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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 2008 there were 957 RAI Fellows in all categories of Fellowship, 459 Members and 142 postgraduate Student Associates.

Message from the President

President of the RAI: Professor Roy Ellen, FBA

My first message as president in 2007 was brief and upbeat, and indeed there was much to be positive about. Inevitably, one year on, and with the banking crisis and recession to contend with, it is harder to maintain such confidence. Nevertheless, the Institute appears to have weathered the initial storm remarkably well. The transfer of membership administration to the RAI office has enabled us to achieve some economies and explore new benefits. While our budget is undeniably squeezed, we have maintained a full – indeed a somewhat expanded – set of activities in 2008.

Publications have seen a successful year for both *Anthropology Today* and the JRAI under its new editor, Simon Coleman. James Staples has taken over as Reviews Editor; we thank Massimiliano Mollona for his period in this demanding role, and Maureen Bloom who served as Acting Reviews Editor.

The education programme continues to reap dividends. We thank Gemma Jones for her pioneering work as RAI Education Officer, and welcome her successor Nafisa Fera. The proposed A Level qualification has been submitted for accreditation. The Institute organized another successful London Anthropology Day, and participated in the ESRC Festival of Social Science through a film evening on childhood experiences, held at the Foundling Museum.

It has been an outstanding year of awards, with the Huxley Medal awarded to Maurice Godelier, the Curl Lectureship to Bruno Latour, the Lucy Mair Medal to Sue Black (the first forensic anthropologist to receive the award), and the Rivers Medal to Brian Morris and Danny Miller. Two awards were made under the RAI Urgent Anthropology scheme hosted at the University of Kent; and one under the Leach-RAI fellowship programme, hosted at Maynooth University.

In house, we can record the establishment of a new Anthropological Index Online customized bibliographic service, and the opening of the re-furbished research facility and Council Room at 50 Fitzroy Street. Janice Archer departed as RAI Library Officer; we are grateful for her work on our behalf at the

British Museum Centre for Anthropology. We welcome the appointment of Ted Goodliffe as an experienced library consultant to guide us through an important period of transition. As ever, the Institute depends on the dedication and effectiveness of its Director and staff, and in a year of special challenges these have been much appreciated.

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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, Members or Student Associates. Fees are reviewed annually. Institutions are not eligible to join, but may subscribe to the RAI's journals *JRAI* and *Anthropology Today* (see pages 3 and 4). For more information about the journals and subscription details, visit www.blackwellpublishing.com/jrai and www.blackwellpublishing.com/lanth.

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. Those under the age of 30 in the year of Fellowship may join as Junior Fellows at a reduced fee. 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 (for details visit www.jstor.org)
- Online access to the Anthropology Library's electronic resources via the Athens gateway (for details contact gsteale@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)
- The right when in the UK to borrow up to 10 books (4 for Junior Fellows) from those donated by the RAI to the Anthropology Library. Postal borrowing is also possible in

the UK. In future, Fellows will be able to receive individual notification of additions to the Library stock, via the RAI website.

- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment (see page 10)
- 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

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 (see page 10)
- Free or reduced-rate admission to RAI events
- 25% discount on Wiley-Blackwell publications ordered via the publisher

Student Associateship of the RAI

Student Associate status is available, without the need for election, to all registered postgraduate students on taught or research programmes in any sub-field of anthropology, at Higher Education Institutions anywhere in the world. Proof of postgraduate student status is required on renewal. Student Associates are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
- Online access to the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*
- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment (see page 10)
- 25% discount on Wiley-Blackwell publications ordered via the publisher

For a small supplemental fee, Student Associates may also become Associate Members of the Association of Social Anthropologists (for details visit www.theasa.org).

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

Early Human Kinship

Early Human Kinship: from sex to social reproduction, edited by Nick Allen, Hilary Callan, Robin Dunbar and Wendy James, was published in 2008 by Wiley-Blackwell in association with the RAI and the British Academy's Centenary Project *From Lucy to Language*. This collection brings together contributors from biological and social anthropology, primatology, historical linguistics and archaeology, in a new conversation about the possible forms of early kinship and its relation to emerging humanity.

