



**2012 Annual Report**  
**Professor Clive Gamble, FBA.**  
**President, Royal Anthropological Institute**

2012 was a good year, even a very good year. The refurbishment of our main rooms being successfully concluded, we were able to use the full extent of four floors in our building for the first time. The great advantage of this is that we now have distinct spaces for activities for Fellows meetings, collections, film, archive and photo, and administration and, as they all do have their own space, they can all continue simultaneously.

Looking at the highlights of the many different activities which we ran over the year; a fascinating Huxley lecture was given by Professor Alan MacFarlane on "Anthropology, Empire and Modernity" to a packed audience in the British Museum, and the Henry Myers Lecture was given by Professor Ian Hacking on "The Anthropology (and Archaeology) of Numbers". Aiming to increase our activities in the universities, we ran the second 'RAI postgraduate conference' at the University of Kent, and likewise at Kent the first 'RAI undergraduate conference'. This last in particular was an extra-ordinary event, full of papers of the highest quality. It is wonderful that we can attract young persons of this calibre to the field, even in this time of economic austerity, and bodes well for the future.

At the RAI itself, preparations continued for the Film Festival that was to take place at Edinburgh in 2013, whilst at the same time we ran a series of events and films on the theme 'Bodies in Motion'. Photographic events in our new Council room also became a regular and welcome feature, including "Imagi/Nations: Native North American Photographs", and "The Body Canvas Photography Exhibition", which contained some remarkable images. The London Anthropology Day, held in the summer, continued to be as popular as ever. Our flourishing education programme organized a two-day conference on 'Teaching Anthropology' at the University of Oxford that was sold out, and from which we learnt a great deal.

The greatest event of the year, however, was the conference Anthropology in the World, which took place at the British Museum, 8th-10th June. This was a major achievement. It brought together more than four hundred anthropologists from many nations in order to discuss the place and future of anthropology outside the university. The range of panels was wide, including speakers on design anthropology, anthropology and tourism, forensic anthropology, anthropology in government, and so on. More than this, however, there was a spirit, and effervescence of excitement about the possibilities that anthropology can, and does offer, that made it a most worthwhile three days. I should like to thank once more all the speakers, and most particularly our key-note speaker, Dr Gillian Tett, who recorded her address in most professional fashion, when she was prevented at the last minute from joining us in person from New York. We should also thank our principle sponsor for the event, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, whose generosity makes an extra-ordinary contribution to anthropology on a global scale. The programme for this event is still available on the net, via the RAI web-pages.

Our well-known publishing activities continued regularly, and with conspicuous success, including the continuing expansion of readers of the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, and the regular publication of *Anthropology Today*. *Anthropological Index Online* flourishes, now with a new publisher.

This year too, saw the first full year of publication of our on-line free journal *Teaching Anthropology*, and the beginnings of a co-operation with Alexander Street in order to create data-bases of our archive and film collections, an initiative that we hope will continue to bear fruit in the coming years.

All these events and activities, which complement our normal round of business, could only be possible with the whole-hearted devotion of our staff. It would be invidious to single out any one person, and I thank them all. Likewise, after two years in my role of President I am profoundly conscious of the worth of our specialist committees, all of whom are supported by volunteers from across the country, and whose work is diverse and renowned. Council presides benignly and with skill over this extra-ordinary community of anthropologists. Together, we have an institute of which we can be truly proud.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The RAI held a steady financial position in 2012, maintaining an overall surplus at the end of the year. Our equities investments showed signs of recovering, and the fund balance at the end of the year remained buoyant. We are again grateful to the generosity of the anonymous donor, and have received further grants from the William Buller Fagg Trust, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the ESRC, this last for the Social Sciences festival.

The instability of the financial world situation, and the more specific rise of 'open access' publishing means that the future income of the institute may be affected by a reduction from Wiley, our publishers. We have therefore put into place a programme of diversification of activities and their related income, in order to reduce the reliance of the RAI on any single source of funds. These activities in 2012 include for example a large conference at the British Museum entitled *Anthropology in the World*, joining anthropology data-base publication with the Alexander Street Press, and seeking donation from fellows of any unwanted anthropology books, that may either go to our library, or if already there, disposed of for the benefit of the RAI.

The RAI recommended that the Esperanza fund, which it administers on behalf of its Trustees, diversify their portfolio by spending a proportion (25%) of its holding in acquiring a property, which was successfully achieved in the autumn of 2012.

Income from Fellowship and membership saw a slight increase on the previous year, indicating a promising trend. Provided that we can successfully diversify in the coming years, we can continue to be cautiously optimistic about our financial position.

