

# International Association of Contemporary Iraqi Studies (IACIS)

IACIS is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit, scholarly association committed to the principles of free, open, sound, and thorough scholarship. The Association is further committed to the advancement of a reliable, critical, and expanding body of knowledge contributing to a deeper understanding of issues vital to contemporary Iraq from the perspective of the Iraqi people and with a commitment to the well-being of its citizens.

The Association endorses a unified, democratic, non-sectarian, multi-ethnic and pluralistic Iraq independent from foreign intervention and occupation.

IACIS membership and activities shall be open to participation by any concerned scholar or student irrespective of academic discipline, current profession, political belief, ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin, or citizenship.

IACIS aims to disseminate scholarship on Iraq among the wider scholarly community and to a broad and diverse international public.

*From the IACIS bylaws*

Academics and researchers engaged in the study of Iraq and members of relevant activist, political, journalistic, NGO, and public policy communities that are committed to a scholarly approach are encouraged to join IACIS. Membership is gained by agreeing to the bylaws and paying the relevant membership dues which include a subscription to the IACIS journal, the *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies (IJCIS)*. Election to the College of Fellows is by nomination. Fellows, Members and Student Members take an active role in the association's work through attending conferences and workshops, networking and disseminating scholarly research, linking with researchers in Iraq, and contributing to the journal. Please see below for more information about joining the association.

## **Conferences**

IACIS held its *inaugural conference* on 1-2 September 2005 at the University of East London. This first highly successful event was followed by a second conference on 11-13 June 2007 at Philadelphia University, Jordan, in which academics and researchers from around the world convened together with colleagues from Iraqi institutions in a very productive exchange. In each of the two conferences, around 50 papers and contributions were given in a range of fields in the humanities and social sciences and a variety of topics. IACIS plans to continue its series of conferences and to facilitate other activities that result in excellent and independent research on Iraq. The next IACIS conference will be held on 16-17 July 2008 in SOAS, University of London. A *call for papers* will be announced shortly.

## **International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies (IJCIS)**

IJCIS is a peer-reviewed academic journal that is published in the UK by Intellect Books, and it is sponsored by the Association. It is edited by Professors Tareq Ismael and Jacqueline Ismael with Guest Editors for individual numbers. Numbers 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 have already been published and are available to members of the Association.

## How to join

To apply for membership or student membership of IACIS please complete the application form below and return by post or email. Copies of the IACIS bylaws are available on request, as is a list of the Association's current office holders. Election to College of Fellows is by nomination. **Membership is renewable annually in July.**

### Membership fees (including a year's subscription to IJCIS)

*Join before the end of January 2008 and receive the whole of the 2007 volume of the journal at no extra cost (three issues).*

Student Members: £30 per year

Members: £45 per year

Fellows: £60 per year

Members and Fellows resident in Low Income countries: £30 per year

Life Membership/Supporting Fellowship: £600

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We look forward to your support for the Association and your contributions to Iraq studies and research.

Dr Kamil Mahdi  
General Secretary of IACIS

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