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Honorary Editor of the JRAI: Professor Simon Coleman

Honorary Reviews Editor:
Dr Maureen Bloom
(Acting Reviews Editor to July 2008);
Dr James Staples
(from July 2008)

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 and produced separately from other issues of the journal. It is advertised in the RAI's journals and on its website, and is distributed without charge to RAI Fellows and to libraries subscribing to the Journal. The third volume in the series, *The objects of evidence* edited by Matthew Engelke, was published in 2008. The fourth, *Islam, Politics, Anthropology* edited by Filippo Osella and Benjamin Soares, will appear in 2009.

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, interviews and comments, *Anthropology Today* publishes reviews and obituaries, together with letters, news and a calendar of anthropological events. In 2008, 66 items were published, excluding news, calendar or cover captions; of these, 36 were substantive editorials, articles and interviews, and 30 were shorter items such as obituaries, comments, conference/exhibition reviews and letters. This included a special issue on hazardous sports. Topical

themes addressed during the year included: fuel and the world food crisis, assassination of Benazir Bhutto, Human Terrain, cloning, UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, visual anthropology, baseball, cricket, Australian red meat advertising campaign, torture, disaster aid, Diego Garcia and the Chagos Islanders, Borat, violence in South Africa, AFRICOM, Minerva, the financial crisis, Obama elections in Kenya and on Facebook. In line with emphasis on debate, a large proportion of contributions related to previously published items. *Anthropology Today* depends greatly on the anonymous referees, the editorial board, and its freelance consultants and volunteers, who all breathe life into the publication.



The six issues of
Anthropology Today
Volume 24, 2008

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.

The *Index* maintained its productivity in 2008 with an average of over 1000 new entries a month. It received welcome support from Wiley-Blackwell in the production of a publicity leaflet distributed at conferences internationally. This complements the launch of a new individual bibliographic service. As of 2008 the *Index* can supply, upon request and at a commercial rate, customised bibliographies based on the journals indexed. For details please contact aio@therai.org.uk. Further new services are planned for 2009.

Usage of the *Index* continues to grow. The total of direct server accesses through the University of Kent was 601,548 in 2008, compared with 478,225 in 2007. Access is also available through subscription to Anthropology Plus, a service which includes both the *Index* and Harvard's *Anthropological Literature*, and is administered by the Online Computer Library Centre, Inc (OCLC)

Herero women in traditional attire, with distinctive leather head-dresses, Sehitwa, Ngamiland, 1940. Photograph by I. Schapera, (RAI3899). © Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.



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 staffing. International exchange arrangements are also in place with scholarly institutions, under which the Library receives publications in exchange for RAI journals.

The Library is open to the public for reference and research. RAI Fellows have the special privilege of borrowing books and journals donated by the RAI (about 60% of total holdings; see page 2). There is plentiful seating and a number of terminals are available in the reading area through which users may access both the Library catalogue and the *Anthropological Index Online* (see page 5). As of 2009, details of recent acquisitions will be listed regularly on the RAI website. Both the RAI and the Museum's Department of Africa, Oceania and the Americas host seminars and other events in the Centre. The Department's Collections Enquiries service is also located within the Centre.

In 2008, 248 RAI Fellows visited the Library, and 1160 loans were made to Fellows. The RAI donated 752 books and 1558 journal issues to the Library.

An open day for students was held in November at which the Library's services were described and students were able to explore the facilities. The Library's unwanted student reference collection was offered to these students on a giveaway basis and was largely taken. The remainder was donated to a university library in Slovakia and was gratefully received.

