

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 22nd February 1999

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

(* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

1. **MINUTES** 5/98 were approved and signed with the following amendment :-
Minute 71, paragraph b replace 'contemporary devadasis' with 'surviving devadasis'.
2. **MATTERS ARISING**
Dr. Willis is looking into the possibility of using the BASAS web site and will produce a costed proposal.
3. **MEETINGS 1999/2000**
It was agreed that from 1999 the Society will hold a number of general topic meetings and lectures at various venues both in and outside London. The AGM and annual lecture will continue be held at the British Academy and will be the Society's main meeting in London each year.
4. **JOURNAL**
Volume 14 has been dispatched to members and volume 15 is now with the printers in Delhi.. Council agreed that although it was desirable to expand the size of the Journal, it would be best to proceed cautiously, addressing this when the current editor of the journal nears the end of her current term of office. The Editorial Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Adam Hardy will look into the content of the Journal and explore possible ways in which it could be expanded. Council authorised Dr. Hardy to co-opt members of Council and of the Society to sit on the committee as required.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 1/99)
Expenditure to date for 1998/99 is within budget. However, the bill for the distribution costs of the Journal has still to be paid. Expenditure on small research grants was below budget. A bid for £70,000 for 1999/2000 has been submitted to the

It was agreed that Dr. David MacDowall should be elected as an Hon. Member of the Society in recognition of his many years of service. Along with changes to the rules, the membership will be asked to approve this at the next AGM.

13. **NEXT MEETING**
Monday 19th April 1999 at the British Academy.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 19th April 1999

Present : Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman) Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
 Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer) Mr. J.R. Knox*
 Dr. M. Willis (Secretary) Mr. J. Losty*
 Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)* Prof. F.C.R. Robinson*
 Miss H.M. Bell* Dr. C. Shackle*
 Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Prof. N. Sims-Williams*
 Prof. Sir John Boardman* Dr. D.A. Swallow*
 Dr. H. Elgood*

(* unable to attend)

In attendance : Dr. B. Allchin (Editor of South Asian Studies)
 Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

14. **MINUTES** 1/99 were approved and signed with the following amendment :-
Minute 71, paragraph b replace 'contemporary devadasis' with 'surviving devadasis'.
Minute 4, second line replace 'expand the Journal ' with 'expand the size of the
Journal'.

15. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Society's bid to the British Academy has been successful, and a grant of £70,000 for 1999/2000 has been confirmed.

The Chairman brought Council's attention to the fact that the composition of the Research Committee and the Projects Committee are currently the same; the two committees will, however, have separate functions and identities.

Professor Bivar was re-confirmed as chairman of the Research Committee; Dr. Willis as chairman of the Projects Committee.

16. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 8/99)

The Society spent under its proposed budget for small research grants in 1998/99 and underspent on publications. The bill for the distribution costs of the Journal has still to be paid.

17. **ACADEMY BID 1999/2000** (Paper 9/99)

The break down of the Society's bid was noted. The Treasurer pointed out that there are some discrepancies and that some of the figures were precautionary. He anticipated that there will probably be a small deficit.

18. **POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

The financial arrangements for each fellowship will have to be negotiated with the institution in question, but will be based on a on a total cost to the Society of no more than £20,000 per year. In the interests of fiscal prudence, Council confirmed that while the fellowships are designed to run for three years, the Society will only guarantee funding for two years in the first instance.

An Appointments Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary, two members of Council and two others who were felt to be impartial and having the necessary expertise will be established to make the appointments. The Appointments Committee will continue to monitor the progress of the Research Fellows throughout their period of tenure. Dr. Michael Willis will chair the Appointments Committee. Council authorised him to appoint others with the relevant expertise to the committee as necessary.

19. **SOCIETY LECTURES, STUDY DAYS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The AGM and annual lecture will be held at the British Academy and will be the Society's main meeting in London for the next academic year. The character of the annual lecture was discussed and Council decided that the subject of the lecture should have wide appeal but that it should be of sufficient scholarly interest that a version could be published in the Society's journal.

The Society is currently providing some administrative support for the Indian Art Circle, and as part of this agreement members of the Society are eligible to attend all Indian Art Circle lectures. Details of the lectures will be circulated to members and will be posted on the BASAS web site. A note informing members on how to access information on the lecture programmes will be included in the next volume of the Journal.

