

## NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF MESA IN GREAT BRITAIN--The Commissioners of Inland Revenue of Great Britain has approved MESA's request for "tax-allowable" status. The text of the approval reads as follows:

With effect from the year commencing 6 April 1974 a member who is assessable to Income Tax under Schedule E in respect of the emoluments of an office or employment is entitled to a deduction from those emoluments of the whole of the annual subscription which is due and payable by him to the body in the Income Tax year, provided that

a. the subscription is defrayed out of the emoluments of the office or employment, and

b. the activities of the society so far as they are directed to qualifying objects are relevant to the office or employment; that is to say, the performance of the duties of the office or employment, or the exercise of the profession concerned, is directly affected by the pursuance of the qualifying objects.

A member of the body who is entitled to the relief should apply to his Tax Office as soon as possible giving details of his subscription and making a claim for the relief due to him.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS. Members are urged to send suggestions for nominations to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Professor Carolyn Killean, c/o MESA Secretariat, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003.

SUGGESTIONS FOR VISITING SCHOLARS. Members are urged to send suggestions for the Visiting Scholars Program for the fall of 1976 to the MESA Secretariat. The Board welcomes particularly suggestions of Middle Eastern scholars who have never or rarely visited the U.S. and who have a knowledge of English. As much biographical information as possible, including addresses, should be included with the suggestions. Send suggestions to the MESA Secretariat, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM, SPRING 1976. Professor André Raymond of the Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille I) has accepted MESA's invitation to lecture for three to six weeks at leading Middle East Centers in the U.S. and Canada. The dates of his visit are 6 April to 8 May 1976. A summary of Professor Raymond's curriculum vitae is given below. For further information, write the MESA Secretariat, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003.

### ANDRE RAYMOND

Licence et diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures d'Histoire de la Faculté des Lettres de Paris, 1945.

Agrégation d'Histoire (1947).

D. Phil. de l'Université d'Oxford, 1954.

Doctorat Es-Lettres, Université de Paris, 1972.

Director of the Institut Français d'Etudes Arabes de Damas, 1969-75.

Co-Director of the Bâlis/Meskéneh archeological mission in the

Euphrates region, 1970-74.

Presently Professor of History at the Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille I).

Recent publications: Artisans et Commerçants au Caire au XVIIIème siècle, I.F.D., Beirut, 2 volumes, 1974; "Problèmes urbains et urbanisme au Caire aux XVIIème et XVIIIème siècles" in Actes du Colloque International sur l'Histoire du Caire, DDR, 1973; "Les grandes épidémies de peste au Caire aux XVIIème et XVIIIème siècles" in Bulletin d'Etudes Orientales, Damascus, 1972; "La population du Caire du XVIe au XVIIIe siècle", paper delivered at the Congres d'Histoire Economique, Copenhagen, August 1974, and forthcoming in J.E.S.H.O.; Les marchés du Caire, annotated translation of Maqrizī, in collaboration with G. Wiet, I.F.A.O., forthcoming. Suggested lecture topics: Egyptian society and economy from the 16th to the 19th centuries; The cities of the Ottoman Empire from the 16th to the 19th centuries.

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PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS AND PANELS FOR THE 1976 ANNUAL MEETING--  
The 1976 annual meeting Program Committee invites proposals for three different types of participation in the meeting:

- 1) full panels of four papers, clearly related to each other and organized about a single topical theme. In view of suggestions by the membership of MESA, we hope that full panels will be limited to four papers and will have a chairperson different from the panelists as well as a different commentator.
- 2) individual paper proposals
- 3) workshops and roundtables with a list of participants and the central topic

Each paper proposed (in the case of 1 and 2 above) or the general workshop and roundtable topic should be supported by a single page prospectus (no more than 250 words) in suitable form for inclusion in the Abstracts; the prospectus must contain sufficient information on sources and findings to provide the bases for evaluation by the Program Committee. THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF INDIVIDUAL ABSTRACTS IS MARCH 1, 1976. THE DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS FOR FULL PANELS, WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES IS MARCH 15, 1976. Inquiries and proposals should be directed to Professor John Kolars, Center for Near East and North African Studies, Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109.