In February 2008 Janice Archer, the RAI's library officer, stepped down and was replaced by Ted Goodliffe who had spent a career in aerospace and local government libraries. In September a report was presented to the RAI Council on the working of the Library and its relationship with the RAI. This identified a number of cost savings, procedural improvements and enhanced services, some of which were introduced during the year. It is expected that, once more of these recommendations are implemented during 2009, usage of the Library by the RAI's membership will increase, both in person and by remote access.

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; or alternatively contacting by email or phone: anthropologylibrary@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk – 0207 323 8031

Opening hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 10.00-17.00; Thursday 12.00-17.00. Closed weekends and Bank Holidays.

The RAI thanks the following for generous grants, sponsorship and donations during 2008:

Grants and donations to the Library and RAI Collection: William Buller Fagg Charitable Trust, Dr Maureen Bloom, Dr Stephanie Bunn, Hilary Callan, Dr Michael W. Young, Dr S. Zivanovic. We also thank the publishers of journals who provide complimentary or concessionary subscriptions for titles to be included in the *Anthropological Index Online*.

Other grants and donations: Economic & Social Research Council, Gibbs Trust, Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Charitable Trust, University of Cambridge Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, Mr Roger Kirkpatrick, an anonymous donor

Support for RAI Fellowship programmes: Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research, Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

Anthropology, medicine and health

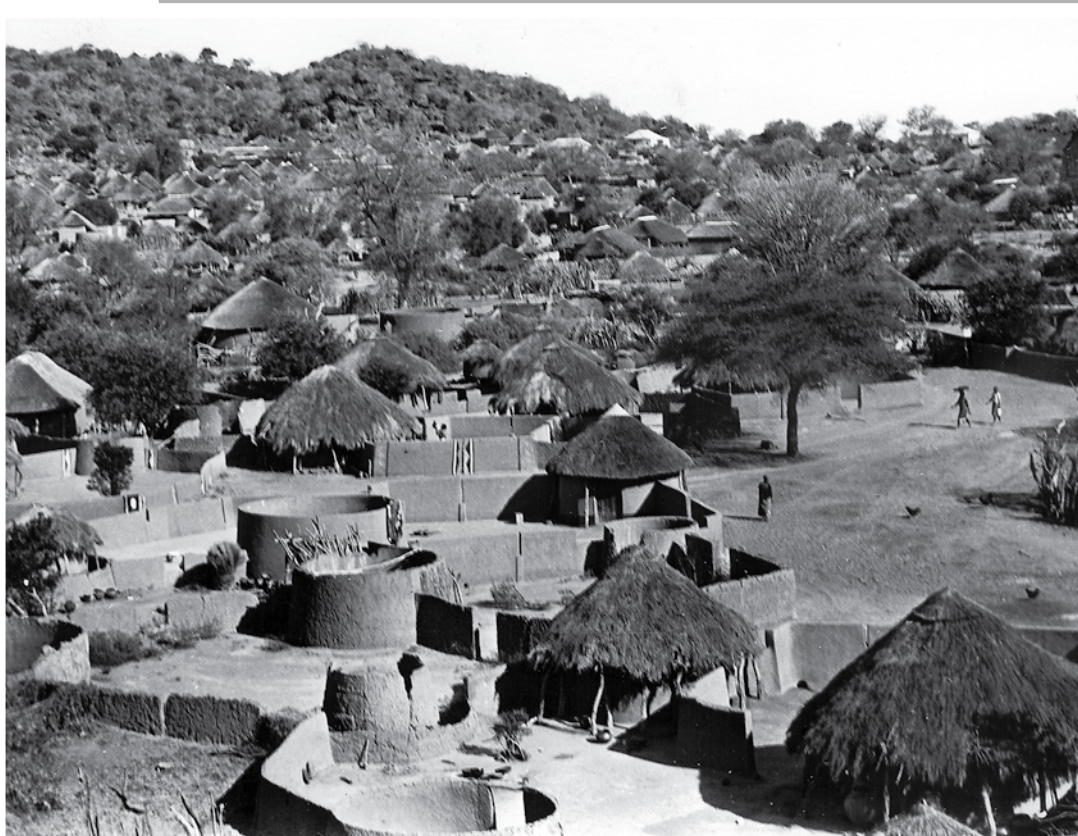
Chair of the Medical Anthropology

Committee:

Dr Elizabeth Hart
(to December 2008);
Dr Melissa Parker
(from December
2008)

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. It also aims to promote anthropological understanding among non-anthropologists working in health-related fields. It seeks to provide a forum for contact between those teaching courses in medical anthropology, a means for those trained in medical anthropology but working outside the academy to keep in touch with the discipline, and a platform for those seeking to advance medical anthropology within anthropology departments or in the clinical/health care context.

