Editor SAS.

51. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 39/98)  
Mr. Derek Kennet and Dr. Natalie Tobert were elected as full members
52. **TRAVEL GRANT REPORT** (Paper 40/98) from Elizabeth Lambourn was noted.
53. **PROJECT VEHICLE.** Council agreed that it had no objection to the ASI Aurangabad Circle using and maintaining the vehicle during the Research Fellow's absence.
54. **NEXT MEETING**  
AGM on Monday 16th November 1998.

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In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

55. **MINUTES** 4/98 were approved and signed.

56. **MATTERS ARISING**

In compliance with the Research Committee's decision Dr. Chakrabarti has arranged for his two students to join the excavations at Balathal in Rajasthan under the supervision of Dr. Vasant Shinde for three weeks in December. Council agreed that funds should now be released

57. **ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH BOARD** (Paper 51/98)

Following the establishment of the AHRB in October funding in the humanities and arts for project-based research has been substantially increased. Funding under this scheme however, is only available to serving members of staff of higher education institutions in England and Northern Ireland. The British Academy is urging all its overseas Institutes, Schools and Societies to encourage applicants for grants from Higher Educational Institutions in England and Northern Ireland to apply to the Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) for funding. Applications for research grants of up to £100,000 a year, and for up to five years will be considered. The closing date for applications is 31st December.

58. **MEETINGS 1999/2000**

It was agreed that from 1999 the Society will hold a number of general topic meetings plus the AGM and annual lecture. The Society is committed to holding a meeting on Kandahar with a series of commissioned papers for the third volume in 2000 and a meeting on the Kabul Museum and the sites and monuments of Afghanistan in early 2000. These meetings will be arranged by the standing committee for Afghanistan

59. **STANDING COMMITTEE FOR AFGHANISTAN**

In order to fulfil its obligations under rule 3 it was decided to set up a standing committee to monitor the situation in Afghanistan, and report to Council once a year. The committee will consist of Prof. A.D.H. Bivar, Dr. W. Ball, Mr. R. Pinder-Wilson, Mr. Jonathan Lee, Ms. Carla Grissman and Dr. D.W MacDowall.

60. **RESEARCH FORUM**

Council agreed that a Research Forum should be convened to keep the Society in touch with active research areas in South Asian studies and to give coherence to the Society's operations. Dr. Michael Willis was proposed by Council to convene the forum and define its scope. Dr. Willis suggested that he might approach Lord Desai to act as the chairman of the forum. The Assistant Secretary was asked to produce a paper for the next Council meeting on the projects and research funded to date, the sums of money involved and the publications produced.

61. **RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Council agreed that the Research Committee should be chaired by an independent chairman. Prof. A.D.H. Bivar agreed to serve and was elected as chairman.

62. **FUNDING FOR THE BASAS WEB SITE** (Paper 43/98)

Dr. Michael Willis will reply to BASAS on Council's behalf. It was agreed that it was not necessary to distribute the BASAS bulletin to Society members, but that their web site could be used to provide a gateway to the Academy's web site. Information on Society projects, forums, awards and publications should be included on the Academy web site. Dr. Willis will look into the matter and produce a costed proposal for the next meeting.

63. **ANURADHAPURA EXCAVATION REPORT-PUBLICATION COSTS**

The complete text of Anuradhapura volume i is now ready for printing and the work for volume ii has been completed. Council approved expenditure of £2000 each to the Publisher and the Copy Editor for the completion of both volumes.

64. **JOURNAL**

Council agreed that an Editorial Committee should be established to be responsible for all financial and marketing aspects of the Journal. The Committee will be chaired by Dr. Adam Hardy, the Society's editor of publications. He will oversee the proposed expansion of the Journal and report to Council as necessary.

The Chairman has written to Mr. Primplani suggesting that he act as the Society's agent in India. Indian subscribing members would receive the Journal at the reduced rate of £16. The agent would only supply the Journal to subscribing members in India and notify the Society on receipt of their membership subscription. In return the agent would receive a commission of 40% of the sale proceeds.

Council authorised the immediate payment of the bill for SAS vol. 14

66. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 52/98). Expenditure to date for 1998/99 is within budget. However, expenditure on aided projects has already exceeded the budgeted figure.

67. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 48/98)

Dr. Nicholas James was elected as an associate member.

68. **AIDED PROJECT REPORT** (Paper 47/98)  
The report on the electronic Mahabharata project by Dr. John Smith was noted
69. **AIDED PROJECT APPLICATIONS** (Paper 45/98)  
Council approved the following aided projects:-  
a) Dr. J. Smith - £3,600 towards the cost of preparing a detailed analysis of the Mahabharata in terms of metrics and diction, subject to the provision of a clearer plan of action. Dr. Smith will be expected to seek the remaining funding from other sources.  
b) Prof. J. Hinnells - £2000 per year for four years to cover the costs of a series of international workshops on religions in South Asia.
70. **TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATIONS** (Paper 46/98)  
Council awarded the following grant on the recommendation of the Research Committee:-  
Dr. Alan Williams - £500 towards the cost of studying Indo-Persian Zoroastrian texts in Bombay and Gujarat.
71. **SMALL PERSONAL RESEARCH GRANTS** (Paper 46/98)  
Council awarded the following grants on the recommendation of the Research Committee, on condition that the recipients publish the outcome of their research in South Asian Studies :-  
a) Crispin Branfoot - £850 to study the architectural sculpture found on 16th and 17th century Hindu temples in Tamil Nadu.  
b) Dr. Kirsti Evans - £400 to study the surviving devadasis of the Yellamma temple in Karnataka.  
c) Ms. Veena Gheerawo- £750 towards the costs of reconstructing the Karana technique of classical Indian dance using text and sculpture within a contemporary Indian classical dance style. The grant may not be used to cover tuition fees or to purchase exhibition materials.  
d) Dr. Nicholas James - £1000 to study the effect of tourism on the cultural heritage of Orissa.  
e) Dr. George Michell- £1200 towards the costs of producing an architectural inventory of the sacred centre of Vijayanagara.  
e) Tazeen Murshid - £1000 to conduct a comparative study of the context in which legislative change was initiated, and its impact on Muslim women in South Asia subject to the Research Committee receiving detailed specifications of the research plan.  
f) Dr. Natalie Tobert - £1500 to conduct an anthropological survey of pilgrims at a South Indian temple and its implications for trans-cultural treatment of mental health patients subject to the research Committee receiving detailed objectives for the anthropological aspect of the research.
72. **THE CORPORATE PLAN REVISION**  
It was agreed that the corporate plan revision should be presented to Council in draft form at its meeting in February.
73. **THE CONSTITUTION** requires updating. The Secretary will look into this matter

in consultation with the founding member.

74. **PAITHAN PROJECT.** The Chairman and Secretary have spoken to the Research Fellow (India) about the need to complete a report at the end of his three year contract. Council will require some indication of the publication costs for this.
75. **NEXT MEETING**  
Proposed date for the next meeting is Monday 15th February 1998.

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 16th November 1998  
at the British Academy

Members of Council present :

Dr. D.W. MacDowall (Chairman)	Dr. H. Elgood
Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)	Dr. A. Hardy
Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells
Dr. B. Allchin (Editor)	Mr. J. Losty
Miss H.M. Bell	Dr. M. Shokoohy
Prof. A.D.H. Bivar	Prof. N. Sims-Williams
Prof. Sir John Boardman	

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Minutes 6/97 of the A.G.M of the Society held on 26th November 1997 at the Victoria and Albert Museum were approved and signed.
2. The Chairman presented the report of Council for 1997/98
3. The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for 1997/98 which were approved. Pridie Brewster, Chartered Accountants of 29-39 London Rd, Twickenham. Middlesex, TW1 3SZ were re-appointed auditors for 1998/99.
4. The following were elected Officers for 1999:-

Treasurer	Sir Oliver Forster
Secretary	Dr. Michael Willis
Editor	Dr. Bridget Allchin
5. Following voting by members in a secret ballot Dr. Giles Tillotson was elected as Chairman of the Society from January 1999.
6. Members voted in a secret ballot in which the following were elected new Ordinary Members of Council from January 1999:-

Professor Francis Robinson  
Professor Christopher Shackle

Dr. Deborah Swallow

7. Sir John Boardman, FBA gave a lecture entitled A Hellenist Looks East.