



**2016 Annual Report**  
**Professor André Singer**  
**President, Royal Anthropological Institute**

The cornerstone of our year was the conference *Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change*, which took place 27th-29th May. Organized jointly with the Department of African, Oceania and Americas of the British Museum, and additionally with the kind facilitation of the Anthropology Department of University College London, it aimed at exploring ways that we as anthropologists may make a contribution to this vital debate. We were particularly keen not just to share insights from recent fieldwork but also to welcome those who have worked in non-anthropological contexts on these issues. In the event, we heard a fascinating opening speech from Lord Deben, the Chair of the UK Independent Committee on Climate Change, and former Minister for the Environment, and equally from Mr Chruszczow, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change.

This auspicious beginning was followed by more than fifty panels and events which looked at climate change from a variety of points of view. Amongst the highlights were a plenary from our colleagues in the American Anthropological Association, discussing their report on climate change, and a showing of the film *Moana Rua: the Rising of the Sea* which brought home graphically the extent of the challenge facing us. We are indebted to our colleague and Fellow Professor Hviding (Bergen) for so kindly arranging this, and introducing us to its Director, Professor Heneriko. The Wenner-Gren Foundation very generously sponsored us once more, enabling us to meet colleagues from around the world, who otherwise would not have been able to be with us.

The challenge as always with large conferences is to turn the excitement and creative energy of our time together into something that will result in a lasting contribution. To this end, the RAI Environmental Committee is working on a printed volume of the proceedings, and additionally on a web-site resource that may be continuously updated, and which is aimed to provide a *vade mecum* for anthropologists as we continue to negotiate this pressing issue.

In November, we were greatly honoured to welcome colleagues from Austria, for a further installment in our occasional 'Country Day' series. The Austrian delegation was headed by Professor Andre Gingrich, and over the course of a day they gave us a remarkable over view of the way that anthropology is has developed and is practiced in today's Austria. These days contribute greatly to the international profile of the institute. We do intend to publish the proceedings regularly - the first it will be recalled was on France, and is out. The manuscript on the second, Poland edited by Professor Buchowski, is now received and we hope to be able to celebrate its appearance next year.

A great day in our calendar is always the Huxley lecture, which this year was delivered by Professor Margaret Lock. Entitled "Mutable Environments and Permeable Human Bodies", it gave an engrossing account of the way that our changing understanding of epigenetics means that we can reconsider the way that the environment may also influence the genome.

Throughout the year, our busy film programme continued, with showings at the Doc House in London, as well as regular seminars at the RAI. Reviewer meets Reviewed, our monthly seminars where we bring together authors and reviewers to discuss the book in question continued at the Anthropology Library at the British Museum. These are often very significant academic events in their own right, offering a unique insight into the way that authors approach their work, and the thinking processes that give rise to them.

Our co-operation with other institutions continues. At Westminster University, where I am visiting Professor, we were pleased to be able to share an event marking my second Presidential Address with the launch of my latest film *Where the Wind Blew*, which looks at the environmental impact of nuclear testing during the cold war.

Finally, just before Christmas we held the next installment of the RAI 'History Days'. On this occasion, we covered the period from 1918-1935, which of course coincides with the rise of university departments and very rapid changes in the shape of anthropology. Malinowski himself did not become President of the RAI, though he was invited by Council to do so, but he was always friendly and it will certainly be part of the history project to trace the evolving links between the RAI and the emergence of professional anthropology and anthropologists.

There is just one staff change I should mention, which is that our Film Officer, Susanne Hammacher, who took a sabbatical last year to work at the Übersee Museum in Bremen, decided to accept a permanent position there as Team Leader of Communication and Education. I should like to congratulate her on her promotion, and at the same time thank her for her many years of service to the institute as Film Festival Manager. As a film maker myself, I have been able closely to witness her very great contribution to the RAI, not just to the festival, but also to the film programme as a whole which she has built up to a key and lively part of the RAI's portfolio of activities. Susanne departs with our thanks, and best wishes for the future.

In closing my annual report, I should like to thank the all staff once more for their extra-ordinary facility in coordinating and leading the RAI. I have concentrated on the main events that have taken place at the institute, but we should not forget that our publications – particularly the *JRAI* and *AT* - continue to go from strength to strength and provide, after nearly two hundred years, a unique record of the changing circumstances of anthropology, both here and abroad. It is indeed a privilege to be President of the RAI.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The RAI held a steady financial position in 2016, 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 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 RAI may be affected. However, we have tried to mitigate against this by signing a new, extended contract with our publisher, Wiley. We have also continued our 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 our major conference series, the next one of which takes place in 2018, 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.