On 8th December 2008 the RAI joined forces with the Wellcome Trust to host a Wellcome Medal Lecture on *The Palaeobiology of the Victims of the Volcanic Eruption of Herculaneum*, given by Professor Luigi Capasso of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Chieti University, Italy, winner of the RAI's 2004 Wellcome Medal (see page 15). It is intended that this will become a regular collaborative event between the Trust and the Institute.



Mochudi: general view, looking east. Photograph by I. Schapera, (RAI4642). © Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ethnographic Film and Video

*Chair of the Film
Committee:*
Dr 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. Video and DVD sales make a significant contribution to the RAI's overall income. The RAI's ethnographic film library is one of the world's largest and most important. All films are screened by the specialist Committee, guaranteeing a standard of excellence unparalleled elsewhere. New titles have been added in 2008 to both the sales and the archive reference holdings. Growing numbers of film company researchers and broadcasters now consult the RAI film materials. The RAI International Festival of

Ethnographic Film is held biennially.

During 2008, the RAI has been represented by its Film Officer and individual Committee members at a number of international events in visual anthropology. The next Festival of Ethnographic Film will be held in Leeds (UK) from 1-4 July 2009. It will be co-sponsored by the RAI and Centre for Tourism and Cultural Change (Leeds Metropolitan University) in partnership with the Northern Film School, Louis le Prince Centre for Cinema, Photography and Television (Leeds University) and in association with the National Media Museum, Bradford.

The video holdings form part of the combined RAI Collection; see page 10 for a report on Collection activities in 2008.



*Magwane in ritual
attire. Photograph by J.
L. Reyneke, (RAI4030).
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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. The anthropology of visual culture is becoming increasingly central to the discipline as a whole, and interest has correspondingly grown. The material contained in the photographic library is highly relevant to contemporary, as well as historical, concerns.

The photo library forms part of the combined RAI Collection; see page 10 for a report on Collection activities in 2008

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.

Legwane in ritual attire. Photograph by I. Schapera, (RAI3914).
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The RAI Collection: photographic, film and textual resources

Chair of the Manuscripts and Archives Committee:
Professor Tom Selwyn

The RAI Collection incorporates the Institute's film, video and photographic collections (see pages 8-9) and its manuscript and archive holdings. Visitors are welcome by appointment. Textual material and photographic images can be studied, ethnographic videos previewed and copies ordered. Access is free to RAI Fellows, Members and Student Associates, and to undergraduate students; other users are charged an access fee. A generous grant from the W.B. Fagg Charitable Trust (see box on this page) has supported Phase 2 of the Collection's development programme, scheduled over three years to 2010. A dedicated research room at 50 Fitzroy St now creates pleasant conditions for access to, and use of, the Collection facilities.

Throughout 2008, work has proceeded on cataloguing the materials in the manuscript and archives section of the Collection. These catalogues will shortly be available live on the RAI website, and will then be searchable by any interested individual. During several months of 2008 we were pleased to host a visiting scholar from America who worked steadily on the newly opened Gluckman collection. We were also happy to receive help from King's College entering descriptions of many manuscript items on AIM25, a website which aims to include archives from institutions within the M25. During the year, all the old typewritten catalogues were converted to word documents, making them much more accessible, and suitable for inclusion on the website. We were invited to contribute copies of these catalogues to a project run by the National Register of Archives, which will make the contents of the collection more widely known. Amongst the materials newly catalogued this year are the R.S. Rattray collection, including many previously unavailable photographs, and papers donated by Professor Scarlett Epstein.

