



**2014 Annual Report**  
**Professor André Singer**  
**President, Royal Anthropological Institute**

This is the first annual report which I offer to Fellows, having taken over from Professor Clive Gamble in September 2014. In doing so, I should like to thank my predecessor for his extra-ordinarily creative period in office. It is a characteristic of the RAI – perhaps even the secret of its longevity – that it adds something as each decade goes by without taking away what is good and trusted about the old. In his case, we added a great deal, the fruits of which will be with us for many years to come.

Amongst the most spectacular of these is the instigation of biannual major conferences. At the end of May 2014, in co-operation with the Department of Oceania, Africa and the Americas, we gathered together in the Clore Centre of the British Museum to hold the second of these - a celebration, and a re-examination, of the place of photography in anthropology. Aply assisted too by the Anthropology Library at the BM, we welcomed some 474 delegates in 34 panels. All delegates who wished submitted a suite of fieldwork photos, which were then shown on an endless loop, enabling the whole conference to see specific examples of recent work. We should also thank the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Through their conference grant scheme, they very kindly offered support for five photographers – two from India, two from Latin America, and one from Africa, to join us and show their images.

At the RAI itself, we ran a full series of research seminars on a Wednesday evening. There have been some requests wondering whether we can hold seminars on other days of the week as well, and I am happy to confirm that we are working on this, so for example, in 2015 we have started in the spring to have seminars on a Friday, and in the autumn occasionally additionally on a Thursday.

Parallel to this, we also held a number of events outside the RAI. The ever-popular ‘Reviewer meets reviewed’ series continues at the BM, where likewise we celebrated the Huxley Lecture, delivered by Professor Tim Ingold. Indeed, on the same day Professor Ingold was bestowed in the afternoon the Huxley Medal, and in the morning a Knighthood from the Finish Ambassador, specifically Knight, First Class, of the Order of the White Rose of Finland. All of us at the RAI congratulate one our most distinguished Fellows upon this recognition.

Even though this was not a film festival year, we carried on presenting a number of events both at the RAI and further afield, which highlights the great importance that ethnographic film has for our institute. We have established a very creative link with the Department of Anthropology at USC, where I am an Adjunct Professor, whereby the Film Festival is shown in a reduced version there the following year of its taking place in the UK.

During the year, we were also pleased to welcome a new member of staff, Catherine Atkinson, who is working on the house archives, aided by the generosity of the Fagg Trust. Sadly, our Education and Communications Officer, Nafisa Fera, left the RAI in order to return to Canada. Nafisa contributed to the RAI not just in her expert handling of the position of Education Officer, but also through her boundless energy, talent for creating publicity material, and a series of very popular competitions. Her final major task for the RAI was to be in charge of ‘front of house’ for our Photography conference. That it went so well is in great part due to her efforts. She will be sorely missed. We welcome her successor, Emma Ford, and wish her well in her new role.

Fellows will recall that we were delighted to be able to launch the Anthropology A level in 2011, examined by the AQA Board. Very unfortunately, throughout 2014 we received indications from the AQA that they had concerns as to its possible take up, and we have subsequently heard from them that they are discontinuing it. The reason that they give for acting now is that the recent government reforms to the A level system mitigate against the investment which small subjects need if they are to be revised to fit with new specifications.

In response to this untimely news, the Education Committee has consulted widely and expressed its views in various media. However, OFQUAL (the government regulator) has since confirmed that it has accepted this decision by the AQA, and it appears that there is no immediate opportunity to reopen the debate. It is worth noting that the International Baccalaureate in Anthropology remains as active as ever, and is shortly to be relaunched with a revised specification.

On happier topics, I am most pleased to say that fellowship numbers continue to be buoyant. We have, thanks to our continuing an active programme of diversification of our income streams, been able for a further year to freeze membership subscriptions. There will be a point when they will have to rise, but we recognise the economic pressure that we are all under in these difficult times, and we are grateful to all Fellows for their support.

It only remains for me to thank all the staff for their outstanding work over the year, and also Council, committees and those who take part in our activities or write in our journals. I look forward keenly to the coming years.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The RAI held a steady financial position in 2014, maintaining an overall surplus at the end of the year. Our equities investments continued to show signs of recovering, and the fund balance at the end of the year remained buoyant. We are again grateful to the generosity of the anonymous donor, and have received grants from the William Buller Fagg Trust, to whom we are indebted for their cordial additional support of the assistant archivist.

Our warnings from previous years remain. The instability of the financial world situation, and the more specific rise of 'open access' publishing means that the future income of the institute may be affected by a reduction from Wiley, our publishers. We have therefore put into place a programme of diversification of activities and their related income, in order to reduce the reliance of the RAI on any single source of funds. These activities include the our major conference series, continuing to work with the Alexander Street Press, and seeking donation from fellows of any unwanted anthropology books, that may either go to our library, or if already there, disposed of for the benefit of the RAI.

The diversification of our investments so as to include property continues. We now have one house purchased on behalf of the Esperanza Trust, which is rented out, and another purchased partly with general funds and partly with Horniman Funds, which is also rented out.

Income from Fellowship and membership continues to remain steady, showing a slight increase in numbers overall. Provided that we can successfully diversify in the coming years, we can continue to be cautiously optimistic about our financial position.

