

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1972 Dues. At the last annual meeting of the Association at Denver the Fellows voted an increase of dues for non-student members to \$20. and for student members to \$9. Most of this increase will cover increased printing costs and increased size of the Journal; contrary to an earlier announcement mailed to the members, it is the Journal, not the Bulletin, which will increase in size to 128 pages (this increase will not be reflected in the first issue of the volume but in subsequent issues). Members will receive their bill for the coming year directly from Cambridge University Press; as in the past the subscription and membership dues are combined and should be paid directly to the Press, who then remits the Association's portion to this office. If you are receiving this Bulletin but no Journal your dues are not paid and you will not be billed. To return to the MESA membership list you should mail your check for current dues to Middle East Studies Association, New York University, 24 Waverly Place, Room 566, New York, New York 10003.

The Assistant to the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Georgi Hopkins, has left MESA to return to art school teaching. We appreciate her services with the Association and wish her well in her new position. Mrs. Hopkins is succeeded by Mrs. Christine Eickelman, whom we welcome into the Association.

MESA Publications are available to members and non-members who write to the Secretariat. Israel in Paperback, by Bernard Reich, has just been issued, and copies of Islam in Paperback, by Charles Geddes are still available. The Directory of Graduate Programs is also in stock; it will be replaced by a new issue of the Directory next year. Members receive a copy of each publication when issued; additional copies are available for \$1.50.

Members are urged to send suggestions for nominations to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Middle East Studies Association, New York University, 24 Waverly Place, Room 566, New York, New York 10003.

1972 Annual Meeting Program. "Over the past several years our annual meetings have reflected the hard and conscientious work of all those who served on the program committees and it is no exaggeration to suggest that these colleagues responded with drive and imagination to the difficult task of organizing the kinds of programs that a new association requires if it is to prosper as MESA has done. By now, however, MESA has matured to the point where we can critically assess the degree to which our programs are in fact meeting the ever-changing needs of our proliferating and diversified membership. On occasion, the organization of the annual meeting did not permit--and indeed occasionally detracted from--the kind of scholarly interchange and intellectual ferment that should be a prime characteristic of our meeting. Panels often contained unrelated papers of uneven quality; large numbers were scheduled at the same time so that it was often difficult for one person to catch those papers of most interest to him; many

speakers ignored the urgings of the program committee and of their chairmen, and insisted on exceeding time limits and on reading papers that had not been circulated in advance; and the like. I am certain that each member could draw up a similar list of problem areas.

"To criticize the past, however, is simple. To improve upon it will be a difficult task that will require the cooperation and hard work of many MESA members. As chairman of the program committee, I wish to state emphatically that I welcome any and all suggestions that would enable the committee to develop an imaginative and exciting program. Your advice and suggestions will be invaluable in this regard. We wish to learn about all the significant work that is being done that we may not be familiar with, and to receive ideas concerning the organization of panels on particular topics which deserve our scholarly attention, particularly from persons who are themselves working in a particular area or are familiar with what is going on in that field. We would especially welcome suggestions for innovative panels--colloquia, workshops, non-volunteered panels, and the like. One possibility is to organize an intensive workshop where colleagues with common interests would have the opportunity to exchange ideas and information. Another is to have a series of panels discussing important, recently published scholarship on the area. If we are to be successful in introducing such new formats, it will be necessary for a considerable amount of preliminary work to be done, particularly the identification of participants, the exchange of papers and memoranda, and the like. It is necessary that all of you begin to think of ways in which you would like to see next year's program organized and submit detailed proposals and suggestions to us as rapidly as possible. As always, we welcome proposals for specific papers, but to ensure that the quality of the panels be maintained at a high professional level, we shall make some hard decisions and utilize various procedures such as the establishment of firm deadlines for the submission of papers to the other panelists.

"In short we shall do our best to make the 1972 annual meeting an intellectually stimulating experience for all. If we succeed it will be due to your cooperation."

Joseph S. Szyliowicz
1972 Program Committee Chairman

Members (and non-members) are urged to submit panel proposals (including a list of expected participants), program ideas in detail, and suggestions for new formats, as well as one-page prospectuses for proposed papers by 1 March, addressed to Chairman, Program Committee, Middle East Studies Association, New York University, 24 Waverly Place, Room 566, New York, New York 10003.

The Middle East Studies Association of North America, Inc. (MESA) was organized in 1966 by a group of American and Canadian scholars on the Middle East to promote high standards of scholarship and instruction in the area, to facilitate communication among scholars through meetings and publications, and to foster cooperation among persons and organizations concerned with the scholarly study of the Middle East. The area included within the Middle East runs from Morocco to Pakistan and from Turkey to the Sudan. MESA is concerned with this area primarily since the rise of Islam and from the viewpoint of the social science and humanistic disciplines.

Persons of scholarly attainment in Middle East studies are eligible to become members of MESA. Application for membership is made on an application form obtainable from the Executive Secretary, Middle East Studies Association, New York University, 24 Waverly Place, Room 566, New York, New York 10003. Each application is acted upon individually. Membership is on a calendar year basis.

The following New Members have joined MESA since the last annual meeting. In some cases, former student members have become Fellows and Associates.

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Salman Hassan Al-Ani, Indiana U.	Peter Mansfield, London
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The Association provides placement services for members and for universities seeking to fill positions in Middle East studies. Interested parties are invited to contact the MESA Secretariat. The MESA offices can also provide interested persons and organizations with names of specialists in Middle East subjects.