A series of study days will also be held at locations outside London. Professor Hinnells has already received approval from Council to run an annual study days at the University of Derby over the next three years.

20. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 10/99)

Council approved the election of the following new member of the Society:-
Student member - Miss Yasmin Hales

21. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Asst. Secretary will write to the editor of the London Diary for the Ancient Near East declining their offer of advertising space.

22. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21st June 1999 at the British Academy..

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st June 1999

Present : Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman) Prof. J.R. Hinnells*
 Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer) Mr. J.R. Knox*
 Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)* Mr. J. Losty
 Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)* Prof. F.C.R. Robinson
 Miss H.M. Bell Dr. C. Shackle
 Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Prof. N. Sims-Williams*
 Prof. Sir John Boardman* Dr. D.A. Swallow*
 Dr. H. Elgood

(* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

23. **MINUTES** 2/99 were approved and signed with the following amendment :-
Minute 16, replace 'spent over its proposed budget for small research grants in 1998/99 but underspent on publications' with 'spent under its proposed budget for small research grants in 1998/99 and underspent on publications'.
24. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 11/99)
The report of the treasurer was noted. Payments have also been made to Dr. Chakrabarti (£2,300 being his grant from the Society for 1999/2000), the Auditors (£500 for preparation of the accounts) and to the Assistant Secretary (£500 for administration costs).
25. **ELECTION OF HONORARY FELLOWS**
Under rule 20 Council approved the election of Dr. D.W. MacDowall, Dr. F.R. Allchin and Mr. R.H. Pinder-Wilson as Honorary Fellows of the Society in recognition of their long service and many contributions to the Society and to the field of South Asian Studies.
26. **POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**
The appointments committee had considered fourteen complete applications. All were of an extremely high quality and of diverse subject matter. Council approved the appointment of Dr. Shailendra Bhandare and Ms. Jennifer Howes for three years. Dr. Bhandare will study late Mughal and early British period coinage at the British Museum. Ms. Howes will study material held in the Oriental and India Office Collections of the British Library.
Council agreed that an award of £10,000 should be made to the reserve candidate, Dr.

Yoginder Singh Sikand, to enable him to study methodologies of inter-religious dialogue in contemporary India at Royal Holloway College, London. This award would be conditional on Royal Holloway being able to secure matching funding for the post.

27. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES** (Paper 12/99)
Council approved the proposed amendments to sections 4, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 16 of the rules of the Society. As stipulated in rule 39 the amendments will be presented to members at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be convened prior to the Annual General Meeting in November .
28. **SOCIETY AWARDS** (Paper 13/99)
Council awarded the following grants recommended by the Research Committee:-
a) Aided Projects
i) Prof. Sean McGrail - £4,000 to complete the fifth season of fieldwork for the 'Boats of South Asia' project .
ii) Dr. John Smith - £7,220 to complete phase 2 of the 'Electronic Mahabharata' project. This project will be of three years duration.
The break down of the grant will be as follows:- 1999/2000 = £3,620, 2000/2001 = £1,800 , 2001/2002 = £1,800
iii) Dr. Julia Hegewald - £5,545 to study and document later Jain temple architecture in India. The project will be of three years duration. The break down of the grant will be as follows:- 1999/2000 = £2,060 , 2000/2001 = £2,010 , 2001/2002 = £1,475
iv) Prof. Sean McGrail- £3,000 to produce a monograph in the Society's monograph series summarising the five seasons of fieldwork undertaken in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka for the Boats of South Asia' project.
b) Travel Grants
i) Christopher Bayliss - £600 to assist Dr. Chakrabarti in carrying out a survey of the ancient trade routes across the Vindhayas to the Deccan
ii) Yasmin Hales - £600 to undertake a socio-cultural study of Indian contemporary tribal/folk artists and institutions in central and northern India.
iii) Ruth Young - £600 to take part in an archaeological sub-project of the International Hindu Kush Expedition. The project will examine the development of water resource exploitation and management in the Chitral Valley.
29. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 14/99)
Council approved the election of the following new member of the Society:-
Full member - Mr. Justin Morris
30. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
Dr. Adam Hardy will take over as the editor of the Journal from 2000.
31. **NEXT MEETING**
Monday 27th September 1999 at SOAS.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 27th September 1999

