



Royal Anthropological Institute

Annual Report 2010





The 2010 RAI contribution to the ESRC Festival of Social Science was called The Meaning of Water. The daylong event focused on the connections between water, conservation and community held on the HMS President, a boat on the river Thames. Hilary Callan, the director of the RAI from 2000 till October 2010 is discussing one of the main themes of the events: access, advocacy and fresh water management in the light of the sustainability and livelihoods. © RAI; Photo Credit: Carlos Flores.

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Aims and organisation of the RAI

The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (commonly known as the RAI) traces its origins to a merger in 1871 between the Ethnological Society of London (founded in 1843) and the Anthropological Society of London (founded in 1863). It became a Royal Institution in 1907. It is a non-profit registered charity (no 246269) and a company limited by guarantee.

The RAI has as its object "the promotion of the study of the Sciences of Man". As such it seeks to serve and represent the discipline of anthropology in its most inclusive sense. This encompasses not only academic practice, teaching and research, but the public understanding of anthropology and its application in practical and policy-related environments.

The RAI is governed by an elected Council, whose members are Trustees for the purpose of charity law. Management is the responsibility of a Director and

small staff, accountable to Council. The Honorary Officers are: the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Hon Librarian. These, together with members of Council and the Institute's Committees, give their services without remuneration.

Comments and feedback

Comments and suggestions on any of the Institute's activities or services are welcome, and should be addressed to the Director in the first instance.

Fellows, Members and Student Associates

In December 2010 there were 1013 RAI Fellows in all categories of Fellowship, 451 Members and 142 postgraduate Student Associates.

Message from the President

President of the RAI
Professor Roy Ellen, FBA

This is my final report as President. An important part of my work this year was to oversee the process of finding a new Director. I was pleased to report to Council last June that we had a highly satisfactory outcome to this process with the appointment of David Shankland. Readers who wish to find out more about David's credentials will find these on the RAI website. It only falls to me to comment on how fortunate we have been in considering such excellent candidates.

Which brings me very properly to Hilary Callan. Hilary has been our Director since the beginning of the Millennium. Her period in office has seen the consolidation of the plans established by her predecessor Jonathan Benthall, accompanied by exciting new developments in the areas of education, publication and outreach. Both Council and staff have much appreciated her outstanding period in office.

I should also take this opportunity to thank Professor David Zeitlyn, who for many years has been the honorary editor of the Anthropological Index Online. We are pleased to welcome Dr Steve Lyon as the new AIO honorary editor.

2010 was in other ways an eventful year. The Myers Lecture was delivered by Geoffrey Lloyd, the Huxley Lecture by Johannes Fabian. Anthony Good received the Lucy Mair Medal and Stephen Shennan received the Rivers Medal. We held a seminar to celebrate the RAI Urgent Anthropology Fellows at the University of Kent. The JRAI Special Issue on Making Knowledge appeared, edited by Trevor Marchand.

We have continued to organize the London Anthropology Day, a strong programme of film events, and contributed to the ESRC Social Science Festival, while the A Level has been launched. This latter initiative is all the more welcome in that it comes at a time when Government HE policy may be discouraging some students.

In this report I have understandably prioritized changes to the senior management of the Institute during 2010, but our continued

expansion would not be possible without the energy, commitment and skills of our staff, our committees and interns. My task as President has been made much easier by their support and dedicated service. It has been a pleasure and honour to serve the Institute at this time.

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Joining the RAI

The RAI, as a professional academic association, provides a range of services to its membership as well as generalised support to the discipline of anthropology.

Individuals may join the RAI as Fellows or Members. Fees are reviewed annually. Institutions are not eligible to join, but may subscribe to the RAI's journals JRAI and *Anthropology Today*. For more information about the journals and subscription details, visit [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1467-9655](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1467-9655) for the JRAI and [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1467-8322](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1467-8322) for AT.

Fellowship of the RAI

Fellowship is primarily intended for those who have an academic or professional engagement with the social sciences, but amateurs are warmly welcomed. There are several categories of Fellowship. All Fellows are elected by the Council of the RAI. Fellows are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, including the Special Issue published annually
- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
- Online access to the entire back files of both journals, up to five years before the current year, through JSTOR
- Online access to the Anthropology Library's electronic resources via the Athens gateway (for details contact admin@therai.org.uk)
- The right when in the UK to borrow up to 10 books from those donated by the RAI to the Anthropology Library. Postal borrowing is also possible in the UK.

- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment
- Free or reduced-rate admission to RAI events
- Voting rights and eligibility for election to the RAI Council
- 25% discount on Wiley-Blackwell publications ordered via the publisher

Student Fellowship of the RAI

Student Fellowship is appropriate for students registered on taught or research programmes leading to a qualification in any field of anthropology, anywhere in the world. Student Fellows must be elected, and must demonstrate their student status. Student Fellows are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
- Online access to the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*
- Online access to the entire back files of both journals, up to five years before the current year, through JSTOR
- Online access to the Anthropology Library's electronic resources via the Athens gateway (for details contact admin@therai.org.uk)
- The right when in the UK to borrow up to 4 books from those donated by the RAI to the Anthropology Library. Postal borrowing is also possible in the UK.
- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment

- Free or reduced-rate admission to RAI events
- 25% discount on Wiley-Blackwell publications ordered via the publisher

For a small supplemental fee, Student Fellows registered for doctorates in social anthropology may also become Associate Members of the Association of Social Anthropologists (for details visit www.theasa.org).

Membership of the RAI

Membership is open to all who have a general interest in the study of humanity, without the need for election. Members are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment
- Free or reduced-rate admission to RAI events
- 25% discount on Wiley-Blackwell publications ordered via the publisher

For more information on joining, and current fees, visit the RAI website at www.therai.org.uk.

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Honorary Editor of the JRAI
 Professor Simon Coleman (until September 2010)
 Dr Matthew Engelke (May 2010 onwards)

The JRAI is the RAI's 'flagship' academic publication. It has a unique heritage as the world's oldest journal of anthropology, and is a showcase for original and excellent work in every area of current anthropological research. Widely read and cited internationally, the Journal appears four times a year, publishing challenging work by young anthropologists as well as seminal articles by established scholars.

Each issue contains around ten substantial peer-reviewed papers together with approximately 50 book reviews and other items including comments, readers' correspondence, occasional debates and review essays. While the fields of social and cultural anthropology are most widely represented, the Journal welcomes submissions in other fields within anthropology, such as biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology and archaeology, as well as submissions that cut across these areas of study.

The Journal's greatest strengths are its diversity and its openness to new developments across the field. It aims to stand at the forefront of debates both within and beyond the major anthropological sub-disciplines, encouraging productive controversy at an international level. The Editors are committed to a policy of prompt turnaround of submissions, combined with thoroughness and fairness

in the evaluation of articles submitted. Decisions on most submissions are reached within three to four months. While new production technology now improves the speed and efficiency of the decision process, our aim is to preserve the direct personal contact between authors, editors and readers which has been a hallmark of the JRAI from its earliest days.

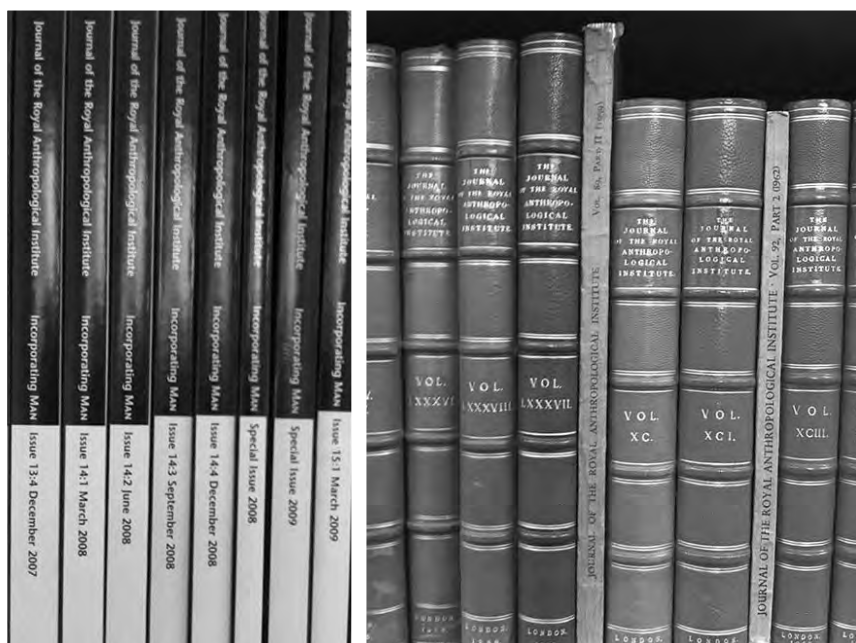
The annual Special Issue of the JRAI is selected by open competition advertised in the RAI's journals and on its website. It is produced separately from other issues of the journal, and is distributed without charge to RAI Fellows and to libraries subscribing to the Journal. The fifth volume in the series, *Making Knowledge: Explorations of the Indissoluble Relation between Mind, Body and Environment* edited by Trevor H. J. Marchand was published in 2010. The sixth, edited by Pinney and Mookherjee, will appear in 2011.

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
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The RAI publications programme

Chair of the Publications Committee:
 Professor Wendy James

The RAI's publishing programme as a whole is overseen by the Publications Committee on behalf of the RAI Council. The Committee advises Council on the development and overall strategic direction of the RAI's publications, on new publishing initiatives, and on technical matters such as copyright and publisher relations. It manages the submission and selection process for the annual Special Issue of the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, inaugurated in 2006.



