



BRITISH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF IRAQ

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October 15, 2009

Dear Members

RE: REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL 2009

Members are invited to submit nominations for elections to fill **three** vacancies on the Council. The election will take place at the AGM on **Thursday, 10 December 2009 at the J. Z. Young Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT at 6 p.m.** and by postal ballot. When considering the names of potential candidates, members will wish to note that Institute has extended its research brief to modern times within a broader disciplinary remit.

Three members of Council have come to the end of a three year term and are eligible for re-election on 10 December 2009: Dr Venetia Porter; Professor Emilie Savage-Smith; and Professor Nicholas Postgate FBA. Dr Porter will not be seeking re-election due to work commitments but will continue to stay involved with BISI. Professor Postgate and Professor Savage Smith have indicated their willingness to stand again. Members of the BISI Council will also be nominating Dr Glen Rangwala, who is currently co-opted to Council, as a candidate in the forthcoming election.

Please find enclosed a list of current Council members with their affiliations (on the reverse side of this letter) and a nomination paper. All full members of the Institute, that is to say members whose subscriptions are fully paid up, are entitled to propose candidates. Both nominees and seconders must also be members of the Institute and nomination papers must include the written agreement of the nominee accompanied by a Curriculum Vita. Please return your nomination paper to the Administrator at the above address to be received by **Friday 13 November 2009** at the latest.

AGM AGENDA: Members are invited to submit items for inclusion on the AGM Agenda under 'Any Other Business' and an agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the 2008 AGM are enclosed. Please note the important agenda matter regarding the establishment of the British Institute for the Study of Iraq as a company limited by guarantee. This is in keeping with the status of all the other British Academy sponsored Schools and Institutes and Council has decided to follow this course to protect the assets of the Charity and to transfer the assets of the Institute to the Company. The Institute will continue in existence as an incorporated body rather than an unincorporated organization and its activities will remain the same. The revised Memorandum and Articles of Association can be read on line (<http://www.britac.ac.uk/institutes/iraq/governance.htm>) and you may request a hard copy from the administrator.

POSTAL VOTES: Elections will take place at the AGM on 10 December 2009.

Arrangements for postal votes can be made for those unable to attend. All members wishing to receive a postal ballot paper must inform the Administrator by 1 December 2009 in writing or by e-mail with sufficient time for the ballot to be received in advance of the meeting.

Dr Karen Radner will deliver a lecture on "The Neo-Assyrian imperial project: mechanisms of coherence" after the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Joan Porter MacIver, Administrator

Chairman: Professor Roger Matthews, M.Phil, Ph. D

Vice-Chairman: Dr Eleanor Robson, MA, D. Phil

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LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

2008-2009

Dr Athem Al Sabti	University of London Observatory
Dr Eleanor Coghill	University of Cambridge
Dr Paul Collins	Department of the Middle East The British Museum
Professor Andrew George FBA	School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Dr Harriet Martin	Adult Education Lecturer
Professor Roger Matthews, Chairman	University College London
Dr Venetia Porter*	Department of the Middle East The British Museum
Professor Nicholas Postgate FBA**	University of Cambridge
Dr Glen Rangwala***	University of Cambridge
Dr Frances Reynolds	University of Oxford
Dr Eleanor Robson, Vice-Chair	University of Cambridge
Professor Emilie Savage-Smith**	University of Oxford
Dr Jon Taylor	Department of the Middle East The British Museum
Mr Iain D Cheyne, Hon Treasurer	
Mr Peter Davies, <i>ex-officio</i>	Chairman of the BISI Appeal Committee

*Stepping down 2009

**Eligible for re-election

***Co-opted January 2009 – being nominated for Council



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**NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE BRITISH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF IRAQ**

Name of person nominated.....

I agree to my name being put forward for nomination to the Council of the British Institute for the Study of Iraq and am willing to adhere to the Charity Commission’s guidelines as outlined “CC3 - The Essential Trustee: What you need to know”.*

Signature of person nominated.....

Date.....

Brief biographical details of each nominee will be circulated to members in mid-November. Please state your title and institutional affiliation and indicate any other information you would wish us to include and kindly provide a short CV for our records (These details and CV may be provided by e-mail transmission):

Name of nominator

Signature of nominator

Name of seconder

Signature of seconder

Please return this form to the Administrator
British Institute for the Study of Iraq
10, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH
e-mail: bisi@britac.ac.uk
to be received no later than Friday 13 November 2009

* The Charity Commission’s Publication, “ CC3 - The Essential Trustee: What you need to know” is available at <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/> A copy of the BISI Regulations are on the BISI website noted below. If any nominees would like a hard copy of either of these documents, kindly advise the BISI Administrator.