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2012 DĀNESH CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

The next DĀNESH conference has been scheduled for November 2, 2012, at St. Xavier University. The conference theme is *Second Generation Iranian-Americans and Other Immigrants: Experience, Expectations, and Challenges*. Proposals have already been accepted from several scholars from the United States and Canada. In addition, two panels focusing on the second generation are being planned.

Further information about the conference will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, for any questions, please contact **Dr. Fallahi** at fallahi@sxu.edu or (773)298-3336.

MESSAGE FROM DĀNESH PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Fall issue of the DĀNESH Newsletter. As summer comes to a close and many of us get ready for another academic year, it is time for us to think “DĀNESH”, and in doing so, I would like to encourage you to reserve November 2nd to attend our annual conference.

This year’s conference will continue our exploration into the different aspects and realities of Iranians living in the United States. A brief look back at recent conferences shows the rich and relevant themes related to this exploration:

- 2006 Bridging Cultures: Constructing Experiences of Iranians Living Abroad
- 2008 Iranian Students in the United States: Challenges & Opportunities
- 2009 First and Second Generation Iranian-Americans: The Significance of Mutual Understanding and Support

- 2010 Interfaith Peace Building: An Iranian-American Perspective
- 2011 Divided Families between the United States and Iran: Challenges and Promises

From the above conference titles we see that DĀNESH has gone to great lengths to search for the meaning of what is to be a first or second generation Iranian living in the US. Our 2012 conference will continue the quest and add another knowledge building block by discussing the realities of what it is like for immigrants living and working here. I am also excited about the fact that this year’s conference will be held at St. Xavier University in Chicago. This is a departure from our traditional venue at the Indiana University School of Social Work.

Holding our annual conference in different parts of the country has been a goal of the Institute for many years.

In closing, I would like to thank Dr. Michael Patchner, Dean of the School of Social Work, for

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his ongoing support of the Institute and his generosity for hosting our conferences for so many years.

I hope you enjoy this issue and I look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Irene Queiro-Tajalli

DR. KAMALIPOUR'S BIOGRAPHY

It is a pleasure to report publication of *Traveler of the Global Village: Biography of Yahya Kamalipour**, by Negin Hosseini (May 2012). Written in Persian, a different version of the book, intended for an international audience, will be published in English and later in Arabic and Chinese.

Over 350 pages, this book covers the experience of Dr. Kamalipour from his childhood to 2010s in terms of his fascinating life journey from Iran to America. As such, the book provides a glimpse of history, politics, culture, education, and media in both countries as the context of Dr. Kamalipour's experience and observations during this period.

One of the three forewords to the book has been written by Dr. Howard Cohen, former Chancellor of Purdue University Calumet. Translated from English into Persian, Dr. Cohen's foreword concludes: "A gripping story of heart, mind, and humanity, the book is lucidly written by a seasoned and accomplished Iranian journalist, Negin Hosseini, who resides in the US."

Since its inception, DĀNESH has benefited enormously from indispensable contributions of Dr. Kamalipour as a distinguished member of its Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. These contributions exemplify the

*In Persian, this title is *Mosafer-e Dehkade-ye Jahani: Zendeginame-ye Yahya Kamalipour*.

quality and extent of his leadership of numerous national and international organizations. We offer our sincere congratulations to him on the well-deserved recognition bestowed upon him by the publication of his biography.

For detailed information about Dr. Kamalipour, visit www.kamalipour.com (in English) or www.kamalipour.ir (in Persian).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

Dr. Mary Elaine Hegland has organized a panel on Family, Kin, and Community in Iran and Abroad, for the World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, August 5--10, 2013. The conference will be hosted by the University of Manchester, England. Dr. Hegland will also present a paper on people of Iranian background in Hyderabad, India. In addition, as a member of the panel, **Dr. Patricia Higgins** is to present a paper about Iranians in Santa Clara Valley, California.

Dr. Yahya Kamalipour delivered the keynote address at an international global communication conference held recently in Zambia. As the founder and director of the Global Communication Association (GCA), Dr. Kamalipour discussed the history and accomplishments of the not-for-profit GCA. This organization connects international researchers and other professionals who seek to advance information about practices, strategies, and trends in global culture, media, politics, and economics.

Dr. Irene Queiro-Tajalli was selected to participate in the first Council on Social Work Education-sponsored delegation of social work professors to Cuba. The trip took place from June 2 to June 10, 2012. The delegation had the opportunity to meet with Sociology and Social Work faculty and alumni from the Universidad de La Havana. The delegation also visited a number of institutions including the Latin

American School of Social Sciences (FLASCO) and the Research Center for Psychological and Sociological Research - Cuba (CIPS). They also made visits to community organizations including the Casa de la Cultural de Playa Municipal, Las Terrazas, self-sustaining eco-community, and La Colmenita, Little Beehive Theatre and Dance Project for children. They talked informally with Cuban people and visited important national museums.

Dr. Diane Tehrani's recent publications are as follows: "The Common State Standards for Writing" in the *WAESOL World Quarterly* of Spring 2012; Book review of *Poets and Pahlevans* by Marcello di Cintio, published in the *Oregon Englis Journal*, Spring 2012.

