

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

VISITING SCHOLARS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East Studies Association has received a grant from the Ford Foundation to bring five visiting scholars each year to attend our annual meeting in November and to spend three to six weeks around that date visiting leading Middle East centers and programs in the United States and Canada. Two scholars have accepted MESA's invitation for the fall of 1975. They are:

- 1) Dr. Sevim GÖrgün, Professor of economics at Istanbul University. Dates of visit: 13 October - 25 November.
- 2) Dr. Laila Abou-Saif, Acting Head of Directing Department, Egyptian Institute of Dramatic Arts. Dates of visit: 28 October - 10 December.

A summary of their curriculum vitae is given below. In the spring of 1976, MESA hopes to have as visiting scholars Professor André Raymond of the Institut Français d'Etudes Arabes de Damas and Professor Yusaf Fadl Hasan of the Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of Khartoum. Further details about their visit will be published in the winter issue of the Bulletin. Any inquiries concerning these visits should be directed to the MESA Secretariat, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, NY 10003.

LAILA N. ABOU-SAIF

B.A. American University in Cairo
M.A. University of Chicago
Ph.D. University of Illinois, Urbana
Assistant Professor of Theatre and Drama, Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1969-72
Acting Head of Directing Department, Egyptian Institute of Dramatic Arts, 1972-present
Publications: "Notes on the History of Comedy in Egypt", Al-Masrah - The Stage, November 1966; "Theatre Critics and Comic Theatre in 1919", Al-Masrah - The Stage, March 1967; "Naguib al-Rihani: From Buffoonery to Social Comedy", Journal of Arabic Literature, Vol. IV, 1973; Naguib al-Rihani and the Development of Comedy in Egypt, Cairo, 1972.
Plays directed 1974-75: The Bonds of Interest, Egyptian Higher Institute of Dramatic Arts; On Hamada, Egyptian Theatre Organization; Henry IV, Italian Cultural Institute, Cairo.
Films: Birth of a Hero, Egyptian television.
Suggested lecture topics: The ramifications of the October War on Egyptian theatre; Trends in contemporary Egyptian cinema; The contemporary Egyptian woman in the mass media; Polemics of censorship.

SEVİN GÖRGÜN

B.A. American College for Girls, Istanbul
University degree, Faculty of Economics, Istanbul University
Ph.D. in economics, Syracuse University
Head of the section for annual program, State Planning Organization, Ankara, Turkey, 1960-62

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Istanbul University, 1965-73

Professor, Faculty of Economics, 1973-present.

Visitor to Department of Economics, Cambridge University, England, 1963-64 and to the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of York, England, 1968-1969.

Fields of specialization: public economics, fiscal policy, economic development, the Turkish economy.

Major publications: Fiscal Policy, İktisat Fakültesi, İstanbul, 1973; Foreign Aid and Economic Development in Turkey, İstanbul, 1973; Analysis and Assessment of the Economic Effects of Public Law 480, Title 3 Program in Turkey (with others), US Department of Agriculture, 1966; "Analysis of Turkey's Foreign Debt (1923-1970)", Türkiye Ekonomisinin 50 Yili Semineri, İstanbul, 1973.

Suggested lecture topics: Economic development in Turkey; The system of public intervention in Turkish economy; State economic enterprises and Turkish economic development; Turkish tax system as an instrument of economic development; Present inflation in Turkey; Problem of local finance in underdeveloped countries; Unemployment in underdeveloped countries.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES FOR 1975-1976 have been made by the Nominating Committee of William B. Quandt, Chairman, Richard Antoun, F.E. Peters and Renata Holod meeting with the President and the Executive Secretary. Leon Carl Brown of Princeton and Muhsin Mahdi of Harvard were nominated for President; George Makdisi of the University of Pennsylvania and Roger Savory of the University of Toronto, for President-Elect; Esin Atil of the Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Nicholas Hopkins of AUC, Clement Henry Moore of the University of Michigan and David Partington of Harvard College Library were nominated for Board of Directors. Ballots have been distributed to the members and must be returned by 1 November.

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The Middle East Studies Association has received a \$14,800 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to continue a study of THE EVALUATION OF THE TREATMENT OF EGYPT IN AMERICAN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERATURE. The study will be completed in mid-1976 and will be carried out under the directorship of Professor Farhat Ziadeh. Professor Ziadeh has been Chairman of the Image Committee which recently completed its report on the image of the Middle East in secondary school textbooks.

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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.

Persons of scholarly attainment in Middle East studies are eligible to become members of MESA. Application for membership is made on an application form obtainable from the Executive Secretary, Middle East Studies Association, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, NY 10003. Each application is acted upon individually. Membership is on a calendar year basis.

The following new members have joined MESA since publication of the last Bulletin. In some cases, former student members have become regular members or Fellows. Student members are urged to contact the MESA Secretariat upon receiving their Ph.D. so that their membership category can be updated. Any member may have his membership category revised by filling out a new application form obtainable from the MESA Secretariat.

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Basil A. Collins, Toledo	Robert W. Olson, Kentucky
Abdul-Hadi Hairi, Berkeley	Carl F. Petry, Northwestern
D. Heradstveit, Norwegian Inst. of International Affairs	Barbara Pillsbury, San Diego State
John O. Hunwick, Univ. of Ghana	Donald Quataert, Houston
Saad E. Ibrahim, AUC	David R. Smock, Ford Foundation
Douglas L. Johnson, Clark	Glen W. Swanson, Nathaniel
Roger Joseph, Calif. State	Hawthorne College
	Laurel D. Wigle, Wayne State

Regulars

Nicholas Ajay, Jr., US Embassy	Margaret S. Hoell, Ohio State
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Selma K. Brandow, Trenton State	Manoucher Parvin, Fordham/Columbia
Stuart E. Brown, British Columbia	Emelie Olson-Prather, Whittier C.
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Thomas W. Dichter, Mass.	Lois Speight, Baltimore City Public Schools
Martha L. Dukas, Harvard	Necmi Ulker, Michigan
Peter Gran, Chicago	Janet D. Zagoria, Deadline Data on World Affairs

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Syed B. Ahmad, High Commis- sioner for India, Trinidad	Grace Langley, AID
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Benedict Fitzgerald, US Army	Richard V. Moore, Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan
Zev Furst, Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith	

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Geoffrey Clarfield, York	Daniel P. Reingold, Chicago
Michael C. Dunn, Georgetown	Malcolm B. Russell, Johns Hopkins, SAIS
Joseph P. Englehardt, Princeton	Ruth J. Sackett, York
Cornell H. Fleischer, Princeton	Linda S. Sarkis, Berkeley
Lois Gottesman, Barnard	Barbara J. Schmitz, New York
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