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

Library Donors during 2014 were; Cyril Belshaw, Max Carocci, Robert Dick-Read, Ruth Finnegan, Wendy James, Stephen Jett, John Kesby, David Leesley, Janet Seeley, Claudio Vita-Finzi

Fellows of the RAI who are members of the institute's committees may be found on this link <https://www.therai.org.uk/about-the-rai/governance/committees>.



**ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015  
followed by the 2015 Curl Lecture**

The 2014 AGM will take place on Friday 18 September at 3.00 pm in the BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, British Museum, London WC1. It will be followed by the 2015 Curl Lecture.

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

**Programme**

3.00 pm: Tea

3.30 pm: AGM

5.00 pm (approximately)

2015 Curl Lecture, to be given by Dr Noel Lobley on  
*Experiencing Sound: Curation, Art, Practice*

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

**AGM AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12 September 2014
2. Annual Report of the Council for 2014
3. Appointment of Auditors (Current auditors: H.W. Fisher and Company, Chartered Accountants)
4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2015-2016 (see overleaf for House List)
5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Henry Myers Lecturer for 2016
6. Rivers Memorial Medal for 2015 [Professor Chris Hann]
7. Lucy Mair Medal for 2015 [Professor Margaret Cox]
8. Marsh Award for 2015 [Professor Shelia Kitzinger]
9. Any other business

## HOUSE LIST

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

Names proposed by Council (new nominations marked with \*)

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

**President:** Professor André Singer

**Elected Vice Presidents:** Professor Paul Basu\*  
Professor Ann MacLarnon\*  
Dr James Staples\*

**Hon Secretary:** Professor Raymond Apthorpe\*

**Hon Librarian:** Dr Michael Scott

**Hon Treasurer:** Dr Julie Scott

### Ordinary members of Council

Dr Simone Abram  
Dr Mary Adams  
Professor Tim Allen  
Dr Nadine Beckmann\*  
Professor Sue Black  
Professor Pat Caplan  
Dr Gillian Evans\*  
Professor Robert Foley\*  
Professor Catherine Hill  
Dr Fiona Jordan  
Professor Paul Lane\*  
Dr Stephen Leonard\*  
Professor Jeremy MacClancy  
Dr Chris Morton\*  
Dr Catherine Palmer\*  
Dr Melissa Parker  
Dr Howard Reid  
Dr Robert Storrie\*  
Professor Brian Street  
Professor Christina Toren

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

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

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

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2014 Total £	2013 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income and grants received	68,087	-	69,447	137,534	153,536
Investment Income	36,380	122	3,405	39,907	28,102
Other Income	63,994	-	-	63,994	20,832
Resources from charitable activities:					
Fellowship and Membership	92,104	-	-	92,104	88,897
Publications	581,004	-	-	581,004	577,679
RAI Collection	44,570	-	-	44,570	95,886
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>886,139</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>72,852</b>	<b>959,113</b>	<b>964,932</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Policy and Profile	137,643	-	47,407	185,050	117,037
Fellowship and Membership	33,399	-	-	33,399	31,606
Publications	329,446	-	-	329,446	312,530
RAI Collection	103,540	-	26,560	130,100	160,792
Library	100,638	-	-	100,638	98,405
Education Programme	60,125	-	2,800	62,925	76,624
<b>Governance</b>	<b>18,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,388</b>	<b>16,881</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>783,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,767</b>	<b>859,946</b>	<b>813,875</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>102,960</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>(3,915)</b>	<b>99,167</b>	<b>151,057</b>
Gain on Investments	6,693	56	932	7,681	46,493
Transfers between funds	60,460	(60,460)	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>170,113</b>	<b>(60,282)</b>	<b>(2,983)</b>	<b>106,848</b>	<b>197,550</b>
<b>Balances at 1 January 2014</b>	<b>305,382</b>	<b>1,095,242</b>	<b>358,424</b>	<b>1,759,048</b>	<b>1,561,498</b>
<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>475,495</b>	<b>1,034,960</b>	<b>355,441</b>	<b>1,865,896</b>	<b>1,759,048</b>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	674,611	676,951
Freehold Investment Property	343,462	343,462
Investments at Market Value	<u>438,811</u>	<u>442,279</u>
	<u>1,456,884</u>	<u>1,462,692</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	134,513	132,523
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>517,943</u>	<u>387,448</u>
	652,456	519,971
<b>Creditors-amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(243,444)</u>	<u>(223,615)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>409,012</u>	<u>296,356</u>
	<u>1,865,896</u>	<u>1,759,048</u>
<b>Income Funds</b>		
Restricted Funds	355,441	358,424
Unrestricted Funds		
Designated Funds	1,034,960	1,095,242
Other Charitable Funds	475,495	305,382
	<u>1,865,896</u>	<u>1,759,048</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 12 June 2014. For further information, the full statutory accounts, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and the Charity Commission, should be consulted. These can be obtained from RAI offices at 50 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 5BT.

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

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

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

These summary accounts presented on pages 5 to 6 are the responsibility of the trustees. It is our responsibility to report our opinion on their consistency with the full accounts, on which we reported on 15 July 2015. Our report on the full accounts of the Institute includes information on the responsibilities of the trustees and the auditors relating to the preparation and the audit of those accounts and on the basis of our unqualified opinion on those accounts.

### **Basis of opinion**

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion the summary accounts on pages 5 to 6 are consistent with the full accounts of the Royal Anthropological Institute for the year ended 31 December 2014.

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Dated: 15 July 2015