Dr. Reza Varjavand's publications this year include: "The Costs and Benefits of Belief: An Economic Perspective," Mar. 14, 2012, *Op Ed News*; "The Changing Face of We the People," May 30, 2012, *Op Ed News*; "Damn it, Are You Still Alive? Should We Allow Market Forces to Invade Our Lives?" May 13, 2012, *Op Ed News*.

DR. HEGLAND'S REPORT: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Dr. Mary Elaine Hegland has participated this year in several conferences relevant to Iranian studies. Following is a summary of two of these conferences:

The Fifth Biennial International Conference of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies. This conference was hosted by the Mawlana Azad National Urdu University in Hyderabad, on January 4-8, 2012. The program included presenters from the United States, Canada, Europe, Middle East, and Central Asia. Related to Persianate societies, papers represented several disciplines.

In her experience at the conference and in the city of Hyderabad, Dr. Hegland was struck by the extent of interest in Iran and the Persianate world. This experience offered a better understanding of the wide influence of Persian

language and culture in this part of the world. The experience also alerted Dr. Hegland to the significant fact that globalization does not only mean the spread of Western culture, but it can also refer to the historical spread of Persian language and culture especially in this area of the world.

The Ninth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies. This conference was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on August 1-5, 2012. Papers presented at this conference ranged widely in terms of subject and discipline. However, it was impressive to note that the great majority of presenters were scholars with Iranian background.

At the conference, Dr. Hegland organized and chaired two panels dealing with anthropological perspectives on modernization, globalization and development in rural Iran. She presented her own paper on the decline of *taifeh-keshi* or kinship-based factional competition and conflict in her research site near Shiraz. Another paper was presented by Dr. Mohammad Shirazi. He discussed bringing experts on rural health programs in Fars for consultation about developing a similar program in the Mississippi delta area.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The next **Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS)** is scheduled for May 2014 in Montreal, Canada. For further information, contact r.sandler@rogers.com.

The Sixth Biennial International Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina in October 2013. For further information, contact pooriaalimoradi@yahoo.com.

The Fifth International Conference on Iranian Diaspora, sponsored by Iranian Alliances Across Borders (IAAB), is scheduled for October 13-14, 2012. This conference will be

held at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). For registration, contact IAAB@mail.vresp.com.

The 17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences will be hosted by the University of Manchester, UK, on August 5--10, 2013. For further information, contact ah69@soas.ac.uk.

RECENT BOOKS OF INTEREST

Nassim Assefi. *Aria: A Novel*. Harcourt/Harvest Books, 2007.

Touraj Atabaki. *Azarbaijan: Ethnicity and the Struggle for Power in Iran* (Second Edition). I. B. Tauris, 2000.

Fakhreddin Azimi. *The Quest for Democracy in Iran: A Century of Struggle against Authoritarian Rule*. Harvard University Press, 2010.

Parvaneh Bahar. *The Poet's Daughter: Malek o'Shoara Bahar of Iran and the Immortal Song of Freedom*. Larson Publishing, 2011.

Maziar Bahari. *Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival*. Random House, 2011.

Christopher de Bellaigue. *Patriot of Persia: Mohammad Mossadegh and a Tragic Anglo-American Coup*. Harper, 2012.

Kaveh Farrokh. *Iran at War, 1500--1988*. Ospery Publishing, 2011.

Christopher Gow. *From Iran to Hollywood and Some Places In-between: Reframing Post-revolutionary Cinema*. I. B. Tauris, 2012.

Nader Hashemi and Danny Postel. *The People Reloaded: The Green Movement and the Struggle for Iran's Future*. Melville House, 2011.

Mehri Honarbin-Holliday. *Becoming Visible in Iran: Women in Contemporary Iranian Society*. I. B. Tauris, 2012.

Mehran Kamrava. *Iran's Intellectual Revolution*. Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet. *Martyrdom Street*. Syracuse University Press, 2010.

Ali Mirsepassi. *Democracy in Modern Iran: Islam, Culture and Political Change*. New York University Press, 2011.

Mohsen Mobasher. *Iranians in Texas: Migration, Politics, and Ethnic Identity*. University of Texas Press, 2012.

Farhad Momeni and Sohrab Behdad. *Class and Labor in Iran: Did the Revolution Matter?* Syracuse University Press, 2006.

David Patrikarkos. *Nuclear Iran: The Birth of an Atomic State*. I. B. Tauris, 2012.

Shiva Rahbaran. *Iranian Writers Uncensored: Freedom, Democracy, and the Word in Contemporary Iran*. Dalkey Archive Press, 2012.

Hamid Reza Sadr. *Iranian Cinema: A Political History*. I. B. Tauris, 2012.

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Mitra K. Shavarini. *Desert Roots: Journey of an Iranian Immigrant Family*. LFB Scholarly Publications, 2012.

Saba Soomekh. *From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women Between Religion and Culture*. State University of New York, 2012.

Jill Worrall. *Two Wings of a Nightingale: Persian Soul, Islamic Heart*. Exile Publishing, 2011.