Anthropology Today

Editor of
 Anthropology Today
 Dr Gustaaf Houtman

Anthropology Today is a bi-monthly publication aiming to provide a forum for the application of anthropological analysis to public and topical issues, while reflecting the breadth of interests within the discipline. It is committed to promoting debate at the interface between anthropology and areas of applied knowledge such as education, medicine and development, and between anthropology and other academic disciplines. The journal is international both in the scope of issues it covers and in the sources on which it draws. All substantive contributions are peer-reviewed.

As well as editorials, articles, narratives and comments, *Anthropology Today* publishes exhibition/conference reviews and obituaries, together with letters, news and a calendar of anthropological events. In 2010, 54 items were published, excluding news, calendar or cover captions; of these, 35 were substantive editorials, articles and narratives, and 19 were shorter items such as obituaries, comments, conference/exhibition reviews and letters. Topical themes addressed during the year include: the financial crisis, legal aid, the war on terror, Russian orthodoxy, witchcraft and child sacrifice, anthropology in schools, culling badgers in Wales, Russia-Georgia conflict, HIV, football, autism, suicide bombing, whaling wars, climate change, Gaza Freedom Flotilla, abortion wars, the US Presidential Thanksgiving turkey, and the ethics of tissue sampling.

Anthropology Today depends greatly on the anonymous referees, the editorial board, and its freelance consultants and volunteers, who all breathe life into the publication.



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 Today Volume
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Anthropological Index Online

*Honorary Editor of
the Anthropological
Index Online*
Dr David Zeitlyn

Launched in its present form in 1997, the RAI's *Anthropological Index Online* (<http://aio.anthropology.org.uk/aio/AIO.html>) is an index of current periodicals in the Anthropology Library at the British Museum's Centre for Anthropology. The RAI employs the three specialist Index staff, who are located at the Centre. Technical supervision and support are provided by the Centre for Social Anthropology and Computing at the University of Kent. Some 1000 scholarly journals are currently indexed; published in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, German, Dutch/Flemish, Chinese, Japanese, Catalan, Romanian, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Slovenian, Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Russian, Belorussian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Estonian, Latvian, Armenian and Kazakh.

The *Index* is an indispensable bibliographic resource for researchers, teachers and students of anthropology worldwide. New material is indexed on a continuing basis. Access is currently free to individual users. Institutional users (except those in developing countries) who make frequent use must pay an annual subscription to help cover direct running costs.

*Royal Anthropological
Institute provides
more than half of the
journals at the Centre
for Anthropology Library
(British Museum).
Here: anthropology
journals available for
consultation on display
at the Centre for
Anthropology.
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AIO's staff catalogued an average of 874 entries per month, this slightly lower figure being due to one of the indexers' maternity leave and new schedule arrangements with the Slavonic languages officer. Two new members of staff Andrej Franklin and Arnold McMillin were employed to replace Florentina Badalanova Geller in indexing operations related to Slavonic language journals during the time of her leave of absence. This will guarantee work flow continuity. The AIO continues to be run through the server at the University of Kent, to whom we offer our thanks.

The incoming/outgoing journals ratio has remained stable with the replacement of an average between

13 and 15 journal titles per year. Plans were put in place to recruit a marketing intern that could conduct a marketing survey to identify areas where AIO can develop new services and improve its public presence. Overall, AIO remains a remarkably effective tool for anthropological research which we are confident will grow in importance in the years to come.



Ethnographic Film and Video

Chair of the Film Committee

Professor André Singer

The RAI, through its Film Committee, acts as contact point in the UK for information, networking and advice in visual anthropology, organises film screenings and lectures, and provides a base for international visitors. In addition it supplies a service based on the acquisition, hiring out and sale of ethnographic films and videos for educational and academic purposes. DVD sales make a significant contribution to the RAI's overall income, and various new titles have been added to the sales collection.

During 2010 the RAI has been represented by its Film Officer and individual Committee members at a number of international events in visual anthropology. International links with organisers of other European film festivals have been strengthened, and the RAI has arranged lectures and screenings at UK institutions for a number of celebrated scholars and film-makers. The film department actively contributes to the RAI Education Outreach Programme with screenings at the British Museum contribution to the ESRC Festival of Social Science and BAAS festival.

The film officer, Susanne Hammacher, organises with a team a bi-annual film festival on behalf of the RAI. In 2011, this will take place in June at UCL. One of the most significant events in the international film calendar, we look forward to welcoming a host of film-makers and their films to London. Further information may be obtained from the RAI web-site.



*London Anthropology Day
2010 at the British Museum.
Photo: Francesca Tosarelli.*

The RAI Photographic Library

*Chair of the
Photographic
Committee*

Dr Christopher
Wright

The RAI photographic library is unique. Consisting of over 75,000 historic prints, negatives, lantern-slides, drawings, paintings and other images, the earliest of which date from the 1860s, it provides a scholarly service to a large number of academic researchers, students and responsible commercial users. It contributes strongly to public awareness of the RAI, and provides a practical interface between the Institute and a wide range of audiences and disciplines.

