

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Committee to nominate MESA officers for 1970 met on September 18 and nominated the following candidates: President: William M. Brinner, J. C. Hurewitz; Vice President: John C. Campbell, Dankwart A. Rustow; Directors: Robert A. Fernea, Alan Horton, Kemal Karpat, Helen Anne B. Rivlin; Executive Secretary and Treasurer: I. William Zartman. Ballots have been mailed to all Fellows and are due to be returned to the MESA Headquarters and Secretariat by November 1.

The International Journal of Middle East Studies, the official journal of the Middle East Studies Association, will appear in January 1970. The Journal will cover Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, Israel, Pakistan and the countries of the Arab world, from the sixth century to modern times. Spain, Southern Europe, and the Soviet Union also will be included for the periods in which their territories were parts of Middle Eastern empires or were under the influence of Middle Eastern civilizations. The Journal will publish articles and reviews of books dealing with history, political science, economics, geography, anthropology, sociology, art history, philology and literature, folklore, comparative religion, theology and philosophy. The Editor welcomes manuscripts as well as books and journals for review and also will include shorter notices of existing works which are reprinted. Review copies and other correspondence should be sent to: Professor Stanford J. Shaw, International Journal of Middle East Studies, Near Eastern Center, Ralph Bunche Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024.

Since the Journal is included in MESA membership beginning in 1970, dues have had to be raised to: \$15.00 for Fellows and Associates residing in the United States and Canada, \$12.00 for Fellows and Associates residing outside the United States and Canada; \$6.00 for Students and \$25.00 for Institutions. Life Membership for Fellows and Associates will be \$200.00.

The Board of Directors has gratefully accepted the invitation of the University of Denver to hold the 1971 Annual Meeting at Denver, Colorado. The meeting dates are November 12-13, 1971. The 1970 meeting will be held at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on November 6-7.

The first listing of Current Research appears on page 62 in this issue. Research Listing Cards can be obtained by addressing a request to the MESA Secretariat.

Listings of Programs in Middle East Studies have been standardized in the Bulletin. The winter Issue (No. 1) carries the annual meeting report, American and Canadian college and university programs for the following year and summer programs for the following summer. The spring issue (No. 2) contains listings of foreign college and university programs in Middle East studies as well as late summer and full year university program listings. If available, this issue will also carry the preliminary program for the annual meeting. In the fall issue (No. 3) the program for the annual meeting and the annual list of new and recently completed dissertations will appear. Colleges and universities are requested to send in dissertation lists to MESA Headquarters and Secretariat before October 1 of each year and to send in their regular and summer program listings before January 15 of each year. Foreign colleges and universities are invited to send in listings of their programs no later than April 15 of each year.

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.

MESA is governed by a Board of Directors, including four officers, all of whom are elected by the Fellows at an annual meeting. Persons of scholarly attainment in Middle East studies are eligible to become Fellows. Other categories of membership (nonvoting) are Associate, Student, and Institutional Member. Application for membership is made on an application form obtainable from the Executive Secretary, Middle East Studies Association, New York University, Washington Square, New York, New York 10003. Each application is acted upon individually. Membership is on a calendar year basis.

The Association is incorporated in the State of New York as a nonprofit corporation. It has tax-exempt status. Contributions to the Association are deductible under federal income tax regulations. In addition to the revenues from membership dues and contributions, the Association has been assisted in its work by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Schacht, Professor of Arabic and Islamics at Columbia University, died on August 1.

At the age of twenty-five, Professor Schacht was appointed Associate Professor of Oriental languages at Freiburg. In 1932 he accepted a chair in Oriental languages at the University of Königsberg, to resign in 1934 as a gesture of protest against the Nazi Regime. After leaving Germany he taught Islamic law at Cairo University and from 1946 to 1954 he was a Reader in Islamic law at Oxford. From Oxford Professor Schacht went to the University of Leiden where he held a chair in Arabic and later to Columbia University.

Professor Schacht's most important contributions were in the field of Islamic law. His magnum opus on the Origins of Muhammadan Jurisprudence was published by Oxford in 1950 and has exerted a profound and lasting influence. He was also a co-editor of the new edition of the "Encyclopaedia of Islam" and of "Studia Islamica." In May of this year Professor Schacht received the Giorgio Levi Della Vida Award in Islamic Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.