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The Society

The Society for Libyan Studies, founded in 1969, is established as a British Institute Abroad. Its aims are to encourage and co-ordinate the activities of British scholars in Libya covering as wide a range of interests as possible including the natural sciences, linguistics and history as well as archaeology, and to foster and develop relations between British and Libyan scholars.

Since its foundation the Society has sponsored many differing projects in Libya within the subject areas of archaeology, education, geography, geology, history and Islamic law. Its resources to date have been concentrated on supporting long term archaeological projects and their subsequent publication, including excavations in Benghazi, Tolmeita, Ajdabiyah and Germa in the Fezzan; and more recently the multi-disciplinary survey in the pre-desert valleys of Tripolitania, the Islamic excavation at Medinet Sultan and the preparation for publication of the postwar excavations at Sabratha.

Membership and Subscriptions

Those who wish to join the Society are invited to communicate with the General Secretary of the Society. The current subscription rate is £8.00 p.a. for both those based in Britain and overseas. This may be paid by bankers order and forms are available from the Secretary.

Members receive the current issue of *Libyan Studies*, are given notice of forthcoming activities, and are entitled to use the Society Library.

Meetings

The Society holds several Lecture Meetings in London each year, the December Meeting being preceded by the Annual General Meeting. Details are circulated to all UK members.

The Library

The Society Library has a considerable collection of books on Libyan and related North African studies built on the nucleus of the collection of the late Professor R. G. Goodchild. The Library is housed in the Library of the School of Oriental and African Studies, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HP (first floor, Africa section, Bay 130). It is open for consultation and books may be borrowed by members of the Society.

Libyan Studies

The Journal and Annual Report of the Society appears in November each year and publishes articles and reviews relating to current research on Libyan topics. A *Guidelines for Authors* is published in Volume 16 (1985) and intending contributors should consult the Editor, *Libyan Studies*, Society for Libyan Studies. Back copies of *Libyan Studies* and the earlier *Annual Report* are available from the Secretary. For prices and a full list of publications stocked by the Society, see inside back cover.

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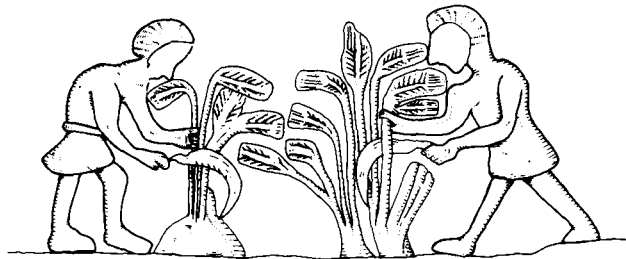
The Society wishes to advise intending applicants that it has changed its procedure for considering requests for financial aid in support of research on Libyan topics. Applications must now be submitted on a standard form which is available from the General Secretary. The completed form should be returned to the General Secretary by 1 November, 1 January, 1 April or 1 September and will be discussed at the following Council Meeting.

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An Archive for Libyan Studies

The Society is in the process of establishing an archive of documents relating to all aspects of Libyan culture, but principally its archaeology, history and geography. Suitable facilities have been made available in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, through the kindness of Professor P. J. Fowler, and a qualified archivist, Ms. Lynn Ritchie, has begun the task of accessing the first material and devising a suitable cataloguing and storage system.

It is hoped that the archive will become a major repository for primary records of Libyan research — field note-books, sketches, drawings, maps, photographs and the like — and resources have been allocated on an annual basis to ensure that the collection is professionally maintained. The archive will be open for consultation to all bone-fide scholars.

The Society now invites all who possess material which they would wish to have lodged in Newcastle to write to the Hon. Secretary (c/o The Institute of Archaeology, 31–34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY) with a brief description of it. Our interests at this stage are catholic, so please do not hesitate to inform us of anything which is potentially of value and which may be taking up much-needed space in your study, office, attic or garage.