Work has progressed throughout 2008 on the Munro project, an international collaboration between UK (including the RAI) and Japanese partners to digitise materials relating to N.G. Munro's studies of the Ainu people of Hokkaido in the early 20th century. Important new footage of a film by Munro was discovered during the year by project partners based at Hokkaido University. The UK-based partners, and the general public, had an opportunity to view excerpts from the footage at an RAI event organised in November 2008 during a visit to the UK by the Japanese partners and Ainu representatives. This event was followed in the New Year by a round table meeting hosted by the RAI, at which all parties to the project, and the Ainu community, were represented.

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 phase (2004-7) in the establishment of the RAI Collection as an integrated research resource. The Trust is currently supporting Phase 2 of the programme over a 3-year period from 2007. The RAI is grateful to the Trust for its continuing support.



Acting Chief Isang, on the day of handing over chiefship to his nephew, Molefi, 14 October 1929. Photograph by I. Schapera, (RAI3954). © Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

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 of the discipline, and also in the broader interest 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 2008 to develop a broadly based, sustainable programme of education in anthropology designed primarily for students and teachers at pre-university level. Following earlier funding awarded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, a three-year grant made by

the Economic and Social Research Council under its Science in Society scheme provides co-funding for the RAI's education programme over three years to December 2009; and supports the Education Officer staff post for that period.

The education 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 (www.discoveranthropology.org.uk) is scheduled for launch in 2009. 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. The RAI is a partner, with the University of Sussex and Brighton Museum, in an ongoing project *Discovering Anthropology through Museums*, to develop a schools' teaching pack based on museum collections. This has been published and will be available during 2009.

Activities in 2008 have included organising the annual London Anthropology Day for school students and teachers held at the British Museum, and contributions to the ESRC's Festival of Social Science and BAAS Festival of Science.

Anthropology is not currently taught as a distinct discipline at pre-University level in the UK, with the exception of an optional course within the International Baccalauréate. The curricular strand of the education programme seeks to develop a presence for anthropology within school and FE curricula. The emphasis during 2008 has been on developing a structure and content for an A level qualification in anthropology. Throughout 2008 the RAI has worked in partnership with the awarding body AQA to develop the A level, which has been submitted for accreditation by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.



*Woman making pot.
Photograph by
I. Schapera, (RAI3880).
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Britain and Ireland.*

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.

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. Awardholders 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.

Those holding Urgent Anthropology Fellowships during 2008 were:

Dr Dario Novellino, for a project entitled 'Enabling the "indigenous voice": beyond technocratic solutions to forest conservation on Palawan Island (the Philippines)'

Dr Tom Thornton, for a project investigating the effects of rapid climate change on indigenous Northern coastal peoples.

The Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research

This is a unique Fund, supported entirely by the voluntary individual contributions of anthropologists. Its Founding Sponsor is Dr George N. Appell of Brandeis University, USA. It was launched in 1993 to support basic ethnographic research on threatened or disappearing cultures and languages. Such research aims to make fundamental contributions to knowledge; and also, wherever possible, to further the interests of peoples under threat. Donations to the Fund are invited; details can be obtained from the RAI.

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 current host institution is the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

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 2008

Radcliffe-Brown Memorial Fund:

R. Villagra Carron, M. Simic,
F. Barlocco, J. Mullard, P. O'Doherty,
M. Fabinyi

Sutasoma Awards: M. Marouda,
M. Kent, M. Margiotti

Firth Award: T. Widger

Emslie Horniman Fund: M. Berthin,
A. Pryor, D. Das, K. McConnachie,
E. Hodson

Sutasoma Award: J. Sklair

Ruggles-Gates Fund: A. Piel,
A. Mitchell

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 2008 was Professor Maurice Godelier of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris. His lecture, entitled 'Community, society, culture: three keys to understanding today's conflicted identities' was given at the British Museum on 7th November.

