

NEW OF THE ASSOCIATION

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 will attempt to make special arrangements for members on temporary visas in the United States to go to Canada and return without immigration difficulties.

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 other regions than those covered by the first three annual meetings and in locations where facilities are available for panels, banquet and accommodations.

LISTINGS OF MIDDLE EAST PROGRAMS will be standardized in subsequent issues of the Bulletin. 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. 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. Colleges and universities are, therefore, requested to send in dissertation lists to the 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 Association is currently discussing the publication of an INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MIDDLE EASTERN 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 will be Professor Stanford Shaw of Harvard University and the University of California, Los Angeles. Further announcements will be made as soon as arrangements are completed with the Press.

THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING will meet in Los Angeles on May 30 to discuss the results of the questionnaire sent to all members. Fellows who have not yet returned their questionnaires are urged to do so to

the Committee Chairman, Professor William Schorger, Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies, 144 Lane Hall, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. The Committee will have a full report of recommendations at the annual meeting.

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, N. Y. 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.