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Governance and Management

Constitution

The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) is a charity registered in England and Wales (Number 1073015) It is also a Company registered under the Companies Act 2006 (Number 3566646) The CBRL is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association supplemented by Bye Laws

Organisational Structure

Management of the CBRL is vested in a Committee of Management which consists of not less than five members elected by the CBRL membership to the Committee in addition to those serving by virtue of their office These are the President, the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and the Honorary Editors of the Monographs and Levant and they are elected on an annual basis All members of the Committee must be CBRL members The Committee of Management is the CBRL's Board of Trustees and its members are the Trustees of the CBRL Trustees serve for a maximum period of four consecutive years

On election the Trustees are given a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, a copy of the Bye Laws and CBRL procedural documentation They are informed of their responsibilities and through the various procedures documents of potential issues of conflict of interest On election Trustees attend a training seminar on the Role and Responsibilities of Trustees of Registered Charities run by BDO Trustees are kept up-to-date and aware of any ongoing issues

The Committee of Management meets four times a year It is supported by a series of specialist sub-committees whose membership is supplemented by members of staff and where required by additional co-opted members

Finance and Governance Mr P Altern (Chair), Prof D Chatty, Mr H Hogger, Dr A Garrard (retired 12 Dec 2012), Prof B Finlayson

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Publications Prof G Philip (Chair to 12 2013 and Levant Editor), Dr L Crewe (Chair from 20 March 2013 and Archaeological Monographs Editor), Prof Marilyn Booth, Dr A Garrard (retired 12 Dec 2012), Dr C Palmer (Bulletin Editor), Prof B Finlayson

Each sub-committee has its own terms of reference as set out in the CBRL Corporate Plan and their reports are standing agenda items for the Committee of Management Ad-hoc appointments panels are set up to appoint new members of staff

The day-to-day management of the CBRL is delegated to the CBRL Director The Committee of Management is responsible for considering and approving all the recommendations of its sub-committees, developing the overall strategy and direction of the CBRL

Following a review of the future of the Kenyon Institute, Dr Mandy Turner was appointed as its new Director from 19 January 2012 on a three year secondment from Bradford University A new Kenyon Institute scholar, Dr Cherine Hussein, was appointed on 1st October 2012, but was unable to take up her post in Jerusalem due to visa difficulties (resolved in summer 2013) Dr Daniel Neep continued to be based in Amman as CBRL's Director of Research Development to deepen CBRL's engagement with research in the contemporary Levant and to investigate the need and potential for CBRL to become engaged in research in the wider MENA region, with particular reference to Egypt Dr Carol Palmer has continued in post as the Director of the British Institute in Amman All three of these Directors continue under the line management of the CBRL Director, and all four of these staff continue to be research active

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Risks

The Board has accepted the wider responsibilities in the revised Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued by the Charity Commission in October 2000 as updated by SORP 2005. This requires the Trustees to make a statement "confirming that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate the risks." In response to that requirement the Finance and Governance subcommittee reviews management and financial procedures to ensure the identification of major risks to which the CBRL may be exposed and to ensure appropriate systems are in place to mitigate them. To that end a thorough analysis of risks has been carried out and a programme of review and mitigation of those risks has been embarked upon and will form a core part of the ongoing work of that committee in advising the Board of Trustees.

The principal risks are considered to be the security of the funding stream, change in government policy (especially as we move into the complex ground of coalition politics), the value of sterling against other currencies and the political climate in the region.

The CBRL works within a constantly changing context. In 2012-13 the rapidly changing political situation in the Levant was the most dramatically changing element. Ongoing concerns regarding UK research funding and university organization continued to be important, as did the effects of a less secure overall global financial context. There continues to be considerable uncertainty for the future, although we note that so far the British Academy has managed to continue to provide a strong level of support to our activities. Much of this has been done through one off and restructuring grants, and many practical steps have been made to try to reduce costs and increase alternative funding streams. So far the 2011 to 2014 BASIS budget has remained unchanged, and at present it appears that Government spending reviews will not take effect until the following year – with what effect we still do not know. BASIS continues to advise us that we must continue to increase our efforts to seek alternative funding streams.

The political and security situation within the mainland Levant continues to provide the context for our activities, both organizational and indeed within much research. The security situation in Syria remains very bad, Lebanon has some resulting problems, Egypt remains unstable, and even within Jordan regional uncertainties and local unrest have combined to lead to significant government changes – including at present no Minister for Tourism and Antiquities and (now for two years) no Director-General of Antiquities. Increased internal stress within the country has led to sporadic violence on Jordanian university campuses. We were unable to establish our advanced language programme (originally planned for Damascus) in Jordan, and have now a confirmed plan to run it in Beirut, with the first course running in September 2013.

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The CBRL is established to advance public education through promoting research in the humanities, social sciences, and related subjects in the Levant, and the dissemination of the useful results of such research. The trustees confirm that they have taken due regard of the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the CBRL's achievements and plans.

In autumn of 2009 CBRL launched its third Corporate Plan, which noted that we are at an interesting juncture as we aim to expand our activities in Damascus and face a period of uncertain funding. The Plan also noted that CBRL has ceased to function solely as a facilitator for visiting projects and scholars, but is now also a pro-active research institution, not only the result of increased staff research activity, nor of the campaign to publish old projects, but in an increasing role to set research agendas within the region.

The CBRL achieves its objectives for the public benefit through a programme of conducting, sponsoring and facilitating research and its dissemination through its in-house publications (*Levant*, *The CBRL Bulletin*, *the Levant Supplementary Series*), through its website, through supporting publication in other outlets, by organizing academic meetings and public lectures, and through the presentation of lectures on research by

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staff members CBRL completed an agreement with Routledge publishers to provide a high quality outlet for sponsored social science research, but the first manuscript in preparation has still not been submitted

The management structure outlined in the Annual report for 2009-2010 with three overseas centres operating independently of each other, and with overall management and coordination clearly based in the UK, has partially come into operation, with the return of CBRL's Regional Director to the UK. This structure has clearly had to be modified in light of the situation with Damascus however, at present the basic principles remain in place. We are in the process of considering our options for the future, including increasing organizational activity in Lebanon, increased research support in Egypt, and how else we should evolve in the current climate. All such plans are clearly contingent on current budgetary constraints and require additional fundraising. As part of this process we have commissioned strategic review of CBRL to be undertaken by Profs Graeme Barker (Cambridge) and Emma Murphy (Durham), who will present their findings by CBRL's December meeting in 2013. The focus in the UK will continue to be on developing the CBRL as a vibrant membership based learned society, responsible for maintaining and enhancing our research and publications, and increasingly in seeking alternative funding sources to supplement the British Academy grant. We intend for the overseas operations to become increasingly self-funding in terms of their premises, local staff, and other facilities they supply. The research activities of the overseas operations will continue to be directed by the CBRL through its research committee, and all research active staff will continue to be appointed by the CBRL committee, while the practical aspects of the operations will become more devolved, with the local Directors supported by the CBRL Director and the London Administrative Secretary, together with local Standing Committees for each centre.

We continue to successfully support an increasingly broad range of research within the Academy's remit, and are assured by users of all the disciplines concerned that we are seen to have an increasingly relevant role. As we have previously noted, archaeological research continues to provide a safe and positive basis for many of our local relationships. We remain extremely grateful for the support we have received from all of the government agencies and departments responsible for archaeology and heritage in the countries we work in, and indeed from the active support of the archaeological research community, UK, Commonwealth and local, who use our facilities or who rely on our support. Developments in the region are all pushing towards the requirement for research to have institutional support and facilitation in the region before permits and permissions will be granted. CBRL Committees have for some time been broadly based, with approximately 50% of trustees being from disciplines largely interested in research on the Levantine past, and 50% on the present. During the course of the last few years it has become increasingly evident that those trustees working on the contemporary Levant have felt increasingly at home on the committees and more active in the management of the CBRL. This can be seen in the range of workshops, lectures and conferences which CBRL has organized or participated in.

These events are both good examples of the principles set out in our Strategic Research Plan for 2011-15, making our research of direct relevance to interests outside the academic sphere. Our key recommendations remain:

- 1 A recognition of the crucial role that the British Academy and the CBRL can play as bodies that encourage independent academic research
- 2 A recognition of the importance of language training, not as an additional 'add on', but as a key part of all research
- 3 A recognition of the importance of fine grained empirical research, whatever its subject, which necessarily takes time
- 4 A recognition of the importance of closer collaboration between academics based in the Middle East and the UK, fostered through strong research institutions in the region
- 5 The need to plan research impact as well as research design

And our research themes are:

- a) The origins, development and practice of economic and social strategies in the Middle East from earliest times to the modern day

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- b) Long-term landscape, environment and climate change studies, from the past through to predictive models for future developments
- c) The interface between East and West
- d) The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East
- e) The diachronic and synchronic study of the use of language and the written record in Middle Eastern society

CBRL has one major Strategic Research Initiative, *Exploring Identities in the Levant*. This combines elements from many of our key research themes. CBRL's main role is to provide a research network, linking people working in different disciplines, facilitating research, establishing local and regional academic links, sponsoring and organising meetings. The theme is specifically linked to the UK Government *Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014* multidisciplinary research theme of identities and cultures. The Framework document identifies that within this theme "There is a need to develop a more sustained and cohesive programme, building research capacity and new intellectual strategies and approaches drawing leading researchers into interdisciplinary programmes". CBRL's multidisciplinary interests and the complex nature of identity in the Levant (and related migrant populations in the UK) make us ideally placed to support this research theme incorporating identity, migration, diasporas, culture and language.