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. Two awards of the Medal were made in 2008: to Professor Daniel Miller of University College London, and Professor Brian Morris of Goldsmiths College.

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. In 2008 the Medal was awarded to Professor Sue Black of Dundee University

The Wellcome Medal for anthropology as applied to medical problems is supported by the Wellcome Trust and awarded in alternate years following the recommendation of specialist expert judges appointed by Council, and at their discretion. The award of the 2008 Medal will be announced in 2009.

The Patron's Medal is awarded from time to time by the RAI Council, for distinguished service to anthropology and to the Institute.

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 2009.

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 2008 was given by Professor Bruno Latour of Sciences Po, Paris. His lecture, entitled 'What good is it for a man to gain his soul, yet forfeit the whole world?' was given at the British Museum on 25th September.

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 award of the 2008 Prize will be announced in 2009.

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 result of the 2007 competition, for books published in that year, will be announced in 2009.

The J.B. Donne Prize on the Anthropology of Art is awarded in alternate years. No award was made in 2008.

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 result of the 2008 competition will be announced in 2009.

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. The result of the 2008 competition will be announced in 2009.

Honorary Fellowship

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

Honorary Fellows in 2008

Australia: Ian Dunlop, John Mulvaney

Austria: Gertrud Hauser, Gerhard Kubik

Belgium: Luc de Heusch

Brazil: Francisco M. Salzano

Bulgaria: Nikolai Kaufman

Canada: Cyril Belshaw, K.O.L. Burridge, Robert Paine

France: Yves Coppens, Philippe Descola, Claude Lévi-Strauss, Maurice Godelier

Ghana: J.H. Nketia

Guatemala: Ricardo Falla S.J.

Iceland: Gísli Pálsson

India: T.N. Madan, André Béteille

Israel: Emanuel Marx

Italy: Bernardo Bernardi

Jamaica: Alston Barrington Chevannes

Japan: Chie Nakane

Mexico: Lourdes Arizpe

Nepal: Dor Bahadur Bista

Netherlands: Johannes Fabian

New Zealand: Dame Joan Metge

Norway: Fredrik Barth, Signe Howell

Portugal: Joao de Pina-Cabral

Russia: Mikhail Kryukov

South Africa: Phillip V. Tobias, David Lewis-Williams

Spain: Carmelo Lisón-Tolosana

Sweden: Ulf Hannerz

Switzerland: Jacques Hainard, Hans Kummer

USA: Noam Chomsky, Elizabeth Colson, Richard G. Fox, Marshall Sahlins

Zimbabwe: Michael Bourdillon

No Denominated State: Jane Goodall

Anthropology and the Bible

During the first half of 2008, UCL in association with the RAI organised a series of *Mary Douglas Seminars on Anthropology and the Bible*, in memory of Professor Dame Mary Douglas who died in 2007. The series was convened by Dr Florentina Badalanova Geller of the RAI and UCL. Speakers included Professors Bruce Kapferer, Nicolas Wyatt, Adam Kuper, Seth Kunin, William Ryan, Paul-Francois Tremlett, Florentina Badalanova Geller.

Financial report for 2008

Honorary Treasurer
Dr David Shankland

The RAI derives its income from different sources: royalties on our publications from Wiley Blackwell, OCLC and JStor, Fellows' and Members' subscriptions, grants, video sales, rent on part of our Fitzroy Street premises and investment income. We were concerned throughout 2008 lest the British and global economic downturn should adversely affect these income streams. In the event, we were fortunate. It is an increasing characteristic of journal publishing that income is generated from agreed and varied long-term packages, as well as one-off subscriptions. This has helped to ensure stability in our publishing income. We are also pleased to say that taking in-house our membership administration is working well, thus helping us to maintain our Fellowship/membership subscription. We are also most grateful to the ESRC and to the Fagg Trust for their continued support. This means that, amongst other activities, we have been able to maintain and renew the Education Officer post.