We are most grateful to our former Photo Curator, Dr Arek Bentkowski, who left this autumn after ten very productive and valuable years at the RAI. Although the Archive and Photograph collections remain

distinct, they are now cared for by a single archivist. This connection is beneficial in a number of ways, and will give better access to the large number of photographs which are catalogued within the Manuscript Collection. All of the photographs are being catalogued onto a specially designed database, and we are very grateful for the excellent work done by volunteers on this project.

Of our many projects, we should note the digitisation of the entire Schapera collection, which is being done partly with the intention of depositing a digital copy at the museum in Mochudi, the town where Schapera took his original images.



*MS 268/15/2/51 Sikh
standing on a bridge. From
Marian W. Smith collection*

The RAI Collection: archives and manuscripts

*Chair of the
Manuscripts &
Archives Committee*
Professor Tom Selwyn

The archive and manuscript collections represent a core asset of the RAI, charting the history of the Institute, and, to some extent, of anthropology itself.

We are delighted that they continue to attract a great variety of enquiries, especially now that the catalogues are searchable online via the RAI website. In addition to answering these queries, the archivist welcomes visitors to the Collection at the RAI premises, where they are able to study the material for themselves. In addition to the research done here, the visitors themselves often contribute useful information which enriches our knowledge of the collections.

One recent example of the use of the collection has been in connection with a project to correlate various skulls and other objects in the Natural History Museum with papers which describe their original acquisition or give information on the collectors themselves.

A major addition to the manuscript collection this year was the Garrard Collection, kindly donated by Rose Garrard, the sister of Tim Garrard, an expert on African gold weights. We are most grateful to our Honorary Archivist, Beverley Emery, who has taken the time to catalogue this material. The catalogues are currently being prepared, and will soon appear on the website.

During the summer, Yu Lin, a student from the Computer Science Dept. of York University, undertook a project in collaboration with the archivist, and determined the best way of digitising material of this kind so it will be 'future proof'. Later on, Dr Alistair Edwards, the Senior Lecturer of the department, gave a

presentation at the RAI and included some recommendations which have been most useful in coping with the ever-increasing demand on storage space for digital files, and enabling them to be maintained in the current useable format.

The William Buller Fagg Charitable Trust

The Trust was created under the Will of the late Mr Fagg, the eminent scholar of African art. It has provided regular funding for the RAI manuscript and archive collection, and has given long-term support to the Anthropological Index Online. A grant from the Trust, together with other funding, made possible the first and second phase (2004 - 2010) in the establishment of the RAI Collection as an integrated research resource.

The Anthropology Library

Honorary Librarian
Professor Tom Selwyn

The Anthropology Library, located within the Centre for Anthropology at the British Museum, incorporates the original library of the RAI and the Museum's Ethnography Library and is effectively Britain's national anthropology library. The RAI contributes substantially to Library acquisitions and also to its staffing.

The Library is open to all RAI Fellows and Members for reference and research. RAI Fellows have the special privilege of being able to borrow those books and journals purchased and donated by the RAI (about 60% of total holdings).

In 2010, 88 RAI Fellows visited the Library and 2044 loans were made to Fellows. The RAI donated 638 books and 1354 journal issues to the Library. In August 2010 the Library's catalogue was made available on-line resulting in a further increase in remote usage of the Library. During the year there were two initiatives designed to increase awareness of the Library's resources among Fellows: new Fellows are now automatically emailed with details of the Library's facilities and an invitation to use them whenever required; a mail shot resulted in over 100 Fellows choosing to receive details of new Library acquisitions directly by email each month.

The reviewer meets reviewed series of lectures continued successfully and seminars during 2010 included: Jean-Pierre Warnier's 'The Pot-King: The Body and Technologies of Power' reviewed by Richard Fardon; Magdalena Midgley's 'The Megaliths of Northern Europe' reviewed by Chris Scarre; C. W. Watson's 'Of Self and Injustice: Autobiography and Repression in Modern Indonesia' reviewed by R. H. Barnes; and Jonathan Benthall's 'The Charitable Crescent' reviewed by Jon Mitchell.

Fellows and Members are encouraged to make use of the Library's wide ranging resources, either by visiting in person: Anthropology Library, Centre for Anthropology, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

Opening hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 10.00-17.00; Thursday 12.00-17.00. Closed weekends and Bank Holidays. or alternatively by contacting by email or phone: anthropologylibrary@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk, 0207 323 8031 (for general enquiries, loans and renewals). Ted Goodliffe, RAI library officer, tgoodliffe@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk, 0207 323 8067 or Jan Ayres, CfA senior librarian, jayres@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk, 0207 323 8069 (for more detailed enquiries or policy matters).

Reviewer Meets Reviewed

A new seminar series, jointly organised by the RAI and Centre for Anthropology (British Museum) was inaugurated in 2009. Each event features a discussion between the author and reviewer of a book reviewed in the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, followed by audience questions.