These themes are all considered as important aspects of the reason why the Levant has a continuing importance in research terms. They are specifically not designed around single academic disciplines but are intended to provide a structure into which many disciplines can contribute, in many cases in an explicit multi-disciplinary manner.

All staff from the UK working in CBRL's Institutes in the Levant are research active with active affiliations to UK universities. There are currently four post-doctoral and one postgraduate staff member and they play an important part in CBRL's research, together with staff appointed on a project basis, of whom there was one postdoctoral staff member in 2011-12. The number of postgraduate staff has declined since the ending of the Amman Scholar programme. All regionally based staff are engaged in research on the contemporary Levant, while the CBRL Director is an archaeologist. Other disciplines, such as architectural and art history, economics, history (economic, political and social), Islamic studies, linguistics, musicology, political science, and tourism studies continue to be well represented in the research sponsored or facilitated. A new programme to support field and team based research was launched in Autumn 2012.

As a result of the impossibility of conducting research in Syria, a small sum was allocated to help maintain some Syrian research collaboration. Three Visiting Research Fellowships for Syrian Scholars were awarded. Unfortunately only one of the applicants was granted a UK visa, requiring that alternative arrangements had to be set in place for the others.

Grants Policy

CBRL awards funds and other forms of research support following the procedures set out in the CBRL Research Support Manual and the strategy set out in the Strategic Plan for Research. The proportion of funds used to support fellowships has increased in line with British Academy recommendations and the ending of CBRL's former Amman Scholar's programme. CBRL modified its funding of Fellowships and with effect from Summer 2011 appoints applicants undertaking PhDs to Scholarships, early career post-doctoral applicants (within three years of completing a PhD) to Fellowships, and established researchers to Senior Fellowships. The first two forms of fellowship are for 6 or 12 month periods, and include an option to undertake Arabic training. The Senior Fellowships do not include Arabic training, but have provision for some support for replacement teaching. In autumn 2012 CBRL announced a new funding programme, Team-based fieldwork research awards, designed to support team-based research over two or three years in areas where CBRL has long-term strategic interests, defined in 2012 as the Wadi Faynan and the eastern Badia areas in archaeological, palaeoenvironmental, climate, hydrological or related research. Field based research in archaeological science or related fields was also eligible for funding.

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The charity invites applications for funding of projects in the Levant through advertising in academic and research institutions and the Internet. Applicants are invited to submit their proposals in a specific format. The applications are reviewed on their academic merit through a stringent process of peer review by appropriate experts. Final selection is made by a research committee, none of whom are applying for grants, which includes at least ¼ academic experts who are not associated with CBRL. Ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, and personal financial circumstances are not taken into account. Projects are funded and monitored on an annual basis, although the new team and field based programme will be funded on a two or three year basis.

The charity also invites applications from individuals who wish to fund travel for research in the countries of the Levant. The maximum level of a travel grant is £800.

The charity also invites applications for Project Affiliation for post-doctoral research in the countries of the Levant. The Project Affiliation programme offers institutional support only and no direct funding is awarded. CBRL affiliated projects are eligible to receive help with obtaining an excavation or survey licence, or to develop and enhance collaboration with projects run by institutions from the host countries. Project affiliations are noted with an * below.

The charity requests a research report from all funded individuals and projects which is made publicly available. Any benefit received by individual researchers or their institutions is incidental to the objectives of our work.

Achievements and Performance

In 2012-13 the following projects, listed by key research theme, were awarded funds for research and travel, or were made CBRL affiliated projects.

The origins, development and practice of economic and social strategies in the Middle East from earliest times to the modern day

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Ayoubi	1500	Governance of Higher Education in the Arab Region (Visiting Research Fellowship for Syrian Scholars)
Mostafa	10,000	Women, Culture, and the 25th January 2011 Egyptian Revolution (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Jawad	10,000	Exploring New Avenues for Social Policy and Social Welfare Action in the Arab Countries: Lebanon, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Syria (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Dickinson	5685	An Active Archive for the Videos of the Arab Revolutions (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Shweiki	800	A study of the concept of the 'national front' in Palestinian political thought and practice, 1959-1967 (Travel Grant)
Pringle	730	The Walls of Medieval Ascalon (Travel Grant)
Othman	800	Aiding Gaza? How foreign aid has influenced a society under blockade (Travel Grant)
Nicolaides	800	Microbotanical Analysis of Stone Tools and Sediment Samples: Reconstructing Early Epipaleolithic People-Plant Interactions in the Eastern Levant (Travel Grant)
Kennan	500	Cypriot Ceramics from the Byzantine Dark Age: A Rural Perspective of Continuity and Prosperity Throughout Late Antiquity (Travel Grant)
Harkin	800	Real Social Networks and the Syrian Revolt (Travel Grant)
De Grosa	800	Mamlukdecorative revival (1468-96) (TravelGrant)
Abou el-Fadl	800	Egyptian support for the Palestinian cause in the 1960s and 1970s (Travel Grant)
Mahadeen	5820	Taking Off The Veil: Contextualising the Decision to Unveil in Jordan (Visiting Scholarship)
Morrison	5820	Configuring Social Forces in Palestine and Beyond: The Global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (Visiting Scholarship)
Raz	12,255	The Right of No Return: Israel and the New Palestinian Refugees of the June 1967

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		War (Visiting Fellowship)
Kawamura	6935	Social Welfare Programmes under Authoritarian Rule Comparative Analysis of the Jordanian and Egyptian Food Subsidy Programmes (Visiting Scholarship)
Freeman	8120	A Revolution of Consciousness The Social Justice Protests in Israel (Senior Visiting Fellowship)
Brown	12,255	Levantine waterways and the forestry industry (c. 1500-500 BC) (Visiting Fellowship)
Miyagi	4000	Soft power in the Levant the Japanese model (Pilot Study)
Neep	2581	How Social Science Shapes the Arab State Comparing Knowledge, Networks, and Institutions in Egypt and Jordan (Pilot Study)
Palmer	5000	The Politics of Development in Ghawr al-Safi (Staff Development)

Long-term landscape environment and climate change studies, from the past through to predictive models for future developments

	£	
Hayhurst	796	The Yasar Tree further ethnobotanical and ecological explorations (Travel Grant)
Bachich	1500	Syrian Rural Heritage (Visiting Research Fellowship for Syrian Scholars)

The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East

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Marfleet	9330	Emancipatory politics in the Arab world in the age of revolutions Connections across and beyond the region (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Stoyanov	782	Analysis of the Historical and Theological Provenance of the Religious Manuscripts in the Bivin/Qôsababayean Family Archives, Jerusalem (Travel Grant)
Marcus	800	Community and Constitutionalism la particularité libanaise, 1943-1953 (Travel Grant)
Hanna	800	Citizenship education in Northern Ireland and Israel within the framework of the right to education (Travel Grant)
Fontana	730	Sharing power, Transcending culture? Education and Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies (Travel Grant)
Browne	800	Negotiating the construction of commemoration in conflict The Limits of Solidarity (Travel Grant)
Toukan	5820	Grasping the World the Way It Is"? Encountering the Global in Contemporary Arab Art and the Politics of Cultural Critique (Visiting Fellowship)
Furas	5820	In a need of a new story- Writing, Teaching and Learning history in Mandatory Palestine (Visiting Scholarship)
Turner	4990	Reimagining Palestine analysing identity (re)formation and political fragmentation in the post-Oslo period (Staff Development)

The interface between East and West

Souleman	1500	The plays of Sam Shepard in Arabic (Visiting Research Fellowship for Syrian Scholars)
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The conferences, workshops and lectures held or promoted by the CBRL, which represent a significant element of CBRL's output are listed on pages 16-18 of this report

October 2012 - CBRL will be holding a joint workshop with the Centre for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan "Scientific Research in Jordan Society, Economy, People"

14-18 January 2013 - World Archaeology Congress 7, Jordan CBRL was represented on the organising committee and jointly organised a session The presentation of prehistory within the theme Learning Education and Public Outreach Session organisers Bill Finlayson, CBRL and Aysar Akrawi, Director, Petra National Trust, Jordan

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15-16 March 2013 – The British Institute in Amman will be hosting the University of Oxford's Refugee Studies Centre short course on 'Palestinian Refugees and International Law' - Dawn Chatty & Susan Akram