Present :	Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman)	Prof. J.R. Hinnells
	Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)	Mr. J.R. Knox*
	Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)	Mr. J. Losty*
	Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)*	Prof. F.C.R. Robinson*
	Miss H.M. Bell	Prof. C. Shackle*
	Prof. A.D.H. Bivar*	Prof. N. Sims-Williams*
	Prof. Sir John Boardman	Dr. D.A. Swallow*
	Dr. H. Elgood	

(* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

32. **MINUTES** 3/99 were approved and signed with the following amendment :-
Dr. C. Shackle with Prof. C. Shackle.
33. **MATTERS ARISING**
Council had agreed that an award of £10,000 should be made to Royal Holloway College to fund the research of Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand, to enable him to study methodologies of inter-religious dialogue in contemporary India. This award was conditional on Royal Holloway being able to secure matching funding which they have now been able to do. Council instructed the Secretary to write to Professor Francis Robinson outlining the terms and conditions of the Society's award.
34. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 15/99)
The report of the treasurer was noted. Payments have also been made to Dr. Shokoohy (£8,000 to carry out work for the Tugluqabad monograph) and to the British Library (£20,000 for Jennifer Howes, the Society's post-doctoral research fellow)
35. **DRAFT ACCOUNTS** (Paper 16/99)
The draft accounts for the fiscal year ending 31st March 1999 were approved and signed.
36. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT** (Paper 17/99)
The draft annual report for the year ending 31st March 1999 was approved with the addition of some minor amendments.
37. **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

There will be four vacancies on Council next year. Mr. Robert Knox and Sir John Boardman will have completed their four year terms. Miss Bell and Dr. Swallow indicated to Council that they wish to tender their resignations. Members of Council were asked to forward names of suitable persons who would be willing to serve on Council to the Hon. Secretary.

38. **ANURADHAPURA PUBLICATION**

A progress report has been received from Jenny Marsh, the copy editor. The initial copy-editing and proof reading of volume 1 have been approved by Dr. Coningham and the text has been typeset. The text layout is currently being checked and finalised. The illustrations are to be mounted once the typeset text has been checked, and the photographic prints are to be processed. The text for volume ii is still with the author.

39. **RELATIONSHIP WITH BASAS**

Following the recommendations made by BASIS the Society has been forging links with other bodies within the field of South Asian Studies. As part of this programme the Society has been successfully using the BASAS web-site to advertise its activities and award schemes, at no cost to the Society. Council felt that as the Society is one of the schools and institutes grant-aided by the British Academy access to the BASAS web-site should be available by a gateway from the British Academy's web-site. Dr. Willis will speak to the British Academy about this matter. If such a link is possible, Council approved a contribution of £365 per annum to BASAS to help maintain the web-site.

40. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 18/99)

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

Full member - Mr. William Clarence

Student member - Miss Rachel Bruton

Associate members - Dr. Nalini Vittal and Mrs. S. E. Hoey Middleton

41. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Professor Hinnells assured Council that the proposed workshops on South Asian religions would be held in Derby next year. Council expressed interest in hearing from other institutions which would also be willing to organise workshops and seminars at venues outside London.

Professor Hinnells suggested that the Society should advertise its activities in the journal of the British Association for the Study of Religions in an effort to widen the membership base.

As a number of the existing projects will be completed in 2001 the Projects Committee will meet in February 2000. A report from each project director will be required for this meeting.

42. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 29th November 1999 at the British Academy prior to the AGM.

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Present : Dr. G.H.R. Tillotson (Chairman) Prof. J.R. Hinnells
 Sir Oliver Forster (Treasurer)* Mr. J.R. Knox*
 Dr. M. Willis (Secretary) Mr. J. Losty*
 Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)* Prof. F.C.R. Robinson*
 Miss H.M. Bell Prof. C. Shackle*
 Prof. A.D.H. Bivar Prof. N. Sims-Williams*
 Prof. Sir John Boardman Dr. D.A. Swallow*
 Dr. H. Elgood*

(* unable to attend)

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

43. **MINUTES** 4/99 were approved and signed.