Anthropology in pre-University education

*Chair of the
Committee on
Anthropology in
Secondary and
Further Education*
Professor Brian
Street

The RAI believes that promoting knowledge of anthropology at secondary and FE levels is in the interest not only of the discipline, but also in that of education through the contribution anthropology can make to the creation of globally well-informed citizens. The RAI's Education Committee has worked actively throughout 2010 to consolidate the Institute's broadly based, sustainable Education Outreach Programme designed primarily for students and teachers at pre-university level.

The programme is organised around three principal strands: an information strand, an activity strand, and a curricular strand. The information strand aims to provide clear, good-quality, audience-appropriate materials on anthropology designed for

pre-university students, teachers, careers advisers and parents. Much of the information will eventually be web-based, and a dedicated Discover Anthropology website has been created (see box on this page). In addition to the launch of the site, the programme has expanded its online activities by engaging in various communications media through a dedicated Flickr photostream, a Facebook group and an RAI YouTube channel. A blogspot *Anthropologist About Town*, a weekly diary of anthropology-related events of interest to those new to the discipline, is proving very popular with users.

A recent highlight has been accreditation of the General Certificate of Education A level qualification in anthropology (for details see page 11). Additional activities in 2010 have included organising the annual London Anthropology Day for school students and teachers held at the British Museum.



*MS 364/2/10/25 Chief's
yam houses, Trobriand Islands.
C.G. Seligman, c. 1910*

A new GCE Advanced Level in anthropology

With the exception of an optional course within the International Baccalauréate, anthropology has not in the past been available as a taught subject at pre-University level in the UK. Debates within the RAI on the appropriateness of teaching anthropology at this level reach back to the 1980s. In 2004, the newly reconstituted RAI Education Committee began work to design a General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A level) qualification in anthropology, and to lobby for its establishment. (GCE A level is the standard university-entrance qualification in the UK). This project has received full endorsement from the UK anthropology departments and other disciplinary bodies; and financial support from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The awarding body Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) has since 2008 worked closely with the RAI to develop the course content and examination protocols; and to submit the qualification to the national regulator for accreditation.

In October 2009, the A level was finally accredited by the national regulator Ofqual. One of the UK Examination Boards, named AQA, was pleased to take the A level on, and it has been available for teaching from September 2010. The RAI is working actively with AQA and with teachers and schools to provide teaching and learning materials in support of the new A level. Full information is available on the dedicated website www.discoveranthropology.org.uk

*MS 364/5/1/16 Rub drawing of
backpost (Kokola) Chief's house.
10 Aug. 1940. E. Whitehouse.
Made for C.G. Seligman's
proposed work on Massim art*





*RAI 2209 M.E. Durham
displaying an item from
her own collection of
Balkan costume*

The RAI programme of Fellowships in Urgent Anthropology

Chair of the Urgent Anthropology Committee
Dr Eric Hirsch

The RAI programme of Fellowships in Urgent Anthropology was inaugurated in 1995. It is funded jointly by the Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research, whose Founding Sponsor is Dr George N. Appell of Brandeis University, USA, and by the host institution. From 2001-2006 the Fellowship programme was hosted at Durham University; in 2007 it moved to the University of Kent; and then (as from 2010) to Goldsmiths College, London.

The purpose of the programme is to support ethnographic research on currently threatened indigenous peoples, cultures and languages. Its aim thus differs from that of applied anthropology, although it is to be expected that high-quality research will be of positive benefit to peoples whose cultures and languages, or

even their physical survival, may be under threat. Those holding the Fellowships are expected to publish the results of their research, but are also encouraged, wherever possible, to make their findings available to the peoples concerned for the improvement of their own situation. Award holders are, for example, encouraged to make records available to the peoples studied for use in constructing their own futures; or to stimulate interest in collecting oral histories and traditions for incorporation into educational systems; or to facilitate the assimilation of local medical knowledge and practices into modern health-care delivery systems.

For 2010, we were most pleased to make an award to Dr Jan Peter Loovers (University of Aberdeen), for research in circumpolar Canada, in particular along the Peel River and the Peel River watershed.

In September, we also celebrated the programme with a most successful seminar at the University of Kent, which drew many former award holders. The talks and speakers for this day may be viewed on our web-site.



*MS 268/15/2/39
Lumberjack working cut
logs on the water. From
Marian W. Smith collection*

Fellowships and awards

The RAI administers a number of Trust Funds from the income of which it is able to award Fellowships at postdoctoral level, and limited financial support to postgraduate students. Fellowships are held in various Departments of Anthropology at institutions in the UK; and the RAI is grateful to these institutions for their support. Full details of the awards may be found on the RAI's website and are regularly advertised in *Anthropology Today*.

