



2011 Annual Report
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President, Royal Anthropological Institute

This year my predecessor, Professor Roy Ellen, stood down in September after four years of outstanding service to the institute. I should like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many contributions to so many aspects of the Institute's activities. At the same time, it was the first full year for our new Director, Dr David Shankland. The remaining parts of the institute continue to function unchanged, including our very active archive, education and film offices, headed up by Sarah Walpole (Archives), Nafisa Fera (Education), and Susanne Hammacher (Film). Office management and Fellowship administration was undertaken by Amanda Vinson, and Finance by Christine Patel. Our librarian, Ted Goodliffe, continues to look after RAI Fellows at the British Museum, where our former library is now part of the Centre for Anthropology, an arrangement which continues to work most successfully. Our Anthropological Index On-line data base, which catalogues periodical accessions by the Anthropology Centre, continues to expand, and to grow in popularity. We should thank the British Museum Librarian, Jan Ayres, for her kindness, and indeed for hosting the RAI 'Reviewer meets Reviewed' sessions, which took place regularly on Thursday mornings. These events, of the highest academic quality, feature the reviewer of a work discussing his or her review with the author of the book, and attract a good audience, in spite of the early hour.

Our flag-ship public event this year, the RAI International Ethnographic Film Festival, was held at UCL in June. This drew a huge range of film makers from across the world, and we were once more excited at the buoyant creativity of this most significant branch of anthropological expertise. The full programme, as well as the names of the prize winners and film makers, remains available on our web-site for consultation. That same event enabled us to hold a Garden Party for Fellows, the first for a long time. Alas, the uncertain weather meant that we had to hold the party indoors. In spite of this, it was a great success, all the more so because of the presence of our Royal Patron, the Duke of Gloucester.

This summer, we also held our regular 'London Anthropology Day'. This event is aimed at introducing diverse university courses to those who may wish to take up the study of anthropology at university. One of our most popular events, it was fully booked again this year. We were pleased to welcome a great range of colleagues from across the country on the day, who gave varied talks on the sort of work which is undertaken in their institutions.

Much activity at the institute is channelled through its respective voluntary committees, space unfortunately precludes any detailed examination of these. To mention a few: this year, we expanded our range of journals to include a new, on-line open-access journal called *Teaching Anthropology*, edited by Dimitrina Spencer and David Mills. Accompanied by regular workshops, it has quickly become a firm favourite amongst the different projects that the RAI pursues. The Education Committee equally follows carefully the fortunes of our new A level, which in 2011 already attracted some 400 candidates in its first full year of operation. We look forward to its gradual expansion, so that eventually schools across the country will have

the possibility of introducing the most varied of subjects to their curricula. We should mention too, our two subscription journals, both going from strength to strength; *Anthropology Today* under the editorship of Gustaaf Houtman, and the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* under Matthew Engelke. The special issue feature continues to be most popular. This year's is entitled *The Aesthetics of Nations: Anthropological and Historical Approaches*, edited by Nayanika Mookherjee and Christopher Pinney.

This year saw important changes in the way that we use our building in 50 Fitzroy Street. Thanks to a very generous grant from the Fagg Trust, we were able to occupy for the first time the second floor, meaning that only the attic now remains let out to tenants. On the newly vacated second floor, we have installed the Fagg Library, an excellent collection of books belonging to Bill Fagg, the former Honorary Secretary of the Institute and editor of our journal *Man*. The collection is particularly strong on the anthropology and art of Africa, and has many works written by Fagg himself. The library includes also his collection of pamphlets, and auction catalogues, many of which were annotated by him. Already expertly catalogued by Beverley Emery, it is available for scholarly use.

This change enabled us to us to free the first floor for other purposes. Now redecorated, it consists of a large seminar room, which looks very handsome, and an ancillary room with simple kitchen facilities. As well as for formal meetings of Council, this space may be used for conferences, seminars and related meetings. It takes up to about forty persons seated, and is at Fellows' disposal for any appropriate academic purpose. There will be additional possibilities to use the space for exhibitions, and we have already started to hold temporary photographic displays. Please do feel free to let the office know if you have any thoughts about an event!

We were also pleased to welcome a successful application by Professor Zeitlyn for an Arts and Humanities Research Council studentship, held jointly with the University of Oxford. This most interesting project will explore our archive and photo holdings of Rattray, with a view to creating an exhibition of his work which will be shown both here, and also travel to Africa.

Finally, in closing, I should explain that after careful thought, we have decided that the existing format of the Annual Report was ripe for an overhaul. This year, we therefore go back to a more straightforward insert, whilst we explore the alternative possibilities, ready for the 2012 report.



**ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012
followed by the 2012 Henry Myers Lecture**

The 2012 AGM will take place on Friday 14 September at 3.00 pm in the Stevenson Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, British Museum, London WC1. It will be followed by the 2012 Henry Myers Lecture.

All are welcome. Only RAI Fellows may vote at the AGM. Formal notification of the AGM has also been published in *Anthropology Today* and on the RAI website.

Programme

3.00 pm: Tea

3.30 pm: AGM

5.00 pm (approximately)

Curl Lecture, to be given by Professor Ian Hacking

Following the AGM and lecture, there will be a drinks reception for all present.