## **Dr Fiona Bowie, Honorary Treasurer**

Library Donors during 2016 were; Veronica Doubleday, Trevor Marchand, Pat Caplan, Domenico Volpini, Martin Edwardes, Sarah Elton, Michael Banton, Matthieu Guitton, David C Pitt (estate), Michael O'Hanlon, Andrea Nicolas, Mark Anderson, Glenn Bowman, Rosemary Harris (estate), Carol Mayer, Jeremy Kemp (estate), Michael Banton, Simon Sinclair (estate), Camillia El-Solh, Simone Borile, Elizabeth Spillius (estate), Katherine Arnold

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 2017  
followed by the 2017 Henry Myers Lecture**

The 2016 AGM will take place on Friday 15 September at 3.00 pm in the BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, British Museum, London WC1. It will be followed by the 2016 Henry Myers 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)

2017 Curl Lecture, to be given by Dr Andrea Migliano on *Hunter-gatherers social structure: a window into the evolution of human cumulative culture*

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

**AGM AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30 September 2016
2. Annual Report of the Council for 2016
3. Appointment of Auditors (Current auditors: H.W. Fisher and Company, Chartered Accountants)
4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2017-2018 (see overleaf for House List)
5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Henry Myers Lecturer for 2018
6. Rivers Memorial Medal for 2017 [Dr Dan Hicks]
7. Lucy Mair Marsh Medal for 2017 [Professor Richard Leakey]
8. Marsh Award for 2017 [Dr Julienne Anoko]
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 Fiona Bowie

### Ordinary members of Council

Dr Nadine Beckmann  
Dr Joseph Calabrese  
Dr Liana Chua  
Dr Ian Collard\*  
Dr Gillian Evans  
Professor Robert Foley  
Professor Joy Hendry  
Professor Paul Henley  
Dr Charlotte Joy\*  
Professor Paul Lane  
Professor Jeremy MacClancy\*  
Professor John Morgan  
Dr Chris Morton  
Dr Catherine Palmer  
Professor David Parkin  
Dr Emily Rousham  
Professor Paul Sillitoe  
Dr Robert Storrie  
Dr Simon Underdown  
Professor Maya Unnithan

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 2016**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Donations and grants	31,973	-	48,500	80,473	144,750
Investment income	53,008	122	3,475	56,605	55,104
Other income	88,468	-	3,333	91,801	20,625
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>					
Fellowship and Membership	95,642	-	-	95,642	92,038
Publications	646,394	-	-	646,394	591,291
RAI Collection	45,703	-	-	45,703	55,879
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>961,188</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>55,308</b>	<b>1,016,618</b>	<b>959,687</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>					
Policy and Profile	186,776	-	16,661	203,437	178,549
Fellowship and Membership	53,494	-	-	53,494	49,375
Publications	334,866	-	4,182	339,048	317,565
RAI Collection	49,574	-	60,308	109,882	167,744
Library	79,756	-	-	79,756	81,352
Education Programme	65,677	-	1,800	67,477	66,789
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>770,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,951</b>	<b>853,094</b>	<b>861,374</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	<b>191,045</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>(27,643)</b>	<b>163,524</b>	<b>98,313</b>
Gain / (Loss) on investments	36,889	106,799	6,678	150,366	(1,779)
Transfers between funds	(9,516)	9,516	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>218,418</b>	<b>116,437</b>	<b>(20,965)</b>	<b>313,890</b>	<b>96,534</b>
<b>Fund balances at 1 January 2016</b>	<b>569,782</b>	<b>1,061,116</b>	<b>331,532</b>	<b>1,962,430</b>	<b>1,865,896</b>
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>788,200</b>	<b>1,177,553</b>	<b>310,567</b>	<b>2,276,320</b>	<b>1,962,430</b>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	672,546	673,030
Freehold investment property	450,000	343,462
Listed investments	480,315	438,798
	<u>1,602,861</u>	<u>1,455,290</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	154,965	162,710
Cash at bank and in hand	840,957	639,640
	<u>995,922</u>	<u>802,350</u>
<b>Creditors-amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(332,463)</u>	<u>(295,210)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>673,459</u>	<u>507,140</u>
	<u>2,276,320</u>	<u>1,962,430</u>
<b>Income funds</b>		
Restricted funds	310,567	331,532
Unrestricted funds		
Designated funds	1,177,553	1,061,116
Other charitable funds	788,200	562,782
	<u>2,276,320</u>	<u>1,962,430</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 07 June 2017. 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 2017. 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 2016.

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Dated: 15 July 2017