The **Radcliffe-Brown Memorial Fund for Anthropological Research**, jointly funded by the RAI and Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, provides small grants annually to assist social anthropologists handicapped by lack of finance to complete a doctoral thesis. Outstanding applicants may be given supplementary awards funded by endowments bequeathed to the RAI and ASA by the late Professor Sir Raymond Firth and his family.

The **Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research**, founded and endowed by the late Professor Sir Edmund Leach, supports the annual Leach-RAI Fellowship. In addition, it makes substantial contributions to RAI activities. The Leach/RAI Fellowship is co-funded by the Esperanza Trust and the host university, and is awarded for one year to enable the Fellow to complete a piece of research for publication. The next host institution will be Brunel University

The **Emslie Horniman Anthropological Scholarship Fund**, established in 1944, provides annual scholarships to encourage recent graduates to pursue fieldwork, develop their careers as anthropologists, and contribute to the discipline.

The **Ruggles-Gates Fund for Biological Anthropology**, established by the late Professor and Mrs L. Ruggles-Gates, provides small grants annually for research in biological anthropology.

Thanks to generous gifts from the **Sutasoma Trust**, the RAI is able to make special **RAI-Sutasoma Awards** to successful applicants for grants from the Radcliffe-Brown and Emslie Horniman Scholarship Funds, whose projects are judged to be of particular merit.

The RAI also administers the **Fellowship Programme in Urgent Anthropology**; see page 13.

Recipients of Awards in 2010

Radcliffe Brown Memorial Fund: B. Montanari, Y. Osawa, J. Routon, N. Beranek, H. Kim, K. Crear, M. Sirisena

Sutasoma Awards: P. Di Griminiani, N. Mhando, A. Lavis, J. Sarimento

Firth Award: S. Haines

Emslie Horniman Fund: A. Knifton, J. Blinkhorn, B. Trevelyan, L. Doughton

Sutasoma Award: V. Peacock

Ruggles Gates Fund: M. Gasperetti



MS 268/15/2/27 Two workers, one wearing turban and overalls, the other a cap and overalls at sawmill. From Marian W. Smith collection

Medals, Special Lectures and Prizes

The RAI has seven honours and distinctions at its disposal, for the purpose of recognising achievement of the highest order in anthropology.

The Huxley Memorial Medal and Lecture, instituted in 1900 in memory of Thomas Henry Huxley, is the RAI's highest honour and is awarded annually by the RAI Council. The recipient in 2010 was Professor Johannes Fabian of University of Amsterdam. His lecture, entitled 'Cultural Anthropology and the Question of Knowledge' was given at the British Museum on 4th February 2011.

The Rivers Memorial Medal is awarded at Council's discretion for a body of recent work which makes, as a whole, a significant contribution to social, cultural or physical anthropology or to archaeology. The 2010 Medal was awarded to Professor Stephen Shennan.

The Lucy Mair Medal for Applied Anthropology is awarded annually at Council's discretion for achievement in the application of anthropology to the relief of poverty and distress; and to the active recognition of human dignity. The 2010 Medal was awarded to Professor Anthony Good.

The Curl Lecture is given in alternate years by a Lecturer normally under 40 years of age elected by Council, on a topic in the field of biological anthropology, archaeology, material culture, ethnomusicology or linguistics. The next Curl lecture will be given in 2011.

The Henry Myers Lecture is given in alternate years by a Lecturer elected by Council, on a subject related to the role of religion in society. The Henry Myers Lecture for 2010 was

given by Professor Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, FBA of University of Cambridge. His lecture, entitled 'Humanity between gods and beasts? Ontologies in question' was given at the British Museum on 23rd September 2010.

The RAI also awards five regular prizes:

The Curl Essay Prize is awarded annually at the discretion of judges appointed by the RAI Council, to the author of the best submitted essay relating to the results or analysis of anthropological work. The 2009 Prize, announced in 2010, was awarded to Philip Swift, for an essay entitled 'Touching Conversion: Tangible Transformations in a Japanese New Religion'.

The Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology is awarded annually to the author or authors of the most valuable work submitted for competition and published in the year of the award. The 2008 Prize, for books published in that year, was announced in 2010 and awarded to Dr Bayo Holsey (Duke University) for her book *Routes of Remembrance: Refashioning the Slave Trade in Ghana*.

The J.B. Donne Prize on the Anthropology of Art is awarded in alternate years. The 2009 prize was announced in 2010 and was awarded to Dr Sohini Ray for her essay 'The language of hand gestures in Manipuri dance: semantics and politics'.

The Arthur Maurice Hocart Essay Prize is awarded annually at the judges' discretion for the best essay in anthropology submitted by a student of any nationality registered at a British or Irish institution of higher education. It is intended primarily for postgraduate students, although outstanding undergraduate essays are also considered. The 2009 Prize, announced in 2010, was awarded to Ms Megan Wainwright (University of Durham) for her essay entitled 'Taking constipation seriously: an ethnographic study of the patient's perspective on illness and interactions in healthcare'.