We are not entirely unscathed: our equity portfolio has been adversely affected in terms of its nominal value. We are concerned too that we should maintain and expand our subscriber base. Inevitably too there will be rises in costs as inflation returns. However, we had been taking an increasingly cautious approach to the stock market, and we hope that our holdings will be in a position to recover sharply with the wider rally as it takes place. We have also benefited unexpectedly from the devaluation of the pound. This means that our income from non-sterling sources is worth considerably more to us than we feared at the beginning of the year, and has contributed toward a favourable current account balance.

Overall, we should make the caveat that rapidly changing market conditions mean that we will need to assess continuously the way that we operate. At present, we may express a cautious optimism, albeit one qualified by the wider uncertainty.

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2008

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary Income and grants received	51,242	482	118,459	170,183	208,564
Investment Income	42,214	43	3,692	45,949	63,871
Other Income	7,043	-	-	7,043	3,606
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Fellowship and Membership	73,878	-	-	73,878	81,089
Publications	463,641	-	-	463,641	422,553
RAI Collection	27,944	-	-	27,944	30,476
Total Incoming Resources	665,962	525	122,151	788,638	810,159
Resources Expended					
<i>Charitable Activities</i>					
Policy and Profile	54,224	750	48,619	103,593	92,806
Fellowship and Membership	22,399	-	-	22,399	27,286
Publications	328,556	-	-	328,556	328,509
RAI Collection	69,076	-	25,600	94,676	126,401
Library	84,756	1,000	-	85,756	88,769
Education Programme	26,101	-	47,555	73,656	91,313
Governance	13,010	-	-	13,010	11,171
Total Resources Expended	598,122	1,750	121,774	721,646	766,255
Net Incoming Resources	67,840	(1,225)	377	66,992	43,904
Gain on Investments	(50,948)	(749)	(17,181)	(68,878)	5,453
Transfers between funds	(16,860)	(3,140)	20,000	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	32	(5,114)	3,196	(1,886)	49,357
Fund Balances at 1 January 2008	185,834	729,991	281,417	1,197,242	1,147,885
Fund Balances at 31 December 2008	185,866	724,877	284,613	1,195,356	1,197,242
Voluntary income					
Gifts in kind of journals to the Institute				47,919	
Other donations				3,323	
Grants Receivable					
Nuffield Foundation				-	
W B Fagg Charitable Trust				20,600	
Education Grants				41,320	
Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research				17,000	
Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research (USA) in respect of research.				37,916	
Grants of less than £5,000 each				2,105	
				170,183	

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2008

	2008 £	2008 £	2007 £	2007 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets		686,447		689,587
Investments at Market Value		293,003		362,768
		<u>979,450</u>		<u>1,052,355</u>
Current Assets				
Debtors	156,369		160,962	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	778,468		377,090	
	<u>934,837</u>		<u>538,052</u>	
Creditors—amounts falling due within one year	<u>(718,931)</u>		<u>(393,165)</u>	
Net Current Assets		215,906		144,887
		<u>1,195,356</u>		<u>1,197,242</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Funds		284,613		281,417
Unrestricted Funds				
Designated Funds		724,877		729,991
Other Charitable Funds		185,866		185,834
		<u>1,195,356</u>		<u>1,197,242</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 30 May 2009. 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 17 to 19 inclusive

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

These summary accounts presented on pages 17 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 30 May 2009. 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 17 to 19 are consistent with the full financial statements of the Royal Anthropological Institute for the year ended 31 December 2008

H. W. Fisher & Company

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Dated: 30 May 2009

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		<i>Archives Officer</i>	During 2008 we said farewell to Janice Archer and Gemma Jones. We welcomed Ted Goodliffe and Nafisa Fera.
		Sarah Walpole BA, Dip Lib	
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		Beverley Emery	
		<i>Education Officer</i>	



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addressing
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Legacies to the RAI are welcome, and are always used according to the wishes of the testator.

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