

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOR and ASOR, Amman

A set of 500 high-quality, 35-mm color slides, dealing with the Archeology of Jordan (East Bank), is now available through ACOR and ASOR, Amman.

The set, photographed and arranged by James A. Sauer, Director of ACOR (Amman), consists of 50 slides illustrating the geography of Jordan; 325 slides (225 ground and 100 aerial) of over 100 of the most important archeological sites in Jordan; and 125 slides of representative archeological artifacts from Jordan (flints, potsherds and pottery, inscriptions, coins, sculpture, etc.).

The set, which can only be sold as a unit, covers the entire archeological history of Jordan, including the prehistoric periods, the Bronze to Iron Ages, the classical periods, and the Islamic periods. With the set will come a map of Jordan showing the locations of the sites, and a slide list identifying the slides and giving relevant selected bibliographies. The set should be useful for teaching and lecturing, but none of the slides can be used for publication or duplication. Total cost of set: \$350, which should be sent, in advance, by check made payable to: James A. Sauer, ACOR, P.O. Box 2470, Amman, Jordan. A full refund will be given if the set is not satisfactory.

Coronet Instructional Media

Coronet has been a producer of educational films and other media for over 40 years. They have over 176 films in Arabic, featured in their Arabic Language Catalogue, which is constantly revised and updated. All these materials are also available in English. For more information, write: Arnold B. Millan, Assistant to Vice President, International Operations, Coronet Instructional Media, 65 East South Water St., Chicago, IL 60601. Phone: (312) 977-4000.

Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies Teaching Resource Center

In teaching about other cultures, students (as well as adults) need to become aware of the stereotyping or labeling we all subconsciously make, whether about individuals within our own society and the groups to which they belong, or in dealing with other ethnic groups and peoples from other lands. Two books are particularly useful to teachers, in that they are full of easily reproduced activity sheets to help students become aware how stereotyping distorts our understanding of people and further reinforces our prejudices of foreign cultures. Both books are published by the University of Denver Center for Teaching International Relations:

- Smith, Gary R. and G.G. Otero. *Teaching About Cultural Awareness.* Cultural Studies Series, Vol. 2.
- Otero, George G. *Teaching About Perception: The Arabs.* Cultural Studies Series, Vol. 1.

1981 will be the centennial of the birth of the great Turkish statesman and nation founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. To celebrate the event, a committee has been organized in New York. This committee intends to sponsor, or help sponsor, a variety of projects throughout the United States, the aims of which will be: the exploration of different facets of Atatürk's reforms and the dissemination of information concerning his achievements. For more information, write: Professor Pierre Oberling, Secretary, Turkish Studies Association, P.O. Box 1032, Setauket, NY 11733.

Journal of the Institute for Middle Eastern Studies

The JIMES seeks to provide a non-partisan international forum for the cultural, historical and contemporary problems of the Near and Middle East.

JIMES is published quarterly under the auspices of the Institute for Middle Eastern Studies, a recently established, privately funded institute. The Institute is comprised of a group of deeply committed scholars, academicians and diplomats actively involved in the affairs of this crucially strategic, conflict-ridden region—the cradle of Western civilization.

The scope of JIMES is the study of the contemporary Near and Middle East from the perspectives of various disciplines of the social sciences and the humanities, including anthropology, sociology, economics, history, international relations, politics, literature, folklore and comparative religions. Emphasis is placed upon current affairs.

Clearly, the bulk of the material, scholarly and popular, published to date in both the U.S. and Europe concerning the Near and Middle East, has become detached from the organic and intrinsic background and context of the Near/Middle Eastern traditions, cultures and civilizations. The decisive, traumatic impact of the Western powers on this region in the 19th and 20th centuries has alarmed their peoples and caused them to react, often unfavorably, against European and American initiatives.

The Editor encourages authors to submit articles, reports of research in progress, news of recent publications, as well as source material notes and bibliographical essays. He also invites readers to send announcements concerning seminars, lectures and professional meetings of interest to people concerned with Middle Eastern issues.

JIMES addresses itself to the Western audience in particular, in the hope that the views presented here will permit them to gain clearer insight into the Near/Middle East and better understand how Near/Middle Eastern peoples perceive the West and react to Western influence.

The Editor welcomes viewpoints heretofore neglected, ignored or uncirculated, but cautions that the *Journal* will not engage in polemics or serve as a propaganda vehicle for any political viewpoint or ideology. The opinions expressed are exclusively those of the authors concerned and not those of the Editor of JIMES or its Advisory Board. Subscription: \$15/year; airmail charge: \$5 additional. Mail all communications/manuscripts to: Journal for Middle Eastern Studies, 125 Onslow Place, Kew Gardens, NY 11415.

International Journal of Turkish Studies

The new *International Journal of Turkish Studies* has published its first issue. In its first year it will publish both a Winter and a Summer issue.

The *Journal* will publish a wide variety of scholarly articles on all subjects connected with the history and the political, social and economic development of Turkey, the Balkans, the Caucasus, and areas of the Far and Middle East whose history is bound up with the history of the Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey.

Subscription: \$14.00/year for residents of North America; \$16.00/year for overseas subscribers. For inquiries and subscriptions, contact: Kemal H. Karpat, Editor, International Journal of Turkish Studies, 4255 Humanities Bldg., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706. Phones: (608) 263-1825 or 263-1800.

Ornithological Society of the Middle East

The Ornithological Society of Turkey was founded in 1967. Its stated aims were:

1. To encourage an active interest in the birds of Turkey, which form such an important part of the country's heritage.
2. To collect and coordinate ornithological data.
3. To promote conservation by the collection of information so that appropriate measures can be initiated if any species or habitat should be threatened.
4. To cooperate with other conservation and ornithological bodies in recognition of the fact that the welfare of birds is an international responsibility.

At the annual meeting of the Ornithological Society of Turkey on April 27, 1978, a resolution was passed changing the name of the Society to "The Ornithological Society of the Middle East." The geographical area of interest of the Society has now been enlarged so as to include all countries of the Middle East, and a new publication entitled, *The Sandgrouse*, will be published annually. It will be a scientifically-based journal presenting papers on various aspects of the birds of all Middle Eastern countries. Supplementary issues of this journal will be published from time to time containing up-to-date check lists, including an updated Turkish list.

This widening of the Society's activities has been warmly welcomed by many ornithologists from a very large number of different countries. The new journal should provide a suitable medium for publishing material about countries for which it has been difficult to provide suitable outlets.

New members and support are welcomed. Current membership subscription: £3.50 (sterling), or £5 (if overseas airmail required). The first issue of *Sandgrouse* is expected in March 1980. A Bulletin is published biannually. For inquiries, records and contributions, contact: Don Parr, Honorable Secretary
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