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**To all the members of the Societas Iranologica Europaea;
General Assembly of the S.I.E.**

Dear Colleagues,

As most of you know by now, the Sixth European Conference of Iranian Studies (ECIS6) will take place under the auspices of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften) in Vienna from Wednesday, September 19, 2007, to Saturday, September 22, 2007 (for information on the programme see the conference website: www.oeaw.ac.at/iran/ecis6; there is a link to ECIS6 on the homepage of the Societas). On this occasion the next meeting of the **General Assembly of the Societas Iranologica Europaea** is planned, in which the new Board of our organisation will be elected. Place and time of the General Assembly will be the following:

Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Dr. Ignaz Seipel Platz 2
A-1010 Wien (Vienna)
Festsaal (Auditorium)
Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007;
First convocation: 3 p.m. (15.00) (according to art. 15 of the Statute of the S.I.E.)
Second convocation: 3.30 p.m. (15.30)

According to the Statutes of the *Societas* (art. 13) the General Assembly consists of all the members of our association. Every fully paid up member of the S.I.E. has the right to vote and to be elected to the Board under the conditions given in the Statutes (art. 19 to 20) and the Rules of Procedure (art. 4, see below).

The **agenda of the General Assembly** of the *Societas Iranologica Europaea* will be the following:

- 1) Introduction by the Secretary.
- 2) Report of the President
- 3) Financial report by the Treasurer.
- 4) Appointment of two auditors to examine and audit the accounts for each financial year.
- 5) Proposal of a new Board by the outgoing Board.
- 6) Election of the members of the new Board by secret ballot.
- 7) Deliberation on amendments to the Statute of the S.I.E.
- 8) Presentation of the *European Award for Iranian Studies*.
- 9) Approval of the reports submitted by the auditors.
- 10) Other items.

Regarding the composition and election of the Board I would like to call your attention to articles 19 and 20 of the Statute of the S.I.E.. According to these the Board is composed of seven members, who remain in office for a four-year term. Every four years not more than four of the sitting members may be re-elected. No member of the Board may remain in office for more than two consecutive terms. Of the present members of the Board the following four members are liable to re-election: Dr. Alberto Cantera (Salamanca, Spain); Prof. Carlo Cereti (Rome, Italy); Prof. Anna Krasnowolska (Kraków, Poland); Dr. Claus V. Pedersen (Copenhagen, Denmark). The three following members of the present Board may not be re-elected, since they have finished their second consecutive term: Dr. Michael Alram (Vienna, Austria; Vice-President); Dr. Bernard Hourcade (Paris, France); Prof. Maria Macuch (Berlin, Germany; President).

I would also like to recall that it is the duty of the existing Board according to the *Rules of Procedure* of the S.I.E. (art. 4) to propose to the General Assembly a list of seven candidates for election to the new Board. This list of candidates “will take into account the regulations contained in articles 19 and 20 of the Statute and will strive to achieve a balanced representation of the disciplines and different countries participating in the Societas. Any member of the Societas may nominate additional candidates. The acceptance of the nominees must be obtained before the election. Furthermore, a nomination must fulfill the following conditions: (a) the candidate nominated must be fully paid up member of the Societas; (b) the candidate must be eligible for election to the Board under article 20 of the Statutes of the Societas; (c) Every four years three or four members of the Board shall retire in rotation.” (Rules of Procedure, art. 4).

In order to comply with the Rules of Procedure cited above, it was established in the last meetings of the General Assembly in Paris 1999 and in Ravenna 2003 that a list of the candidates proposed by the outgoing Board should be sent in advance to all members of the Societas. In accordance with this decision I send you the following list of candidates for the new Board. I may add that this proposal has been discussed extensively by the outgoing Board, which has done its best to achieve a well balanced representation of various disciplines in our field and different countries, choosing not to suggest members who have already been in office for two consecutive terms in one of the former Boards, even if they are again liable to nomination. The proposed candidates are in alphabetical order:

- 1) Dr. Alberto Cantera (Salamanca, Spain)
- 2) Prof. Carlo Cereti (Rome, Italy)
- 3) Dr. Almut Hintze (Cambridge, UK)
- 4) Prof. Anna Krasnowolska (Kraków, Poland)

5) Dr. Claus Pedersen (Copenhagen, Denmark)

6) Dr. Maria Szuppe (Paris, France)

7) Dr. Dieter Weber (Moringen, Germany)

Other members of the S.I.E. may also be nominated as candidates for the Board. Their candidature should be submitted by letter or email either to the Secretary or to the President of the S.I.E. *before the beginning of the General Assembly*, since the conditions stated in art. 4 (quoted above) will have to be checked beforehand.

Please take into consideration that the meeting of the General Assembly will have to end by 5.30 p.m. (17.30), since a reception at the City Hall of Vienna has been planned which will be hosted by the mayor of the city at 7.30 p.m. (19.30) and the newly elected Board will have to be given enough time to appoint a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer before the reception begins. If you want a recently deceased scholar in our field to be mentioned and commemorated by the President of the S.I.E. in the opening session please inform me per email or at least at the latest before the beginning of the General Assembly

I would also like to ask all members of the Societas to update their email and home addresses. It has been in several cases very difficult for our present Secretary and the organisers of the ECIS6 to locate members of the S.I.E. who have not informed our organisation of changes in the past years.

Looking forward to seeing you in Vienna and wishing us all a productive and inspiring Conference,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Macuch', written in a cursive style.

Maria Macuch
President of the *Societas Iranologica Europaea*