

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors is interested in receiving suggestions from host universities for the 1970 ANNUAL MEETING. Invitations should be directed to the MESA Headquarters and Secretariat. The Association would prefer to meet in regions other than those covered by the first three annual meetings and in locations where facilities are available for panels, banquet and accommodations. The Board of Directors has gratefully accepted the invitation of the University of Toronto to hold the 1969 ANNUAL MEETING at the University of Toronto. The dates are November 14-15, 1969.

The Association is currently discussing the publication of an INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MIDDLE EAST STUDIES with Cambridge University Press. The first issue will be available at the 1969 annual meeting and will be dated January 1, 1970. The editor is Professor Stanford Shaw of Harvard University and the University of California, Los Angeles. Further announcements will be made at the second annual meeting.

The COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING met in May and October and will meet again in November at the second annual meeting. Members of the Committee are: William D. Schorger, Chairman, L. Carl Brown, Malcolm H. Kerr, C. Max Kortepeter, Muhsin Mahdi and Labib Zuwiyya Yamak. Sub-committees have been meeting throughout the summer and fall. The sub-committees and members are: Biographical Projects--R. Bayly Winder, Chairman, Arthur Goldschmidt, Joseph Szyliowicz and Labib Zuwiyya Yamak; Language Instruction Resources--Peter Abboud, Chairman, Wallace Erwin, Kenneth Luther, Ernest McCarus and Andreas Tietze; Library--David H. Partington, Chairman, George Atiyeh, James Pollack and Labib Zuwiyya Yamak. Various other activities are being developed by single individuals. A general report on the various activities of the Committee and its subunits will be made at the annual business meeting.

LISTINGS OF MIDDLE EAST PROGRAMS will be standardized in subsequent issues of the Bulletin. The winter issue (No. 1), will carry reports of the annual meeting, American and Canadian college and university programs for the following year and summer programs for the following summer. The spring issue (No. 2), will contain listings of foreign college and university programs in Middle Eastern studies. In the fall issue of the Bulletin (No. 3), the program for the annual meeting and the annual list of new and recently completed dissertations will appear.

Colleges and universities are therefore 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. Annual dues are \$10.00 for Fellows, \$7.00 for Associates, \$4.00 for Students, and \$25.00 for Institutions. Life Membership for Fellows and Associates is \$100.00. Application for membership is made on a separate 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.