



THE BRITISH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF IRAQ

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December 19, 2011

Dear Members

RE: NOTICE OF THE BISI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 5.45 P.M. on 23 FEBRUARY 2012 & REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL 2012

Members are invited to submit nominations for elections to fill six places on the Council. Three current Council members have indicated their willingness to be nominated for a second term on the BISI Council. Council members will also be identifying suitable candidates to maintain a balance on the Council. The election will take place at the AGM on Thursday, 23 February, 2012 at the British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH and by postal ballot. If a BISI member wishes to propose a candidate, they should note that the Institute has extended its research brief to include a broader range of contemporary and historical disciplines within our remit.

After over five years as BISI Chairman, Professor Roger Matthews will be stepping down from Council at the AGM and in accordance with Article 9 of our Articles of Association, Dr Eleanor Robson has been elected by Council to be its new Chairman and Professor Charles Tripp has been elected Vice-Chairman (from 23 February 2012). Professor Andrew George will not be seeking re-election and Dr Jon Taylor will resign from Council and take over the position of Co-editor of the *Journal Iraq* from Professor George. Dr Paul Collins, Dr Harriet Martin and Dr Glen Rangwala have all indicated their willingness to stand again and will be re-nominated for the 2012 ballot.

Enclosed please find a nominating form along with minutes of the 17 March 2011 AGM and the proposed 23 February 2012 agenda of the BISI's annual general meeting. A list of current Council members with their affiliations and their terms of Council office is printed on the reverse of this letter. All fully paid up members of the Institute are entitled to propose candidates. Nominees and seconders must also be current members of the Institute and nomination papers must include the written agreement of the nominee accompanied by a Curriculum Vita, which can also be submitted via email. Please return any nomination papers and CVs to the BISI Administrator at the above address to be received by Thursday, 19 January, 2012. A list of nominees will be circulated to members with the BISI Year End 2011 Annual Report and Accounts in advance of the meeting.

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 2010 AGM are enclosed.

POSTAL VOTES: Elections will take place at the AGM on 23 February 2012. 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 16 February 2012 in writing or by e-mail with sufficient time for the ballot to be received in advance of the meeting.

Professor Roger Matthews will deliver a lecture in memoriam for Rachel Maxwell-Hyslop FBA after the AGM and invitations will be sent out in January.

Yours sincerely,

Joan Porter MacIver, Administrator

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BISI Council members, retiring or resigning February 2012

Professor Roger Matthews, Chairman

Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology
Department of Archaeology, University of Reading

Professor Andrew George FBA

Professor of Babylonian, Department of the Languages
and Cultures of Near and Middle East
School of Oriental and African Studies,
University of London

Dr Jon Taylor

Assistant Keeper, Cuneiform collections
Mesopotamia, Department of the Middle East,
The British Museum

BISI Council members, remaining on Council or eligible for re-election

Dr Eleanor Robson, Vice-Chairman/
Chairman designate
(to 2014)

Reader in Ancient Middle Eastern Science
Department of History and Philosophy of Science,
University of Cambridge

Professor Charles Tripp, Vice-chairman
designate (to 2014)

Professor of Politics with reference to the Middle East
Department of Politics and International Studies,
School of Oriental and African Studies
University of London

Mr Iain D. Cheyne CBE, Hon Treasurer
(Elected annually)

Dr Athem Alsabti
(to 2013)

University of London Observatory

Dr Teresa Bernheimer
(to 2014)

Department of History
School of Oriental and African Studies
University of London

Dr Paul Collins
(eligible for re-election 2012)

Assistant Keeper for Ancient Near East
Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford

Dr Harriet Martin
(eligible for re-election 2012)

Independent Scholar, Birmingham

Professor Nicholas Postgate FBA
(to 2013)

Department of Archaeology
University of Cambridge.

Dr Glen Rangwala
(eligible for re-election 2012)

Lecturer, Politics & International Studies
University of Cambridge

Professor Emilie Savage-Smith FBA
(to 2013)

Professor of the History of Islamic Science
Oriental Institute, University of Oxford

Mr Peter Davies (*ex-officio*), Appeal
Committee Chairman