In 2012-13 CBRL staff and Fellows conducted the following research

Bill Finlayson (Director) Bill Finlayson continued his major efforts on the post-excavation analysis of the WF16 Pre-Pottery Neolithic excavations jointly directed with Prof Steven Mithen of Reading University and Dr Mohammad Najjar. A field season was undertaken at Beidhan Jordan with Siyaha, the Department of Antiquities, and the Petra Archaeological Park to develop the Neolithic site of Beidha for tourism, with field supervision conducted by Pascal Flohr. He organized a session at the 77th meeting of the Society for American Archaeology with Prof Cheryl Makarewicz of Christian-Albrechts University Kiel in April 2012 on 'Neolithic Stereotypes has Southwest Asian archaeology outlived the Neolithic'. He also organized a session at the World Archaeology Congress with Aysar Akrawi of the Petra National Trust in Jordan in January 2013 on "the presentation of prehistory". The following papers were published:

2013 The Levant: Palestine, Israel and Jordan, in D. Hicks and A. Stevenson (eds) *World Archaeology at the Pitt Rivers Museum* Archaeopress Oxford, 471-481

2012 Mithen, S. and Najjar, M. WF16 Architecture, Sedentism and Social Complexity: Communal Building in Pre-Pottery Neolithic A Settlements. New Evidence from WF16, *CBRL Bulletin* 12

Conference papers and invited presentations

Imposing the Neolithic on the past, 77th SAA meeting, Memphis, April 2012

People like us: The transition to settled farming societies in Jordan 10,000 years ago, keynote opening lecture, BANEA, Manchester University June 8 2012

Invited discussant at Our Place in the World workshop, Urfa, Turkey, October 2012

The long history of the Neolithic, Symposium on the Origin and Diffusion of Agriculture, Nanjing Agricultural University, China, December 2012

The problem with prehistory, World Archaeology Congress, Jordan January 2013

Presenting a prehistoric site: Beidha (with Pascal Flohr), World Archaeology Congress, Jordan January 2013

The idea of community development since the early Neolithic of Southern Jordan, World Archaeology Congress, Jordan January 2013

Mandy Turner (Director of the Kenyon Institute, Jerusalem): continues to pursue a strong research profile in the areas of Palestinian development and thematically on peacebuilding by publishing her work in peer-reviewed journals and edited books and presenting her work at international conferences. She has just completed an edited book on Palestinian development that includes scholars from Israel, Palestine and the UK, which will be published by Routledge. She also co-edited a special issue of the journal, *International Peacekeeping*, on regime change wars, and she is currently completing a co-edited book on international intervention which should go to press in October. She has recently focused her attention on assisting early-career scholars in the region to present and publish their research, and has done this through organising panels at conferences and commenting extensively on their work. The Visiting UK Scholars in Palestine programme funded by the British Council (which brings UK-based scholars to the West Bank for a three-day speaking tour) will run for a second year, despite it initially being scrapped, and

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so Mandy is currently focusing on securing high-quality speakers. Furthermore, the 'Oslo 20' project, made possible through a British Academy BASIS grant won in April, will begin in October. Mandy is now co-editor of the Routledge-published journal *International Peacekeeping*.

Publications

Co-editor of special issue of *International Peacekeeping* (with Florian Kuhn) called "Peacebuilding, peace operations and regime change wars" Vol. 19(5) October 2012

"Completing the circle: peacebuilding as colonial practice in the occupied Palestinian territory", in *International Peacekeeping*, 19(5), pp 492-507

"Peacebuilding, peace operations and regime change wars" (with Florian Kuhn) in *International Peacekeeping, op cit*, pp 393-395

Statebuilding in Palestine: caught between occupation, realpolitik and the liberal peace' in Chandler, D and Sisk, T D (eds) *Routledge Handbook of International Statebuilding*, Abingdon: Routledge, 2013, pp 339-349

Review of *Reconstructing Conflict: Integrating War and Post-War Geographies* by Scott Kirsch and Colin Flint (eds), Ashgate: Farnham, 2011, in *International Peacekeeping*, 20(1), 2013, pp 123-126

Papers and presentations

"Complicity and Desire in the OPT: Official Peacebuilding Ideology", presented at *New Frontiers of Peacebuilding conference*, University of Manchester, 13-14 September 2012

"International, Strategic and Non-Violent: New Forms of Palestinian Resistance at the Elite and Popular Level", presented at the British International Studies Association annual convention, Edinburgh, 20-22 June 2012

Presentation on "Palestinian political fragmentation in the post-Oslo period", PhD and Staff Research Seminar, University of Kent at Canterbury, 16 January 2013

Carol Palmer (Director of the British Institute Amman) continued research on the politics of the development of agriculture in the southern Ghors with Drs Lucine Tamirian and Waleed Gharaibeh. She presented an overview of the progress of the project at a Thimar workshop, a group investigating agriculture, environment and labour in the Arab World (<http://www.athimar.org/>) in Lebanon in January 2013. In October, she presented a lecture on her research on the Polish exile Lucjan Turkowski and his study of food and farming in 1940s Palestine at the British Institute in Amman. Between February and March 2013, she undertook a short course on documentary film-making at the Royal Film Commission, Jordan, producing the short film, 'Multiply', with Myriam Ababsa continuing a research interest in demographic change and to explore the use of film in ethnographic research.

Publications

A Bevan, J Conolly, S Colledge, C Frederick, C Palmer, R Siddall, and A Stellatou 2013 The Long-Term Ecology of Agricultural Terraces and Enclosed Fields from Antikythera, Greece *Human Ecology* 41(2) 255-272

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10745-012-9552-x>

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Daniel Neep (Director of Research Development) organised a major conference entitled 'Social Science in Jordan', which was held in March 2013 in partnership with the Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan. Held entirely in Arabic, the conference brought together 60 local researchers to discuss the challenges of conducting social research in Jordan. Building on this success, Daniel was awarded a £70,000 British Academy grant to launch a new two-year CBRL research project, 'Higher Education and Political Change in the Arab World: What Role for the Social Sciences?', to study university life and political activism in Jordan, Palestine and Egypt after the Arab spring. Dr Francesca Burke has been appointed CBRL Research Fellow to run this project. Daniel also launched the new CBRL Academic Arabic Programme, which will provide intensive courses tailor-made to the needs of UK academics with an already high level of fluency in Arabic, but who would benefit from an opportunity to refresh their proficiency. Having won funding from the British Academy's Languages and Quantitative Skills scheme, the programme will provide participants with full bursaries. The first course will be held in Beirut, Lebanon in September 2013. To support CBRL proposals to expand into new geographical areas, Daniel visited Egypt and Cairo to investigate the local academic environment and explore possibilities for a possible CBRL presence in Cairo and/or Beirut. He submitted two reports summarising his findings for discussion by the CBRL Committee. Daniel undertook training in the research skills required for his new research projects, including a two week course in qualitative research methods organised by the American Political Science Association at Syracuse University (USA) and an Egyptian dialect course at the International Language Institute in Cairo. Daniel lectured on his research at SOAS, the European University Institute in Florence and the CBRL annual general meeting in London, and was invited back to the Joint Staff Command and Staff College, Shrivenham to lecture on the Syrian revolution to an international audience of 300 military officers for the second year running.

His first book, *Occupying Syria under the French Mandate: Insurgency, Space, and State Formation* was published by Cambridge University Press in September 2012.

Occupying Syria under the French Mandate: Insurgency, Space and State Formation
(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, September 2012)

'Arab Nationalism', Colonialism', 'Coup d'état' and 'Nationalism' in Gerhard Bowring, et al, eds
Encyclopaedia of Islamic Political Thought (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012)

'Papers and presentations

'Understanding the Syrian Revolution' at *Advanced Command and Staff College study day*, Shrivenham, February 2013

Book lectures for *Occupying Syria under the French Mandate*

1 CBRL annual general meeting, London, 13 December 2012

2 Middle East Institute, School of Oriental & African Studies, 12 December 2012

'Practices of Violence and Colonialism in Syria' at *Transformative Occupations* workshop, European University Institute, Florence, Italy 6 December 2012

Library

During the course of 2012-13 the acquisition programme continued for the Kenyon Institute and the British Institute in Amman. The CBRL Library, with its stations in both institutes and combined catalogue, continues to be open to members of the public. The latest version of our Library Software (Liberty5) was

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purchased, allowing Ghazwa Malhas to resolve a number of issues with the online catalogue, ably assisted by Roudaina Momani. In Jerusalem Hussein Ghaith continued to serve as the librarian, mostly without assistance due to the difficulty in bringing the new scholar, Cherine Hussein, to Jerusalem. Problems with tracking orders for the KI library have resulted in a re-assessment of the centralized ordering system, and from April 2013 the KI library will be making its own book orders.