The RAI Student Essay Prize, inaugurated in 2006, is open only to undergraduate students. It is awarded annually at the discretion of judges appointed by the RAI Council. The competition is open to students of any nationality registered for a first degree in anthropology at a British or Irish institution. No award was made in the 2009 round.

Honorary Fellowship

Honorary Fellows, elected by the RAI Council, are persons eminent in anthropology not normally resident in the United Kingdom.

Australia: Ian Dunlop, John Mulvaney

Austria: Gertrud Hauser, Gerhard Kubik

Belgium: Luc de Heusch

Brazil: Francisco M. Salzano

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Zimbabwe: Michael Bourdillon

No Denominated State: Jane Goodall

We record with regret the death of Robert Paine and Alston Barrington Chevannes in 2010.

Anthropology, medicine and health

Chair of the Medical Anthropology Committee:
Dr Melissa Parker

The points of intersection between anthropology and medicine have stimulated some of the most innovative recent debates in both fields. Through its Medical Anthropology Committee, the RAI is actively engaged with anthropological research and teaching relating to health and medical issues. The Committee provides information and advisory support to the RAI in these areas, interpreted in their broadest and most inclusive sense. It aims to organise a regular series of conferences in medical anthropology, the second of which took place in July 2010.

An anthropology of British life: the Mass Observation Archive

The Mass Observation Archive specialises in collecting material about everyday life in Britain. It contains papers generated by the original Mass Observation social research organisation (1937 to early 1950s), and newer material collected continuously since 1981. The Archive is housed in the Special Collections of the University of Sussex Library. Visitors are welcomed by appointment; research enquiries should be sent to library.specialcoll@sussex.ac.uk. The RAI appoints two of the Archive's Trustees. For more information visit www.massobs.org.uk.

Financial report for 2010

Honorary Treasurer
Dr Julie Scott

The RAI had a good year in 2010. Finance Committee has remained mindful of the retiring Honorary Treasurer's caveats concerning our vulnerability to changing market conditions at a time of general uncertainty, but so far we have thankfully escaped unscathed. We are grateful once again for generous donations received from Leslie Hill and from an anonymous donor. We have received grants from the ESRC, and from the William Buller Fagg Trust.

Our equities investments performed adequately in 2010 and their value is now roughly back to pre-crisis (i.e. December 2007) levels. Individual subscriptions, as reflected in fellow and membership figures, have held up well. Wiley-Blackwell have offered good terms for the renewal of our contract with them for the period 2012-2016, and we are exploring with them ways in which institutional subscriptions might be maintained.

As last year, we can be cautiously optimistic about our financial position, which continues to offer a stable base for an expanding programme of activities.

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2010 Total £	2009 Total £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary Income and grants received	53,402	20,280	89,617	163,299	163,391
Investment Income	37,985	191	4,156	42,332	40,471
Other Income	6,331	-	-	6,331	5,442
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Fellowship and Membership	85,066	-	-	85,066	87,337
Publications	542,985	-	-	542,985	541,526
RAI Collection	40,235	-	-	40,235	28,972
Total Incoming Resources	766,004	20,471	93,773	880,248	867,139
Resources Expended					
<i>Charitable Activities</i>					
Policy and Profile	71,513	-	43,980	115,493	93,724
Fellowship and Membership	28,826	-	-	28,826	23,269
Publications	385,314	-	-	385,314	383,659
RAI Collection	111,167	880	17,896	129,943	112,542
Library	94,605	-	-	94,605	85,889
Education Programme	40,584	-	33,000	73,584	70,709
Governance	14,854	-	-	14,854	12,868
Total Resources Expended	746,863	880	94,876	842,619	782,660
Net Incoming Resources	19,141	19,591	(1,103)	37,629	84,479
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	26,735	360	6,752	33,847	35,083
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	45,876	19,951	5,649	71,476	119,562
Fund Balances at 1 January 2010	273,922	738,189	302,807	1,314,918	1,195,356
Fund Balances at 31 December 2010	319,798	758,140	308,456	1,386,394	1,314,918
Voluntary income					
Gifts in kind of journals to the Institute				50,838	
Other donations				2,564	
Grants Receivable					
W B Fagg Charitable Trust				9,605	
R Werbner Fund				2,519	
Education Grants				31,049	
Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research				15,000	
Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research (USA) in respect of research.				31,444	
Leslie Hill Donation				20,000	
Grants of less than £5,000 each				280	
				163,299	

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2010

	2010 £	2010 £	2009 £	2009 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets		680,261		683,937
Investments at Market Value		<u>356,603</u>		<u>333,192</u>
		1,036,864		1,017,129
Current Assets				
Debtors	233,213		198,423	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>881,356</u>		<u>818,622</u>	
	1,114,569		1,017,045	
Creditors—amounts falling due within one year	<u>(765,039)</u>		<u>(719,256)</u>	
Net Current Assets		349,530		297,789
		<u>1,386,394</u>		<u>1,314,918</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Funds		308,456		302,807
Unrestricted Funds				
Designated Funds		758,140		738,189
Other Charitable Funds		<u>319,798</u>		<u>273,922</u>
		<u>1,386,394</u>		<u>1,314,918</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 7 July 2011. 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 members of the Royal Anthropological Institute