44. **MATTERS ARISING**

Dr. Jennifer Howes has signalled her intention to resign her post doctoral research fellowship early next year as she has secured a permanent appointment at the British Library. As Dr. Howes will only have completed six months of her fellowship the Society should be able to recover the remaining £10,000 from the British Library. Under the current agreement with Royal Holloway college the remaining funds should be transferred to Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand. Dr. Tillotson will approach Royal Holloway as to the best course of action.

45. **ELECTION OF A NEW TREASURER**

Dr. Tillotson announced with great sadness the sudden death of Sir Oliver Forster earlier in November. Members of Council joined with the Chairman in sending their condolences to Lady Forster, and recorded their gratitude for the great contribution made by Sir Oliver to the Society during his thirteen years as Treasurer. Council proposed that Mr. David Waterhouse, formerly of the British Council and currently the Secretary of the Charles Wallace Pakistan Trusts, be proposed for election as treasurer at the AGM.

46. **ANURADHAPURA PUBLICATION** (Paper 19/99)

The expected publication date for volume I is now March 2000. The text for volume II is still with the author. Council noted the comments made by Dr. Conningham in his letter, but expressed concern at the slow progress of volume II. It was proposed that publication of volume II would take place in December 2000 if Dr. Conningham would agree to submit the completed text by February 2000. Dr. Willis will ask Jenny Marsh to check on BAR's production schedule.

47. **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS** (Paper 20/99)
The international workshop on religion and violence in South Asia will take place in Derby from September 13th to 15th 2000. Professor Hinnells proposal to hold a day school following the workshop was approved.
Council had also received an application from the Department of Politics, University of Bristol requesting financial support for a workshop on political identity in South Asia.
48. **CATALOGUE OF INDIAN COINS**
Council agreed that no further money should be spent on this project until a progress report on work completed to date has been received. Council asked the Hon. Secretary to write to Nasik informing them of this decision.
49. **HONORARY FELLOWS**
In recognition of Dr. Bridget Allchin's remarkable contribution to the field of South Asian Studies during her eighteen year tenure as Editor of South Asian Studies, Council unanimously agreed that she be elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Society.
50. **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**
These should be at the discretion of the Treasurer.
51. **JOURNAL** (Paper 22/99)
Council agreed that it should be at the discretion of the Editor where the Journal is printed. Dr. Hardy will take charge of distribution and most of the back stock will be housed at De Montfort University. However, some sets will be retained by Dr. Allchin at the Ancient India and Iran Trust and the remainder will be stored at the British Museum. It was agreed that back numbers of the Journal should be offered to members at the special price of £7 per volume (including postage) or £100 plus postage for full sets of fifteen volumes.
Council was opposed to the proposal to radically change the appearance of the Journal. It was agreed that the colour of the cover and the motifs should be retained. The Editor was asked to submit his designs for the cover to Council at its meeting in February. Members of council were concerned that the cost of establishing and maintaining the web site appeared to be rather high, and felt that a number of points required further clarification. The Editor will be asked to submit a revised budget for the February meeting.
52. **NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 21/99)
Council approved the election of the following new members of the Society:-

Full members - Mr. Nigel Chancellor, Ms. Aisha Ali and Mr. David Waterhouse
Associate members - Dr. Francesca Orsini
53. **SOCIETY AWARDS**
Council awarded the following grants recommended by the Research Committee:-

Small Personal Research Grants
i. Dr. Apurbu Kundu- £500 to conduct a survey among senior officers of the Indian

army on their opinions on the role of religion/culture in ensuring civil supremacy-of-rule.

ii. Dr. Sean McLoughlin - £1000 to study the impact of globalisation on the way Islam is practised locally in Pakistan.

iii. Sheila Middleton - £500 to compare intaglii from Sri Lanka with a collection from Pyu sites in Burma.

iv. Richard Shaw - £1000 to trace links in ascetic iconography on temples in North-Western India and the Deccan.

Conference Grant

Dept. Politics, University of Bristol - £700 to support a seminar series at on identity in South Asia

Travel Grants

i. Dibyesh Anand - £600 to study the role of symbolic geography of Dharmasala in constituting Tibetan identity in India

ii. Nick Ashton - £600 to conduct a survey of early prehistoric sites in Bannu Division, NWFP, Pakistan

iii. Yunas Samad - £600 to study the impact of globalisation on labour organisations in Pakistan.

iv. David Waterhouse - £600 to study unpublished drawings of Nepalese temples and buildings commissioned by Brian Hudyson in the 1830.s

v. Andrew Wyatt - £400 to study political alliances in Tamil Nadu

54. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Projects Committee will meet in February 2000. A report from each project director will be required for this meeting.

55. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21st February 2000

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 29th November 1999
at the British Academy

Members of Council present :

Dr. Giles Tillotson (Chairman)
Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)
Miss H.M. Bell
Prof. A.D.H. Bivar
Prof. Sir John Boardman
Prof. J.R. Hinnells

In attendance : Mr. Peter Brown (Representative of the Founding Member)
Mrs. Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)
26 Members of the Society.

MINUTES

1. Minutes 6/98 of the A.G.M of the Society held on 16th November 1998 at the British Academy were approved and signed.
2. The Chairman announced with sadness the news of the sudden death of the Society's Treasurer, Sir Oliver Forster.
3. The Chairman presented the report of Council for 1998/99
4. The Chairman presented the accounts of the Society for 1998/99 which were approved.
Pridie Brewster, Chartered Accountants
of 29-39 London Rd, Twickenham. Middlesex, TW1 3SZ were
re-appointed auditors for 1999/00..
5. The following were elected as Officers for 2000:-

Chairman	Dr. Giles Tillotson
Treasurer	Mr. David Waterhouse
Secretary	Dr. Michael Willis
Editor	Dr. Adam Hardy

6. The following were elected as new Ordinary Members of Council from January 1999:-

Dr. Daud Ali

Miss Rosemary Crill
Mr. Joe Cribb
Dr. Francesca Orsini

7. Mr. Joe Cribb gave a lecture entitled 'The Origins of the Indian Coinage Tradition'.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 29th November 1999
at the British Academy

Members of Council present :

Dr. Giles Tillotson (Chairman)
Dr. M. Willis (Secretary)
Miss H.M. Bell
Prof. A.D.H. Bivar
Prof. Sir John Boardman
Prof. J.R. Hinnells

In attendance : Mr. Peter Brown (Representative of the Founding Member)
Mrs. Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)
26 Members of the Society.

MINUTES

1. The Secretary read out the proposed changes to the rules and the Chairman explained why necessary. Council felt such changes were necessary.
- 2 A secret ballot of the members present was held, and the following changes were approved :-

Rule 4.

The British Academy shall be the Founding Member of the Society. Membership may consist of the Founding Member, Ordinary Members, Affiliated Members, **Associate Members**, **Complimentary Members** and Honorary Members, without regard to nationality. The Founding Member, Ordinary Members and Honorary Members shall be entitled to receive the Annual Report and Accounts together with such circulars, programmes and publications as the Council shall determine to issue free of charge to members of the Society.

Rule 7.

Persons or organisations desirous of joining the Society as Ordinary Members, **Associate Members** or Affiliated Members shall be proposed by one Ordinary Member and seconded by another, and shall then be elected by the Council. Nominations shall be given in writing by the Proposer to the Secretary, and every application for Affiliated membership shall give the full name, address and description of the Organisation concerned.

Rule 8.

A person or organisation elected as an **Ordinary, Associate or Affiliated** member of the Society shall be so informed by the Secretary, and shall be sent a copy of the current Rules. Such a member shall not enjoy the privileges of membership until a first subscription shall have been paid.

Rule 10.

The annual subscriptions of Ordinary Members, **Associate Members** and of Affiliated Members shall be at such rates and due on such date or dates as may be determined by the Council. If the Council shall so determine Ordinary Members may compound for all future annual subscriptions by paying in lieu thereof one sum to be determined from time to time by the Council.

Rule 11.

There shall be Entrance Fees payable by Ordinary Members, **Associate Members** and Affiliated Members respectively. The Entrance Fees shall be at such rates as may be determined by the Council. The Entrance Fee and first annual subscription shall be payable by every Ordinary Member, **Associate Member** and Affiliated Member on receiving notice of election.

Rule 16.

The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Editor shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and hold office (subject to proviso (e) of Rule 2) upon such terms as the Council shall deem fit for a period of one year. **After three years of service the Chairman and Secretary shall retire and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office.** The Council may at anytime remove any such person from the office to which he has been appointed and appoint another person in his place.