Hostels

Hostel use in the British Institute Amman and the Kenyon Institute (number of nights) is as listed below

Month	British Institute	Kenyon Institute
April	278	236
May	279	194
June	252	197
July	209	218
August	177	230
September	394	157
October	192	197
November	194	165
December	120	226
January	191	171
February	68	113
March	108	166

The Kenyon Institute hostel occupancy of 2270 over the year represents a small drop from the previous year (2595). The British Institute hostel occupancy of 2462 represents a substantial fall from the high of 3715 in the previous year, although it is still well above the 2010-11 total of 2050 in the previous year. Significant fluctuations in hostel occupancy have always been something of a feature of the Amman hostel, and it is possible that this year's drop represents concerns regarding political instability in the region, but it is perhaps more likely that the 2011-12 high was simply unrepresentative of long-term trends.

Services and Research Facilities

The list of scholars using CBRL's facilities in the BIA and the KI below shows the wide range and volume of work being conducted both by projects and by individuals using the research facilities at the British Institute and the Kenyon Institute. The numbers below do not include day-use of our facilities and libraries.

51 British scholars stayed at the BRL hostels and used our facilities: Art 1, Archaeology 26, Politics 5, History 3, Social Science 3, Refugee studies 1, Mid Eastern Studies 1, Linguistics 1, Researchers working for major charitable bodies on development and human rights issues 10.

8 Commonwealth Scholars stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities: Archaeology 7, Geology 1. 27 EU Scholars stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities: gender studies 2, Islamic studies 1, Archaeologists 16, Middle East Studies 1, Anthropology 1, Botany 1, History 1, Tourism 1, Agronomy 1, Politics 1, Social Science 1.

32 Scholars from other nationalities stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities: Archaeology 13, History 3, International Affairs 1, Arabic Studies 1, other Social Science 2, Religious studies 1, Politics 5, Gender studies 1, Botany 1, Translation 1, Anthropology 3.

59 British students stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities: Art 2, Archaeology 16, Politics 7, History 13, Business 1, Social Science 9, Refugee studies 1, Economics 2, Law 1, Anthropology 3, Mid Eastern studies 3, Botany 1.

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4 Commonwealth Students stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities archaeology 4
11 EU Students stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities Archaeology 8, Middle East Studies 2, Politics 1
17 Students from other nationalities stayed at the CBRL hostels and used our facilities Archaeology 16, Social Science 1

There has been a reasonable rise in the number of scholars using the institutes, with a particular rise in the number of archaeologists. There has also been a (smaller) rise in the number of students coming. There was a noticeable increase in the number of students studying historical topics. The rise in EU numbers may equate to increased collaborative work and hosting of EU institutes.

Dissemination of Research Results

In 2012-13 CBRL organized or sponsored the following meetings and events

Workshops and conferences

3-Apr 2012, Workshop "Jerusalem and Constantinople", Konstantin M. Klein

15 July - 26 July 2012, Nederlands Institute in Amman Summer Course

30 November 2012 - 2 December 2012, A workshop on GIS technologies held in November 2012 in the BIA brought together UK, European scholars, Middle Eastern scholars, and representatives from regional Antiquities Departments to discuss a framework for the development of GIS methodologies and database software for the archaeology of the Levant.

21-23 January 2013 and a public meeting on 22 January 2013 *Public Launch of Thimar Beirut*, on 'Food, Farmers and Revolution' held in collaboration with the Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program and the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the American University of Beirut.

15-16 March 2013, RSC Short Course Palestine Refugees and International Law, University of Oxford, Short Course, BIA

Lectures and Seminars

12-Apr, "The Israel-Palestine conflict and the Arab Spring", Dr Nicola Pratt, the Kenyon Institute

17-Apr, Internal Politics in Palestine and Israel and the prospects for peace, DrAs'adGhanem, the Kenyon Institute

24-Apr, Misconceiving the world while conceiving foreign policy - How the US and China make the same mistakes very differently, Prof Stephen Chan, Kenyon Institute /British Council Visiting Scholars programme lecture

30-Apr, Book Launch in partnership with IFPO "Salafism in Yemen, Transnationalism and Religious identity", Dr LaurentBonney, the Kenyon Institute

23-May, "After the peace, what then? Peacebuilding and Accountability in comparative perspective", Prof Chandra Sriram, Kenyon Institute /British Council Visiting Scholars programme lecture

17-Jul, Perfidious Albion The British Legacy in Palestine, Professor IlanPappe, the Kenyon Institute

02-Aug, *Book Launch Culture, Chronology and the Chalcolithic Theory and Transition*, DrJaimie Lovell and Yorke Rowan, the Kenyon Institute

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- 24-Sep, Settlement Patterns in the Crusader-period Lordship of Transjordan a Historical and Archaeological Study' MicaelaSinibaldi, the Kenyon Institute
- 02-Oct, The Global Economic Crisis and the Arab Revolution, Alex Callinicos, Kenyon Institute /British Council Visiting Scholars programme lecture, the Kenyon Institute
- 10-Oct, Groundwater use and understanding in ancient times lessons for today and tomorrow, Professor Michael J Knight, the Kenyon Institute
- 16-Oct, 20th century Baghdad, architecture and urban space from expansion to fragmentation', CaeciliaPieri-IFPO, the Kenyon Institute
- 30-Oct, Gaza as Panopticon ' 1 5 million People in a Fishbowl' ,Dr Michael Dahan, the Kenyon Institute
- 06-Nov, The political Economy of war to peace Transitions, Prof Christopher Cramer, Kenyon Institute /British Council Visiting Scholars programme lecture
- 12-Nov, The Bedouin in the Sinai and the Challenges to the Camp David Paradigm, Nicolas Pelham, the Kenyon Institute
- 21-Nov, Looking closely, looking widely at the Umayyad iconography of power, Nadia Ali-Joint with IFPO, the Kenyon Institute
- 28-Nov, Ghazali and the Making of the Muslim Society, Yazid Said, the Kenyon Institute
- 04-Dec, Gaza City Urban Planning between 1917 and 2012-IFPO, Kurt Hansen, the Kenyon Institute
- 9/10-Feb, Seminar, the history and Material Culture in Ottoman Palestine, MicaelaSinibaldi, the Kenyon Institute
- 20-Feb, How Israel thwarted the danger of peace in the aftermath of 1967, DrAviRaz, the Kenyon Institute
- 06-Mar, The Emergence of the Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions Movement, Suzanne Morrison, the Kenyon Institute
- 11-Jul-12, An English Poet's Levant Chaucer, His Knight and the Arabic Philosophers, ShaziaJagot, Summer Lecture, the British Institute Amman
- 10-Sep-12, Take Me Home, MaisDarwazah, Film Presentation, the British Institute Amman
- 06-Sep-12, DHM, British Embassy Amman, Chris Rampling , the British Institute Amman
- 23-Sep-12, Interreligious dialogue a living experience, Dr Amer Al-Hafi, the British Institute Amman
- 01-Oct-12, Archives, Agriculture and Exile LucjanTurkowski in Palestine, 1943-1947, Dr Carol Palmer, the British Institute Amman
- 31-Oct-12, "French-British coordination attempt to enact the division of sovereignty between mandatory Syria and Transjordan(with IFPO), Dr PhilippeBourmaud (Université of Lyon III), the British Institute Amman
- 01-Dec-12, Multiple Paths to Urbanism in the Ancient Near East, T J Wilkinson, the British Institute Amman
- 04-Feb-13, Geoarchaeology in Cyprus and the Bronze Age kingdom of Alashiya, Dr Michael Brown, the British Institute Amman
- 09-May-12, Gaming pieces, toys, counting aids or recording devices discussing geometric clay objects ("tokens") from the world's earliest agricultural villages, Lucy Bennison-Chapman (University of Liverpool), the British Institute Amman
- 02-May-12, Growth without Employment the Jordanian Paradox Re-examined, Dr Jalal Al Hussein (Ifpo, Amman), the British Institute Amman
- 23-Apr-12, 'Peat in the Desert' potential archives for climate change during the past c 10,000 years, Dr Claire Rambeau (University of Bern), the British Institute Amman

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14-Mar-12, Palestinian Road (Block) Movies Internationalizing the Al-Aqsa Intifada through Film, Dr Kay Dickinson (Goldsmiths, University of London), the British Institute Amman

05-Mar-12, Jawa's Hinterland? New Research on the Black Desert and the Late Chalcolithic/Early Bronze Age of the North-eastern Badia of Jordan ,Dr Bernd Muller-Neuhof (German Archaeological Institute, Berlin), the British Institute Amman

26th February 2013 MeznaQato (St Antony's College, University of Oxford) Rags, Tommy-Guns, and the King Palestinians and the Pedagogical Regime, c 1956 Joint Lecture with The London Middle East Institute

17 January 2013 Prof Lorenzo Nigro Tell es-Sultan/Ancient Jericho Across the Eras of Human Civilisation in Palestine, Joint Lecture with the Palestine Exploration Fund and the Society for Arabian Studies, British Museum, London

