

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. Three scholars have accepted MESA's invitation for the fall of 1976. They are:

- 1) Nikita Elisséeff, Professor of Archeology and History, University of Lyon II. Date of visit: October 27 -- November 26.
- 2) Germain Ayache, Professor of History, University of Nice and Mohammed V (Rabat). Date of visit: October 17 -- November 14.
- 3) Hava Lazarus-Yafeh, Professor of Islamic Civilization, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Date of visit: October 24 -- November 14.

A summary of their curriculum vitae is given below. In the spring of 1977, MESA hopes to have as visiting scholar, Mohamed Talbi, Professor of the Faculty of Letters, University of Tunis. He is a specialist in medieval history of Musulmane. Further details about his 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, New York 10003.

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Directeur de l'Institut d'Archéologie et d'Histoire (Lyon II)

Publications: "Repertoire Chronologique d'Epigraphie Arabe, T. XVI, en collaboration avec G. Wiet, 285 p. Le Caire 1964.

"Nur ad-Din, Un grand prince musulman de Syrie au temps des Croisades" (These principale pour le Doctorat es-Lettres) in 80, LXXVII 1076 pp. en 3 vol., carte, Damas 1967.

"Damas à la lumière des théories de Jean Sauvaget, pp. 157-177 dans *The Islamic City*, Oxford 1970.

Articles: Encyclopédie de l'Islam, Nlle Edition, T.IV, Adhri'at, Barada, Bafrun, Bayrut, Bsharra, Bteddin, Dimashk, Djabala, Djillik, Ghutà, Hamza al-Harrani, Hims, Hisan al-Akrad, Ibn Abi'Asrun, Ibn 'Asakir, Ibn 'Umar Djazirat, Ibrahim b. Shirkuh, Kal'at al-Shakif, Kasiyun, Kasr al-Hayr al-Gharbi, Kasr al-Hayr al-Sharkt, Katada, Kawkab, kinnasrin, Khan.

Vol. XVII Repertoire Chronologique d'Epigraphie Arabe, les collections de l'Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale du Caire.

Current research: Historique de la Syri e Médiévale; Medieval en Orient (Damas); Monuments d'architecture militaire.

Some Suggested Topics: "City Planning in the Medieval Middle East."

"Damascus, History of the City and its Monuments." (with color slides)

"Medieval Muslim Architecture in Central Asia." (with color slides)

GERMAIN AYACHE

Diplômé d'Etudes Supérieures de la Faculté des Lettres, Sorbonne.

Agrégé des Lettres de L'Ecole Normale Supérieure.

Appointments: La Faculté des Lettres de Rabat, Maroc

Maitre Assistant, agrégé à l'Université de Nice

Depuis 1961, la direction de la Revue, "Hespéris-Tamuda"

Current Research Interest: Rif War.

Publications: "L'utilisation et l'apport des archives historiques marocaines," in "Hespéris-Tamuda," Vol. VII, 1966, fascicule unique.

"Le sentiment national dans le Maroc du XIX siècle," in "Revue Historique," fascicule 488, oct.-dec. 1968, Paris.

"Beliounech et le destin de Ceuta," in "Hespéris-Tamuda" Vol. XIII, 1972, fascicule unique.

""Société rifaine et pouvoir central marocain (1850-1920)" (à paraître en 1975 in "Revue Historique." avait fait l'objet d'une communication au Congrès International des Orinetalistes à Paris en 1973.)

Suggested Lecture Topic:

"Permanence de l'empire des Sultans et formation du peuple marocain.

(2 lectures). Dr. Ayache will lecture in French.

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Harvard University.

Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Hebrew University

Head of Department for Islamic Civilization

Publications: (ed.) Studies in the History of the Arabs and Islam
(5 editions since 1967, in Hebrew).

Studies in Al-Ghazzali, the Magnes Press, The Hebrew University, 1975.
(in English).

Some Religious Aspects of Islam, to be published in 1977.

"Contemporary Religious Thought among the 'Ulama of AlAzhar" in
Asian and African Studies, Vol. VII, 1971, pp. 211-236.

"Judaism and Islam - Some Aspects of Cultural Interaction" published
by the Society of Jewish History, 1973, (in Hebrew).

"The Religious Dialectics of the Hadjdj, published by the Israel
Academy of Sciences, 1976, (in Hebrew).

Suggested Lecture Topics:

"Old Problems and New Ways in the Study of Al-Ghazzali and Other
Medieval Arab Authors."

"Religious Dialectics in Islam: The Case of Hadjdj."

"The Role of Jesus in Islam."

"Some Contemporary 'Fatwas' Illustrating Religious Problems of Islam
in Modern Times."

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES FOR 1976-77 have been made by the
Nominating Committee of Carolyn Killean, Chairperson, L.M. Kenny,
Gernot Windfuhr, William Quandt meeting with the President and
the Executive Secretary. Nikki R. Keddie and Wilfred Cantwell
Smith were nominated for President Elect; Peter Abboud, Richard T.
Antoun, F.E. Peters, and Rouhollah K. Ramazani were nominated
for the Board of Directors. Ballots have been distributed to the
members and must be returned by November 1.