We have examined the summary accounts set out on pages 18 to 19 inclusive

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

These summary accounts presented on pages 18 to 19 are the responsibility of the trustees. It is our responsibility to report our opinion on their consistency with the full financial statements, on which we reported on 7 July 2011. Our report on the full financial statements of the Institute includes information on the responsibilities of the trustees and the auditors relating to the preparation and the audit of those financial statements and on the basis of our unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

Basis of opinion

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

Opinion

In our opinion the summary accounts on pages 18 to 19 are consistent with the full financial statements of the Royal Anthropological Institute for the year ended 31 December 2010

H. W. Fisher & Company

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Dated: 7 July 2011

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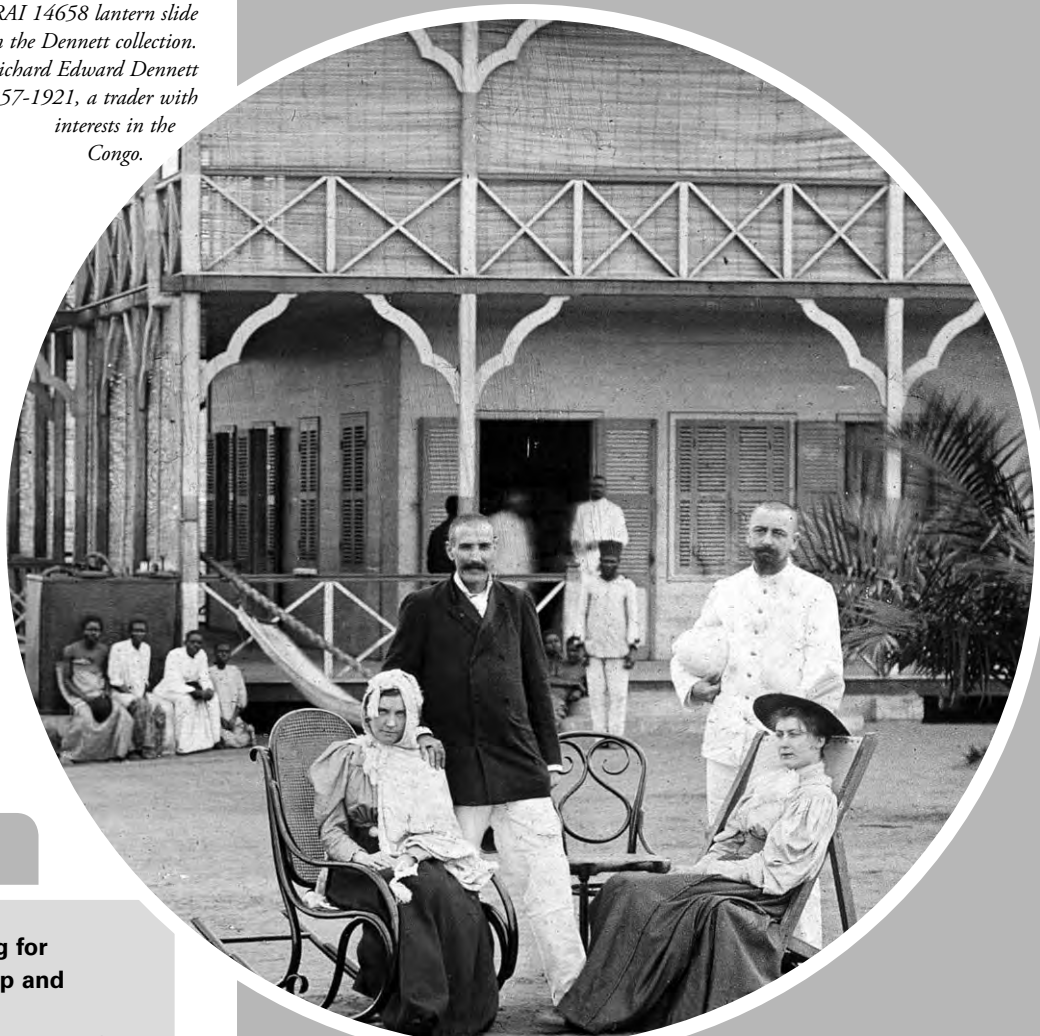
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*RAI 14658 lantern slide
from the Dennett collection.
Richard Edward Dennett
1857-1921, a trader with
interests in the
Congo.*



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Like other comparable institutions, the RAI has limited resources and is in constant need of funds from external sources. Donations in cash or in kind (such as books and equipment) are always welcome. All donations and sponsorship are fully acknowledged.

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