12 December 2012 Dr Daniel Neep (University of Exeter and CBRL) **Title** The First Syrian Uprising Guerrilla Warfare and Counter-Insurgency in the Making of Modern Syria, 1920-1946 CBRL AGM Lecture, Institute of Archaeology

23 October Dr Amara Thornton (Honorary Research Associate, UCL Institute of Archaeology) **Title** *Harvesting the Past Tourism and Archaeology from Khartoum to Petra in the late 19th and early 20th centuries* Institute of Archaeology

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Plans for Future Periods

Developments will include

Funding, project affiliation and fellowships have so far been awarded for 2013-14 as follows

The interface between East and West

	£	
Derby	800	Jerusalem and Jarrow in the early eighth century (Travel grant)
Kienzler	6495	The interrelations between global health agendas and humanitarian and mental health aid programs in the Palestinian Territories (Pilot award)
Morton	800	Perceptions of Islam in Crusading Sources, 1095-1187 (Travel grant)

Long-term landscape, environment and climate change studies, from the past through to predictive models for future developments

	£	
Gibson	500	The Sataf Project of Landscape Archaeology in the Judaeen Hills (1987-89) (Project completion award)
Jones	3360	Palaeoenvironments of the Late Glacial Transition in the Eastern Desert of Jordan (Team based award)

The origins, development and practice of economic and social strategies in the Middle East from earliest times to the modern day

	£	
Al-Habash	790	Civil Society in Syria Power Relations Between State and Society at the Local Level (Travel grant)
Burke	19360	Higher Education in the Arab World (CBRL Research Fellow, BASIS Strategic Development Initiative)
Burtenshaw	12255	Archaeology as an asset for development (VRF)
Cregan	800	A study of the process of settling in East Jerusalem (travel grant)
Hussein	3999	The Single State Idea in Israel/Palestine An Exploration of Silenced Voices and Counterhegemonic Practices against Zionism and Separation (Jerusalem Scholarship)
Iaria	6127	Iraqi refugees' assisted and spontaneous return from Syria and Jordan (VRF)
Knussel	5820	Social organisation and changing beliefs in the Neolithic Transition in Southwest Asia Evidence from the funerary domain (SVF)
Leech	5820	Mis-stating Palestine how the Palestinian authority failed to build a state 2007-2012 (VRF)
Neep	2835	Space, Economy and State Formation in Syria A Cultural Historical Sociology (Staff research award)
Palmer	4835	Archives, Agriculture and Exile LucjanTurkowski in Palestine, 1943-1947 (Staff research award)
Reynolds	800	The 614 Project (travel grant)
Robinson	12255	Households in transition Interpreting intra-site variability in chipped stone assemblages at early Neolithic WF16 (Scholarship)
Saleh	800	Political Identity among Lebanon's Shi'i community 1943-1975 (Travel grant)
Smith	7384	Missing Links Evaluating new evidence for the Late Pleistocene occupation of Wadi Faynan (Team based award)
Souter	791	Not set in stone Understanding community in prehistoric Cyprus through ground stone artefact biographies (Travel grant)
Tatour	800	Transnational Dimensions of Palestinian Activism/Resistance in Israel (Travel grant)
Turner	4450	Challenging the 'Oslo paradigm' local peace agency in Palestine and Israel (Staff research award)

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Vos	800	Identifying activity areas in Neolithic sites through ethnographic analysis of phytoliths and geochemical elements (Travel grant)
Wasse	750	Study of Late Neolithic Animal Bones from Wisad Pools, Eastern Badia, Jordan (Travel grant)
Zerbin	12255	Agrarian production, landed property and distribution of goods in the Jordanian decapolis a GIS of wine and oil presses in north-western Jordan (VRF)

The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East

Browne	800	Commemoration in Conflict the Limits of Solidarity (Travel grant)
Furas	5820	In need of a new story - writing, teaching and learning history in Mandatory Palestine (Scholarship)
Leatherbury	5820	Late Antique Building Inscriptions Between Reading and Seeing (VRF)
Qato	6128	Educating Palestinian Refugees Jordan, 1948-1989 (VRF)
Robinson	800	Beauty Works Cosmetic Surgery and Narratives of the Beautiful Body in Beirut (Travel grant)
Stoyanov	5820	A comprehensive analysis and cataloguing of the religious manuscripts and texts in the Bivin/Qosababayean family archives, Jerusalem (SFV)

CBRL will be organizing, or co-organizing the following events in 2013-14

Joint event with the Institut Français du Proche-Orient and the Educational Bookshop "Deconstructing the 'Ramallah model' what does the real estate and credit boom reveal about Palestinian politics? Benjamin Barthe (Le Monde correspondent), 20 August 2013 in the Kenyon Institute
 British Academy sponsored workshop on Translation Studies Research Training, 2-4 September 2013 in the British Institute Amman

Yuri Stoyanov (SOAS, CBRL VRF) 'Christian and Islamic Heterodoxies in the Levant' October 2013 in the Kenyon Institute

Phil Leech (Plymouth and CBRL VRF) 'Palestinian statebuilding', October 2013 in the Kenyon Institute

Jonathan Furas (Oxford and CBRL VRF) 'Scholarship In need of a new story - writing, teaching and learning history in Mandatory Palestine', November 2013 in the Kenyon Institute

Andrew Petersen (University of Wales) "Sufi Shrines in Palestine", 11 December 2013, CBRL AGM lecture, London

A new joint Visiting Scholars in Palestine programme with the British Council is being arranged

visit 1 Professor Robert Wade (Professor of Political Economy, LSE) Visit 25-29 November 2013
 Undertake two university seminars and two public lectures, one at the Kenyon Institute, one at MAS (a Palestinian economic think-tank in Ramallah - annual Yusuf Sayigh economics lecture)
 Visit 2 Ha-Joon Chang (Professor of Economics, Cambridge) end of February 2014 Undertake two university seminars and two public lectures, one at the Kenyon Institute, one at MAS (a Palestinian economic think-tank in Ramallah)

Proposed 1-2 day workshop on Late Antiquity by Dr Sean Bradbury (CBRL VRF) early 2014 at the Kenyon Institute

Proposed 1-2 day workshop by Yuri Stoyanov, on 7th century Jerusalem and Palestine at the Kenyon Institute

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Financial Review

2012-13 has been a difficult year in terms of financial management as the CBRL moved from its existing SAGE based accounting system to a new Pegasus Opera accounting system, administered centrally by the British Academy. This promises various long-term advantages, especially that it is internet based and allows direct on-line submission of data and analysis of data at each of CBRL's offices. However, the process of moving to the new system has been hard work and involved a period when it was hard to see up-to-date management accounts. At the end of the year we were pleased to see that expenditure matched very closely to budget targets.

There has been an increase in Restricted Funds. These result from the ongoing delay in implementing the Language programme, initially planned for Damascus, and the award and payment of several grants for long-term projects, in particular the BASIS funded Arab Spring project and Strategic Development awards. At the same time the amount held in Designated Funds has declined as expenditure on sums carried over from 2011-12 has been completed. We have written down the value of book and journal stock held by £16,500 as we move forward to reduce the stocks carried as storage fees rise and online availability of our journals makes the storage of a large stock of back issues less important. We plan to make old books available online in the near future.

The funds carried forward as free reserves have increased by a small sum, this year by £4,484. While this does not significantly increase our reserves we believe that in the current budgetary environment this is a successful outcome.

Reserves Policy

Charity Commission guidance defines free reserves as "income which becomes available to the charity and is to be expended at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of any of the charity's objects, but is not yet spent, committed or designated". At the balance sheet date, free reserves comprised the following:

	2013 £	2012 £
Total funds per Balance Sheet	248,256	229,480
Deduct		
Restricted Funds (Note 9)	(151,731)	(128,296)
Designated Funds (Note 9)	(17,989)	(25,283)
Fixed Assets held for charity use (Note 6)	(2,423)	(4,272)
 Free Reserves at 31 March	 76,113	 71,629

The specific uses and needs to be met by the Restricted Funds are detailed separately in the notes to the accounts referred to above.

The Charity needs reserves both to enable it to progress to completion its long term projects and to protect its current activities in order to allow the Trustees to meet their responsibilities and ensure that it continues to operate on a going concern basis. The Trustees have examined the needs and challenges faced by the Charity in both the short and medium term, along with relevant financial forecasts, and have formulated a policy to meet those needs.

The Trustees believe that the Charity requires free reserves that are at least equivalent to four months normal expenditure calculated on the basis of core running costs per month and six months rental costs. On the basis of expenditure that is planned for 2013-14, this policy would require free reserves of £106,000 at the balance sheet date.

