

Second Letter of the President to all Members of the S.I.E., 24 May 2004

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to inform you that the Board of the S.I.E. has made the following decisions concerning the next large conferences of our association and various other matters which could be of interest to you in its last meeting on March 28, 2004 in Kraków:

1. The *Sixth Conference of Iranian Studies* will take place in Vienna (Austria) in the second half of September 2007 (the exact date will be given later in a letter you will receive in January 2006). The conference will be organized by our colleague Bert Fragner and the Institute of Iranian Studies of the *Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften*. The Board has decided to ask for the titles of the papers and short summaries (abstracts) before March 2007. Details will be given in my letter of January 2006.
2. The mid-time conference will be held in Cortona (Italy) in the autumn of 2005 (the subject matter of the conference and its exact date will be given on our website in due time).
3. The *Societas* will support a panel to be organized by our Board member Anna Krasnowolska within the conference on the *Democratization Process in Central Asia* to take place in Kraków in September 2005.
4. Our Board member Alberto Cantera has been nominated as web master of the *Societas* and will update the information on the S.I.E. website. A portal has also been designed for the members of the S.I.E., the use of which will be described by our Secretary, Carlo Cereti. Please send all the information you would like to appear on the website to the following address: news@societasiranologicaeu.org.
5. Membership fees will be 30 Euros per year (100 Euros if four years are paid at once) for ordinary members and 20 Euros for students (50 Euros for four years in advance).
6. The Board has decided to establish an *European Award for Iranian Studies*. The sum of 2000 Euros will be awarded every four years on the occasion of the general meeting of the S.I.E. to a young scholar (within the age limit of 35 years) for the best book in the field of Iranian Studies written in a European language and published in Europe or a dissertation defended in a European University. Applications should be sent to our Secretary, Carlo Cereti, by the deadline of October 1, 2006.

Wishing you the best,

Maria Macuch

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