### **Julie Scott, Hon. Treasurer**

Library Donors during 2012 were; Pat Caplan, Dimitris Michalopoulos, Michael E O'Neal, David Leesley, Peter Freeman, Chan Chow Wah, Ruth Finnegan, Joao de Pina-Cabral, Douglas Potts.



**ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013  
followed by the 2013 Presidential Address**

The 2013 AGM will take place on Friday 20 September at 3.00 pm in the BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, British Museum, London WC1. It will be followed by the 2013 Presidential Address.

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)

Presidential Address, to be given by Prof Clive Gamble, on  
*Anthropology and deep history*

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

**AGM AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14 September 2012
2. Annual Report of the Council for 2012
3. Appointment of Auditors (Current auditors: H.W. Fisher and Company, Chartered Accountants)
4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2013-2014 (see overleaf for House List)
5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Henry Myers Lecturer for 2014
6. Rivers Memorial Medal for 2013 [Professor Phyllis Lee]
7. Lucy Mair Medal for 2013 [Professor Michael Banton]
8. 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:** Professor Raymond Apthorpe\*  
Dr Lissant Bolton  
Dr Simon Underdown

**Hon Secretary:** Dr Eric Hirsch

**Hon Librarian:** Professor C. Thomas Selwyn

**Hon Treasurer:** Dr Julie Scott

### Ordinary members of Council

Dr Mary Adams\*  
Professor Tim Allen\*  
Professor Sue Black\*  
Dr Sarah Elton  
Professor David Gellner  
Professor Victoria Goddard  
Dr Rachel Goberman-Hill  
Professor John Gowlett  
Dr Kate Hill\*  
Dr Fiona Jordan\*  
Professor Jeremy MacClancy\*  
Dr John MacGinnis\*  
Professor Trevor Marchand  
Professor Judith Okely  
Dr Melissa Parker\*  
Dr Raj Puri  
Dr Howard Reid\*  
Dr James Staples  
Professor Brian Street\*  
Professor Julian Thomas

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 2012**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2012 Total £	2011 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income and grants received	58,774	-	61,880	120,654	111,371
Investment Income	25,217	146	4,493	29,856	31,424
Other Income	59,857	-	-	59,857	6,471
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Fellowship and Membership	91,418	-	-	91,418	90,709
Publications	530,126	-	-	530,126	528,763
RAI Collection	54,819	-	-	54,819	43,311
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>820,211</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>66,373</b>	<b>886,730</b>	<b>812,049</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Policy and Profile	97,480	600	45,378	143,458	86,265
Fellowship and Membership	25,043	-	-	25,043	27,967
Publications	348,586	-	-	348,586	374,802
RAI Collection	81,638	-	2,500	84,138	129,513
Library	92,877	-	-	92,877	95,651
Education Programme	52,957	-	7,000	59,957	57,471
<b>Governance</b>	<b>14,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,695</b>	<b>14,211</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>713,276</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>54,878</b>	<b>768,754</b>	<b>785,880</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>106,935</b>	<b>(454)</b>	<b>11,495</b>	<b>117,976</b>	<b>26,169</b>
Gain on Investments	17,121	179	6,282	23,582	7,377
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>124,056</b>	<b>(275)</b>	<b>17,777</b>	<b>141,558</b>	<b>33,546</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 1 January 2012</b>	<b>347,349</b>	<b>758,573</b>	<b>314,018</b>	<b>1,419,940</b>	<b>1,386,394</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2012</b>	<b>471,405</b>	<b>758,298</b>	<b>331,795</b>	<b>1,561,498</b>	<b>1,419,940</b>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	679,809	679,604
Investments at Market Value	<u>387,556</u>	<u>363,974</u>
	<u>1,067,365</u>	<u>1,043,578</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	203,227	187,675
Cash at Bank and in Hand	656,323	<u>899,160</u>
	<u>859,550</u>	1,086,835
<b>Creditors-amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(365,417)</u>	<u>(710,473)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>494,133</u>	<u>376,362</u>
	<u>1,561,498</u>	<u>1,419,940</u>

### Income Funds

Restricted Funds	331,795	314,018
Unrestricted Funds		
Designated Funds	758,298	758,573
Other Charitable Funds	471,405	347,349
	<u>1,561,498</u>	<u>1,419,940</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 20 June 2013. 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 2013. 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 2012.

H. W. Fisher & Company

Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditor, Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London, NW1 3ER, UK

Dated: 12 July 2013