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The designated funds of £25,283 at the end of 2011-12 have fallen to £17,989 Details of the designated funds can be seen in note 9 of the financial statements

The Trustees will keep the reserves policy under constant review to reflect the needs of the Council as its funding, costs, structures and activities evolve

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

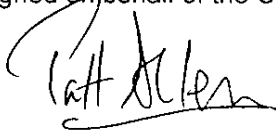
PKF (UK) LLP have merged their business into BDO LLP and accordingly have signed their auditor's report in the name of the merged firm A resolution to appoint BDO LLP as auditors of the charitable company will be put to the Annual General Meeting

AGM NOTICE

To appoint BDO LLP as auditors of the charitable company in accordance with Section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the charitable company at which audited accounts are laid before members

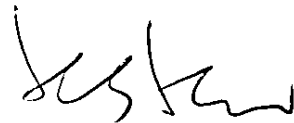
Each of the Trustees has confirmed that so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and that he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Signed on behalf of the Council by



Trustee Mr Paddy Altern (Honorary Treasurer)

Date 2/10/13



Trustee Mr Henry Hogger (Chairman)

Date 2/10/13

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
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The trustees (who are also directors of Council for British Research in the Levant for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Independent auditor's report to the members of Council for British Research in the Levant

We have audited the financial statements of Council for British Research in the Levant for the year ended 31 March 2013 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account), the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or

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- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made,
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the directors' report

BDO LLP

Karen Thompson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor

London

United Kingdom

8 October 2013

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COUNCIL FOR BRITISH RESEARCH IN THE LEVANT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2013 (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary					
Grant-in-Aid (British Academy)		575,505	112,858	688,363	645,173
Membership subscriptions		12,890	-	12,890	13,529
Gifts in kind	1	-	4,500	4,500	12,000
Donations		-	390	390	1,501
Investment					
Bank interest		192	75	267	225
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>					
Research facilities		105,638	-	105,638	119,774
Grants for specific purposes		-	57,408	57,408	19,943
Levant income		6,279	-	6,279	7,714
Sale of publications		8,356	-	8,356	3,380
Events income		-	-	-	1,660
Total incoming resources		708,860	175,231	884,091	825,349
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>					
Grant-in-Aid	3	7,236	-	7,236	6,620
Membership administration		7,960	-	7,960	7,280
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Research	3	438,802	105,506	544,308	465,913
Publications		52,058	1,164	53,222	41,497
Library		104,257	11,085	115,342	100,566
Events and Conferences		44,779	26,057	70,836	70,411
<i>Governance costs</i>	3	66,411	-	66,411	61,601
Total resources expended		721,503	143,812	865,315	753,888
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year /		(12,643)	31,419	18,776	71,461
Transfer of funds	9	7,984	(7,984)	-	-
Total funds brought forward 1 April 2012		101,184	128,296	229,480	158,019
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2013		96,525	151,731	248,256	229,480

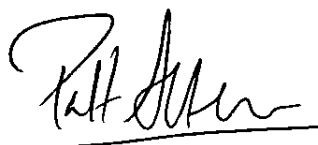
There are no recognised gains and losses other than those in the statement of financial activities. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Company No. 3566646

Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2013

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2013</u> £	<u>2012</u> £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	2,423	4,272
Current assets			
Stock of publications		14,371	23,725
Debtors	7	31,275	31,651
Cash at bank and in hand		234,747	239,848
		280,393	295,224
Liabilities			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	8	(34,560)	(70,016)
Net current assets		245,833	225,208
Net assets		248,256	229,480
Funds			
Restricted funds	9	151,731	128,296
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds		17,989	25,283
General funds		78,536	75,901
		248,256	229,480

Approved and authorised for issue by the Council on



Trustee Mr Paddy Altern (Honorary Treasurer)

Date 2/10/13



Trustee Mr Henry Hogger (Chairman)

Date 2/10/13

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2013

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of the London and overseas branches of the Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice", applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

(b) Incoming resources

Grant and publications income are recognised within the SOFA where the organisation is entitled to the income, it is certain that the resource will be received, and the resource can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Where entitlement to grant income requires a specific performance to be achieved (i.e. performance related grant) then incoming resources are recognised only to the extent that the performance has taken place. Where monies are received in advance of entitlement they are deferred and only recognised when the activity providing an entitlement to this income has taken place.

Hostel and other services income is recognised on a receivable basis.

(c) Members subscriptions and events and conferences

Subscriptions and events are accounted for in the year to which they apply. Subscription income that relates to a subsequent financial accounting period is carried forward as a creditor in the balance sheet and shown as subscriptions received in advance.

(d) Valuation of other goods and services donated

Goods and services donated in the financial statements reflect the value of Arabic classes provided to Scholars by the Qasid Institute, Amman. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income and associated expenditure where there is a demonstrable financial cost borne by the donor and the current value to the charity can be measured. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants payable are charged in the year to which the offer relates except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Research costs include grants, staff research time as well as research facilities including the hostel and other services.

Governance costs include the expenses associated with Committee of Management meetings, Committee elections, external audit, strategic review, and compliance with other constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of staff time. Allocation of other costs includes an element of judgement and the charity has had to consider the cost benefit of detailed calculations and record keeping. Therefore the support costs shown are a best estimate of the costs that have been so allocated.

(f) Fixed assets

Assets with a cost in excess of £1,000 are capitalised as fixed assets.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation is charged at the following rates

Motor vehicles	20% p a)
Computer and other equipment	20% p a) straight line basis
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	10% p a)

(g) Publications

Publication costs are carried forward and charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of publication

(h) Stocks

Stocks of publications are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. This includes a general provision of £16,524 against slow-moving stock

(i) Foreign currencies

The accounts of overseas branches have been translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the year end

(j) Taxation

In view of the Council's charitable status no provision for tax is made

(k) Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities, as the charges are incurred over the lease period

(l) Fund accounting

Restricted funds comprise unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust to be applied for specific purposes. Designated funds represent amounts set aside by the trustees for specific purposes

General funds comprise the accumulated unrestricted funds which have not been designated for any specific purpose. They are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity

(m) Pensions

The Council participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), a defined benefit scheme which is contracted out of the State Second Pension (S2P). The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund. Because of the mutual nature of the scheme, the scheme's assets are not hypothecated to individual institutions and a scheme-wide contribution rate is set. The Council is therefore exposed to actuarial risks associated with other institutions' employees and is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 "Retirement benefits", accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period

(n) Heritage Assets

This note has been revised in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 30 'Heritage assets', published in June 2009. The CBRL library is of historical and scientific importance to the objectives of the charity and is a key resource for its contribution to knowledge and culture. Both branches of the library in Amman and Jerusalem are open to the public and local students. In East Jerusalem the library has a particular role in providing a resource for the

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

local Palestinian population, who can find it difficult to access all the libraries in the city. In addition, now that the security wall has made access to Jerusalem difficult, the CBRL runs a programme of book loans to support undergraduate programmes in Universities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. In addition, thanks to generous grants from the Al Tajir and Barakat Trust, the CBRL employs a local professional Librarian in Jerusalem, to help ensure that the library remains accessible to the public. There are joint projects with the Islamic Library on the Haram al-Sharif and other historic Jerusalem *waqf* libraries. The historic role of the CBRL library in Jerusalem, predating modern political boundaries, allows it to serve as one of the few neutral meeting place in an otherwise divided city.

The library has its roots in the early twentieth century and is made up of gifts, exchanges and acquisitions. Following the establishment of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem in 1919, the library was established to hold the Palestine Exploration Fund's Jerusalem library and was enhanced by the gift of Phythian-Adams' (the first Assistant Director) book collection.

The library catalogue is held in a professional library software system, publicly available online through the CBRL website. Mrs Ghazwa Malhas who is a professional librarian is currently completing a major overhaul of our catalogue commenced by our previous librarian, Mr John Hayhurst. The current number of entries in the joint catalogue is 19,240 books, 245 journal series titles, 1,574 off-prints and 530 rare books. The increasing availability of digital resources, especially in our journals collection where we have access to a significant number of e-journals via current subscriptions and our JSTOR package, means that the virtual library that can be accessed through CBRL is now a major resource in its own right. This resource is not listed within the catalogue, except for those journal series titles that are obtained through direct subscription and where we hold paper copies.

There is a large map collection (nearly 2000 sheet maps), with the collection in Jerusalem going back to the Mandate period, and in Amman from the 1940s. The maps include standard, archaeological, pedological, hydrological, geological, historical and military maps. Some have never been commercially published, such as the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture 'Soils of Jordan' series. Many of the other maps are not open for public purchase or consultation outside of the CBRL libraries, without official government permission.

The library handbook contains details relating to preservation of the asset regarding looking after the library and individual books and maps. The library budget includes funds for such items as binding or covering books to preserve them. Where books need additional protection they are kept locked in the rare books collections. All of the map collections are kept locked, except when they are being consulted. New paper and softback books are placed in plastic covers.