AGM AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 3 October 2011
2. Annual Report of the Council for 2011
3. Appointment of Auditors (Current auditors: H.W. Fisher and Company, Chartered Accountants)
4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2012-2013 (see overleaf for House List)
5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Curl Lecturer for 2013
6. Rivers Memorial Medal for 2012 [Professor Nigel Rapport]
7. Lucy Mair Medals for 2012 [Dr Roger Ballard and Professor Scarlett Epstein, OBE]
8. Patron's Medal for 2012 [Mrs Rosemary Gosling]
9. Any other business

HOUSE LIST

(for election of Officers and Council under agenda item 4)

Names proposed by Council (new nominations marked with *)

All nominations are subject to the election of candidates as RAI Fellows for the year(s) in which they hold office. Former Presidents are *ex officio* Vice Presidents and not listed below.

President: Professor Clive Gamble

Elected Vice Presidents:
Dr Lissant Bolton*
Professor André Singer
Dr Simon Underdown*

Hon Secretary: Dr Eric Hirsch

Hon Librarian: Professor C. Thomas Selwyn

Hon Treasurer: Dr Julie Scott

Ordinary members of Council

Professor Raymond Apthorpe*

Dr Paul Basu

Glenn Bowman*

Professor Sophie Day

Dr Melissa Demian

Professor Robin Dunbar FBA

Dr Sarah Elton*

Professor David Gellner*

Professor Victoria Goddard*

Dr Rachel Gooberman-Hill*

Professor John Gowlett*

Professor Trevor Marchand

Dr Isak Niehaus

Professor Judith Okely

Dr Raj Puri*

Professor Alexander Robertson

Professor Robert Simpson

Dr James Staples

Professor Julian Thomas*

Dr Dimitri Tsintjilonis

Article 42(b) of the Articles of Association states:

In addition to the candidates named in the House List, any member (Fellow) may be nominated for election as an Officer or a member of Council provided such member shall not have been disqualified under these presents.

Nominations shall be in writing and signed by at least two members (Fellows) eligible to vote and accompanied by a statement in writing by the nominee expressing his willingness to serve if elected. Nominations must have been lodged with the Secretary not later than three days before the Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2011 Total £	2010 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income and grants received	57,357	110	53,904	111,371	163,299
Investment Income	26,812	229	4,383	31,424	42,332
Other Income	6,471	-	-	6,471	6,331
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Fellowship and Membership	90,709	-	-	90,709	85,066
Publications	528,763	-	-	528,763	542,985
RAI Collection	43,311	-	-	43,311	40,235
Total Incoming Resources	753,423	339	58,287	812,049	880,248
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Policy and Profile	71,272	-	14,993	86,265	115,493
Fellowship and Membership	27,967	-	-	27,967	28,826
Publications	374,802	-	-	374,802	385,314
RAI Collection	104,435	-	25,078	129,513	129,943
Library	95,651	-	-	95,651	94,605
Education Programme	44,471	-	13,000	57,471	73,584
Governance	14,211	-	-	14,211	14,854
Total Resources Expended	732,809	-	53,071	785,880	842,619
Net Incoming Resources	20,614	339	5,216	26,169	37,629
Gain on Investments	6,937	94	346	7,377	33,847
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	27,551	433	5,562	33,546	71,476
Fund Balances at 1 January 2011	319,798	758,140	308,456	1,386,394	1,314,918
Fund Balances at 31 December 2011	347,349	758,573	314,018	1,419,940	1,386,394

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	679,604		680,261
Investments at Market Value	363,974		356,603
	<u>1,043,578</u>		<u>1,036,864</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	187,675		233,213
Cash at Bank and in Hand	899,160		881,356
	<u>1,086,835</u>		<u>1,114,569</u>
Creditors-amounts falling due within one year	<u>(710,473)</u>		<u>(765,039)</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>376,362</u>		<u>349,530</u>
	<u>1,419,940</u>		<u>1,386,394</u>
Income Funds			
Restricted Funds	314,018		308,456
Unrestricted Funds			
Designated Funds	758,573		758,140
Other Charitable Funds	347,349		319,798
	<u>1,419,940</u>		<u>1,386,394</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 21 June 2012. For further information, the full statutory accounts, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and the Charity Commission, should be consulted. These can be obtained from RAI offices at 50 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 5BT.

Auditors' statement on the summary accounts to the trustees of the Royal Anthropological Institute

We have examined the summary accounts set out on pages 5 to 6 inclusive.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

These summary accounts presented on pages 5 to 6 are the responsibility of the trustees. It is our responsibility to report our opinion on their consistency with the full accounts, on which we reported on 12 July 2012. Our report on the full accounts of the Institute includes information on the responsibilities of the trustees and the auditors relating to the preparation and the audit of those accounts and on the basis of our unqualified opinion on those accounts.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summary accounts are consistent with the full accounts from which they have been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary accounts on pages 5 to 6 are consistent with the full accounts of the Royal Anthropological Institute for the year ended 31 December 2011.

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Dated: 12 July 2012