Library collection policy is based on a review of the joint library conducted by a consultant from the Bodleian library in 2001, and an internal review of journal collection policy. In Amman the library represents one of the major library resources available to researchers in the city and works in collaboration with the other research libraries to reduce duplication and ensure maximum breadth of coverage. In Jerusalem, where there are other significant library resources, the CBRL has adopted a policy of developing a specialized collection, building on existing strengths. Additions to the library are acquired through purchase (with £12,545 spent in 2012/13), exchanges with CBRL publications (at cost, estimated at £800 in 2012/13), and donations. Purchases and exchanges are managed through the Amman library. Both branches of the library are curated by part-time librarians, supported by other CBRL staff, with a budget for book repair and binding (£2,594 spent in 2012/13). Substantial grants have been provided by other bodies, including Trinity College Cambridge, the Altajir Trust, the FCO and al Quds University towards maintaining and improving the library.

2012/13 £12,545 acquisitions, £2,594 equipment and maintenance, £993 insurance

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

2011/12 £14,502 acquisitions, £2,136 equipment and maintenance, £1,112 insurance

2010/11 £14,273 acquisitions, £1,329 equipment and maintenance, £1,095 insurance

2009/10 £14,912 acquisitions, £2,375 equipment and maintenance, £1,065 insurance

2008/09 £9,733 acquisitions, £2,200 equipment and maintenance, £1,065 insurance

These figures are included in the statement of financial activities. These figures do not include donations, as the value of donations cannot easily be reliably established. Most are donated by authors, and include works, such as theses, that cannot be valued. No books purchased are over £1,000 in value.

The library rarely disposes of books. When it acquires multiple copies of a particular work, the policy is to provide these copies to each of the library collections. Where additional copies are still held, the next step is to investigate whether an exchange can be made for surplus works held in any other regional library. Should this occur, then the library may donate books to a local university library collection.

The library has not been capitalised in past accounting periods. It is difficult and costly to attribute a cost, especially with regard to the map collection, the continuous runs of journals, and the rare books. In addition, many of the books are PhD and Master's dissertations, donated by their authors. These works have no commercial value. Conventional valuation approaches would not reflect the value of the asset to the charity which lies in the nature and location of the total collection and not the sum of its individual parts. In addition, significant costs would be incurred in attempting to value the asset which would be excessively onerous compared with the additional benefit to be derived by users of these accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets. The library is therefore not included on the balance sheet of these accounts.

2 Net outgoing resources

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	£	£
Net outgoing resources before transfer is stated after charging:		
Payments under leases overseas	50,462	54,678
Depreciation	1,849	1,849
Audit fees	10,300	10,000

3 Resources expended

a) Analysis of total resources expended

	<u>Activities undertaken directly</u>	<u>Grant funding of activities</u>	<u>(Note 3(b)) Support costs</u>	<u>Total 2013</u>	<u>Total 2012</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating voluntary income	15,196	-	-	15,196	13,900
Charitable activities					
Research	141,863	132,725	269,720	544,308	465,913
Publications	39,192	-	14,030	53,222	41,497
Library	45,456	-	69,886	115,342	100,566
Events and conferences	50,950	-	19,886	70,836	70,411
Governance	66,411	-	-	66,411	61,601
Total resources expended	<u>359,068</u>	<u>132,725</u>	<u>373,522</u>	<u>865,315</u>	<u>753,888</u>

The audit fee for the year is £10,300 excluding VAT (2012 £10,000)

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3 Resources expended (continued)

b) Analysis of support costs

	<u>Research</u> £	<u>Publications</u> £	<u>Library</u> £	<u>Events and conferences</u> £	<u>Total 2013</u> £	<u>Total 2012</u> £
Management and finance	64,734	7,429	21,224	12,735	106,122	98,444
Communications and IT	32,456	6,601	8,802	7,151	55,010	45,360
Premises	141,323	-	39,860	-	181,183	177,964
Equipment	29,358	-	-	-	29,358	24,715
Depreciation	1,849	-	-	-	1,849	1,849
	<u>269,720</u>	<u>14,030</u>	<u>69,886</u>	<u>19,886</u>	<u>373,522</u>	<u>348,332</u>

c) Analysis of governance costs

	<u>Total 2013</u> £	<u>Total 2012</u> £
Legal and professional fees	29,813	25,735
Costs of Committee and Trustee travel	4,829	3,691
Apportionment of staff costs	31,769	32,175
Total governance costs	<u>66,411</u>	<u>61,601</u>

4 Research funds

Analysis of grant-in-aid awarded to research by key research themes

	<u>Research awards</u> £	<u>Pump- priming awards</u> £	<u>Visiting Research Fellowships</u> £	<u>Travel Grants</u> £	<u>Scholarships</u> £	<u>Direct support</u> £	<u>Total 2013</u> £
Theme 1	25,685	4,000	49,171	6,030	1,999	95,497	182,382
Theme 2	-	-	1,500	796	-	9	2,305
Theme 3	-	-	-	-	2,660	9	2,669
Theme 4	9,330	-	11,483	3,912	-	18,438	43,163
Theme 5	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
Total	<u>35,015</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>62,154</u>	<u>10,738</u>	<u>4,659</u>	<u>113,962</u>	<u>230,528</u>

Write back of under spend on grants £863

Total grant-in-aid allocated to research £229,665

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4 Research funds (continued)

Themes description

- Theme 1 - The origins, development and practice of economic and social strategies in the Middle East from earliest times to the modern day
- Theme 2 - Long-term landscape, environment and climate change studies, from the past through to predictive models for future developments, including working with natural science research
- Theme 3 - The interface between East and West
- Theme 4 - The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East
- Theme 5 - The diachronic and synchronic study of the use of language and the written record in Middle Eastern society

During the year 32 (2012 42) individuals received grants to a total value of £124,478 (2012 £126,720) In March 2013 29 grants for the year 2013/2014 were awarded to 20 individuals to a total value of £117,510 Details of grants awarded to individuals for 2012/13 and 2013/14 are presented in the annual report pages 7-8 and 18-19

5 Trustee and employee information

a) Trustee information

No remuneration was paid to the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2013 (2012 £Nil)
Expenses of £3,952 for travel were paid to 13 trustees for the year ended 31 March 2013 (2012 £2,803 paid to 10 trustees)

b) Employee information

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	£	£
Employee costs during the year		
Salaries	302,580	230,574
Social security	17,963	15,412
Employment tax	3,564	3,600
Pension	40,318	28,273
Staff cover	-	1,062
Training	1,700	-
Recruitment	1,053	1,253
Other staff costs	11,867	9,975
	<u>379,045</u>	<u>290,149</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year (2012 none)

The average number of persons employed full-time during the year was 12 (2012 10)

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6 Fixed assets

	<u>Computer, office and other equipment</u> £	<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Furniture, fixtures and fittings</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2012	68,359	48,429	21,718	138,506
As at 31 March 2013	68,359	48,429	21,718	138,506
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2012	67,215	45,301	21,718	134,234
Charge for the year	285	1,564	-	1,849
As at 31 March 2013	67,500	46,865	21,718	136,083
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2013	859	1,564	-	2,423
As at 31 March 2012	1,144	3,128	-	4,272

7 Debtors

	<u>2013</u> £	<u>2012</u> £
Other debtors	8,930	13,136
Prepayments	22,345	18,515
	31,275	31,651

8 Creditors

	<u>2013</u> £	<u>2012</u> £
Accruals and deferred income	34,560	70,016

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9 Fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2012 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer of funds £	Balance 31 March 2013 £
Restricted funds					
Jerusalem Excavation Publications	18,393	25	-	-	18,418
British Women in the Levant Exhibition	978	-	-	-	978
Ancient Jerusalem Project	38,512	50	1,164	-	37,398
British Academy Restructuring Award	20,636	32,020	32,020	-	20,636
British Academy Incentivisation Grant	13,021	-	5,231	-	7,790
British Academy Advanced Language Training	23,002	-	305	-	22,697
British Academy Arab Spring Initiative	-	34,172	22,904	-	11,268
British Academy Strategic Development Fund	-	46,666	19,886	-	26,780
Kenyon Institute Library Fund	-	390	390	-	-
Kenyon Institute Librarian Grant	-	11,162	10,695	-	467
Kenyon Institute Hedge Fund	789	-	-	-	789
Kenyon Institute activities donation	531	-	531	-	-
RSCN trail guides	11,189	6,176	9,381	(7,984)	-
British Council Visiting Scholar Programme	411	5,887	2,622	-	3,676
Endangered Archives Programme	-	34,183	34,183	-	-
Qasid Institute tuition	-	4,500	4,500	-	-
Crystal Bennett Memorial Fund	834	-	-	-	834
Total restricted funds	128,296	175,231	143,812	(7,984)	151,731
Designated funds					
Ancient Jerusalem publication sales	2,746	-	-	243	2,989
Syrian academics fund	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Qasid Institute proceeds	2,032	-	2,032	-	-
Library acquisitions	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
Research funds	7,505	-	7,505	-	-
Strategic Initiatives	5,000	-	-	10,000	15,000
General funds	75,901	708,860	703,966	(2,259)	78,536
	229,480	884,091	865,315	-	248,256

Restricted funds represent funds received for specific purposes which were not fully utilized in the year and are carried forward to meet future expenditure meeting those restrictions. The trustees consider that sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with restrictions.

- Jerusalem Excavation Publication funds are to be used solely for the publication of the Ancient Jerusalem project. This fund is continuing to receive income from the interest on funds held.
- British Women in the Levant Exhibition funds were received in 1999 from the British Council Jerusalem to fund an exhibition on Gaza. This project was completed and the British Council has agreed to allow the remaining funds to be used for the forthcoming British Women archaeologists in the Levant a travelling exhibition.

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9 Fund movements (continued)

- The Ancient Jerusalem Project is funded by the Leverhulme Trust and Institute of Aegean Prehistory. The funds are to bring to publication remaining material from the archaeological excavations directed by Dame Kathleen Kenyon in Jerusalem. This fund is continuing to receive income from the interest on funds held.
- The British Academy Restructuring Award represents funds awarded by the British Academy to carry out improvements at the overseas institutes to reduce costs and raise revenue. Funds were awarded to step up and broaden activities and the funding base of the Kenyon Institute in Jerusalem and to help cover the upgrading of the Kenyon Institute Director post in order to achieve this. Additional funds were awarded to carry out a property survey in Amman.
- The British Academy Incentivisation Grant represents funds awarded by the British Academy to increase Institutes disciplinary and funding-base breadth. The grant was awarded to 'map' Social Science Research in Syria. Due to the deteriorating situation in Syria, the focus of the mapping project, subsequently shifted to Jordan.
- The British Academy Advanced Language Training represents funds awarded from the British Academy Language and Quantitative Skills Programme. The grant was awarded for Advanced Language Provision in Arabic for post-doctoral researchers.
- The British Academy Arab Spring Initiative represents funds awarded to further research on rural protest and peasant opposition in Egypt and Tunisia. The British Institute in Amman will host a research seminar in September 2013.
- The British Academy Strategic Development Fund represents funds awarded to encourage Institutes to broaden their research and funding base. This two-year award is to enable research into the relationship between higher education and social change in the contemporary Arab world.
- The Kenyon Institute library fund consists of donations from Trinity College, Cambridge and St John's College, Oxford to fund book purchases for the Kenyon Institute library. This fund is continuing to receive donations.
- The Kenyon Institute Librarian Grant represents funds provided by the Altajir Trust and the Barakat Trust to employ a local librarian for the Jerusalem library.
- The Kenyon Institute Hedge Fund represents funds donated by individuals to carry out essential security improvements to the perimeter around the Kenyon Institute in Jerusalem.
- The Kenyon Institute activities donation represents funds donated by Ceren Coşkun and James Lord to the Kenyon Institute to carry out activities and events at the Kenyon Institute.
- The RSCN funds represent funds provided by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) in Jordan to the British Institute in Amman to provide leaflets and guide training in the Wadi Faynan.
- The British Council Visiting Scholar Programme funds represent collaboration between the Kenyon Institute and the British Council to bring out academics based at British universities to Palestine for an itinerary of lectures workshops at Palestinian higher education institutions.
- The Endangered Archives Programme represents funds awarded by the British Library for the digitization of manuscripts at the Al-Aqsa Mosque Library.

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9 Fund movements (continued)

- Qasid Institute tuition funds represent collaboration between the British Institute in Amman and the Qasid Institute in Amman. As part of this collaboration the Qasid Institute provides free Arabic tuition places to scholars.
- The Crystal Bennett Memorial Fund is to be used solely for the purpose of holding an annual memorial lecture.

Designated funds represent funds set aside for specific purposes by the Council

- Ancient Jerusalem publication sales funds are to be used to bring to publication remaining material from the archaeological excavations directed by Dame Kathleen Kenyon in Jerusalem. These funds represent the amount received in the year from sales of previous publications financed by the Ancient Jerusalem Project.
- The Syrian Academics fund was used in the year to fund two fellowships for Syrian academics.
- The Qasid Institute proceeds fund represents 5% of total tuition proceeds from the university groups that participate in the joint British Institute in Amman and Qasid Institute language program. These funds are designated for use by the British Institute in Amman.
- Library acquisitions funds were used for expenditure on library book purchases in the year.
- Research funds represents research grant funds returned in 2011/12 which have been used to fund 2012/13 CBRL awards.
- Strategic Initiatives fund represents funds which have been set aside to fund a new category of CBRL award for team-based research. All funds are allocated for expenditure in 2013/14.

10 Analysis of assets between funds

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows

	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>2013</u> £	<u>2012</u> £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,423	2,423	4,272
Cash at bank and in hand	151,731	83,016	234,747	239,848
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	11,086	11,086	(14,640)
	<u>151,731</u>	<u>96,525</u>	<u>248,256</u>	<u>229,480</u>

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11 Lease commitments

The Council had the following annual commitments under operating leases for land and buildings which expire -

	<u>2013</u> £	<u>2012</u> £
Within one year	3,144	46,752
Between two and five years	41,244	-

12 Related party transactions

The following trustees and employees of the charity received research grants from the charity during the year. The Charity Commission has given consent that grants may be awarded to trustees provided that at no time more than one third of the members of the Committee benefit, at no time shall the annual total of grants made to members of the Committee exceed more than one quarter of the annual total expenditure, a member of the Committee shall withdraw from any meeting whilst his or her application for an award of grant is being discussed. This consent has given rise to a change in the constitution and approval was gained for this change at an EGM.

Trustees

Dr Kay Dickinson	£5,685	An active archive for the videos of the Arab revolutions (<i>University of London, Goldsmith's</i>)
Prof Philip Marfleet	£9,390	Emancipatory politics in the Arab world in the age of revolutions (<i>University of East London</i>)

13 Pension commitments

The Council participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), a defined benefit scheme which is externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension (S2P). The assets of the scheme are held in a separate fund administered by the trustee, Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited. The appointment of directors to the board of the trustee is determined by the trustee company's Articles of Association. Four of the directors are appointed by Universities UK, three are appointed by the University and College Union, of whom at least one must be a USS pensioner member, and a minimum of three and a maximum of five are independent directors appointed by the board. Under the scheme trust deed and rules, the employer contribution rate is determined by the trustee, acting on actuarial advice.

The latest actuarial valuation of the scheme was at 31 March 2011. The valuation was carried out using the projected unit method. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the result of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments (ie the valuation rate of interest), the rates of increase in salary and pensions and the assumed rates of mortality. The financial assumptions were derived from market yields prevailing at the valuation date. An "inflation risk premium" adjustment was also included by deducting 0.3% from the market-implied inflation on account of the historically high level of inflation implied by government bonds (particularly when compared to the Bank of England's target of 2% for CPI which corresponds broadly to 2.75% for RPI per annum).

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13 Pension commitments (continued)

To calculate the technical provisions, it was assumed that the valuation rate of interest would be 6.1% per annum, salary increases would be 4.4% per annum (with short-term general pay growth at 3.65% per annum and an additional allowance for increases in salaries due to age and promotion reflecting historic scheme experience, with a further cautionary reserve on top for past service liabilities) and pensions would increase by 3.4% per annum for 3 years following the valuation then 2.6% per annum thereafter

At the valuation date, the value of the assets of the scheme was £32,433.5 million and the value of the scheme's technical provisions was £35,343.7 million indicating a shortfall of £2,910.2 million. The assets therefore were sufficient to cover 92% of the benefits which had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings

The actuary also valued the scheme on a number of other bases as at the valuation date. On the scheme's historic gilts basis, using a valuation rate of interest in respect of past service liabilities of 4.4% per annum (the expected return on gilts) the funding level was approximately 68%. Under the Pension Protection Fund regulations introduced by the Pensions Act 2004 the Scheme was 93% funded, on a buy-out basis (i.e. assuming the Scheme had discontinued on the valuation date) the assets would have been approximately 57% of the amount necessary to secure all the USS benefits with an insurance company, and using the FRS17 formula as if USS was a single employer scheme, using a AA bond discount rate of 5.5% per annum based on spot yields, the actuary estimated that the funding level at 31 March 2011 was 82%

The Council contribution rate required for future service benefits alone at the date of the valuation was 16% of pensionable salaries and the trustee company

Surpluses or deficits which arise at future valuations may impact on the Council's future contribution commitment. A deficit may require additional funding in the form of higher contribution requirements, where a surplus could, perhaps, be used to similarly reduce contribution requirements. USS is a "last man standing" scheme so that in the event of the insolvency of any of the participating employers in USS, the amount of any pension funding shortfall (which cannot otherwise be recovered) in respect of that employer will be spread across the remaining participant employers and reflected in the next actuarial valuation of the scheme

As part of this valuation, the USS trustees have determined, after consultation with the employers, a recovery plan to pay off the shortfall by 31 March 2021. The next formal triennial actuarial valuation is as at 31 March 2014. The contribution rate will be reviewed as part of each valuation and may be reviewed more frequently

During the year, the Council made contributions totaling £36,712 (2012: £26,442) to the fund. The contribution rate payable by the Council was 16% of pensionable salaries