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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 (retired 11 December 2013), Dr Noel Brehony, Prof B Finlayson

Research: Dr M Obeid (chair), Dr E Asouti (retired 11 December 2013), Prof P Marfleet (Retired 11 December 2013), Dr Louise Martin, Prof B Finlayson, Dr Paul Anderson (external assessor)

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 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.

Prof Bill Finlayson, Dr Mandy Turner (Director of the Kenyon Institute) and Dr Darol Palmer (Director of the British Institute in Amman) continued in their posts. Dr Daniel Neep came to the end of his contract in July 2013 and left the CBRL to take up a position at Georgetown University. The Kenyon Institute Scholar, Dr Cherine Hussein, was able to take up her position in Jerusalem following resolution of her visa application in summer 2013. Dr Masour Nsarra, the postdoctoral fellow working on our *20 years of the Oslo peace paradigm* project joined us from Exeter University, while Dr Francesca Bourke, the postdoctoral fellow working on our *Higher Education and Political Change in the Arab World* project continued in post.

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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 the next comprehensive spending review will take place after the next general election), the value of sterling against other currencies and the political climate in the region.

The CBRL works within a constantly changing context and in 2013-14 the political situation in the Levant continued to be the most dramatically changing element, which has continued to prevent any work being conducted within Syria and hampered operations in Lebanon. Within the UK 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. The 2011 to 2014 BASIS budget 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 a difficult context for our activities, both organizational and indeed within much research. The security situation in Syria remains very bad, Lebanon has some resulting problems, while the situation in Egypt appears to have almost gone full-circle from the start of the Arab uprisings. Our advanced language programme was due, at long last, to have its first course run at IFPO in Beirut in September 2013, but this had to be cancelled at the very last minute due to FCO advice not to travel, as a result of what appeared to be the imminent airstrikes planned against Syria following the use of chemical weapons. The course is now planned for summer 2014. In Jordan, while there are underlying tensions and a very visible large Syrian refugee population throughout the country, the outward symptoms of unrest are less visible. A new Director-General of Antiquities has finally been appointed.

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 five year Corporate Plan, which noted that we are at an interesting juncture as we aimed to expand our activities in Damascus and face a period of uncertain funding. In practice, activities in Syria have had to be indefinitely postponed, while the funding arrangements achieved meant that our core funding has been through one of its most stable periods, although other funding streams have been affected by the Arab uprisings. Our 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. A new Corporate plan will be launched in 2014.

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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 staff members. CBRL completed an outline agreement with Routledge publishers to provide a high quality outlet for sponsored social science research books, but this approach has not been followed. Instead, at present, the CBRL is seeking to develop its own journal on the contemporary Levant, with the intention to produce the first issue in 2015.

The institutional framework of a head office in London at the British Academy and research centres in Amman and Jerusalem has been maintained. Our strategy includes a strong commitment to continue to support research in the northern Levant (Syria and Lebanon), in so far as is possible, and to investigate whether the language course in Lebanon can be used to help maintain some physical presence. Support for regional research outside the core Levantine countries, for example in Egypt, will continue to be made, but focusing on projects with a wider regional remit, and where possible through funds obtained in addition to CBRL's core funding. The strategic review conducted by Profs Graeme Barker (Cambridge) and Emma Murphy (Durham), reported to CBRL's December meeting in 2013, in general confirmed the directions already in place.

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. The role of the local Standing Committees for each centre will be reassessed during 2014.

We have continued to successfully support a broad range of research within the Academy's remit. Our main concern now is not to continue broadening the disciplinary range, but to develop the depth and reach of our work. Archaeological research continues to provide a solid basis for many of our local governmental relationships and 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. A new programme to support field and team based research and intended to support some strategically important research areas was launched in Autumn 2012, with the first projects commencing in summer 2013.

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.

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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.

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 rôle 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.

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.
- 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.

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 inter-disciplinary manner.

All staff from the UK working in CBRL's Institutes in the Levant are research active with active affiliations to UK universities. Prof Bill Finlayson is a Visiting Professor at the University of Reading, and from September 2013 was spending part of his research time as a Professor of Social Sciences at Oxford Brookes University. Dr Turner continued as a seconded member of staff from Bradford University, while Dr Carol Palmer was an Honorary Fellow at Essex University. Dr Daniel Neep, Director of Research Development, was a lecturer at University of Exeter (political science), on secondment to CBRL until he left the CBRL at the end of his contract. The Kenyon Institute Scholar, Dr Cherine Hussein is an Honorary Fellow at Sussex University. All regionally based staff are engaged in research on the contemporary Levant, while the CBRL Director is an archaeologist.

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

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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 2013 as the Wadi Faynan (Jordan), the eastern Jordanian Badia areas, and the Paphos area in western Cyprus, in archaeological, palaeoenvironmental, climate, hydrological or related research. Field based research in archaeological science or related fields was also eligible for funding.

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 2013-14 the following projects, listed by key research theme, were awarded funds for research and travel, or were made CBRL affiliated projects:

The interface between East and West

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Derby	800	Jerusalem and Jarrow in the early eighth century (Travel grant)
Kienzler	6,495	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 Judaeian Hills (1987-89) (Project completion award)
Jones	3,360	Palaeoenvironments of the Late Glacial Transition in the Eastern Desert of Jordan (Team based award)

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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	19,360	Higher Education in the Arab World (CBRL Research Fellow, BASIS Strategic Development Initiative)
Burtenshaw	12,255	Archaeology as an asset for development (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Cregan	800	A study of the process of settling in East Jerusalem (Travel grant)
Hussein	3,999	The Single State Idea in Israel/Palestine: An Exploration of Silenced Voices and Counterhegemonic Practices against Zionism and Separation (Jerusalem Scholarship)
Iaria	6,127	Iraqi refugees' assisted and spontaneous return from Syria and Jordan (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Knussel	5,820	Social organisation and changing beliefs in the Neolithic Transition in Southwest Asia Evidence from the funerary domain (Senior Visiting Fellowship)
Leech	5,820	Mis-stating Palestine: how the Palestinian authority failed to build a state 2007-2012 (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Neep	2,835	Space, Economy and State Formation in Syria: A Cultural Historical Sociology (Staff research award)
Palmer	4,835	Archives, Agriculture and Exile: LucjanTurkowski in Palestine, 1943-1947 (Staff research award)
Reynolds	800	The 614 Project (Travel grant)
Robinson	12,255	Households in transition: Interpreting intra-site variability in chipped stone assemblages at early Neolithic WF16 (Visiting Research Scholarship)
Saleh	800	Political Identity among Lebanon's Shi'i community 1943-1975 (Travel grant)
Smith	7,459	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	4,450	Challenging the 'Oslo paradigm': local peace agency in Palestine and Israel (Staff research award)
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	12,255	Agrarian production, landed property and distribution of goods in the Jordanian decapolis: a GIS of wine and oil presses in north-western Jordan (Visiting Research Fellowship)

The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East

	£	
Browne	800	Commemoration in Conflict: the Limits of Solidarity (Travel grant)
Furas	5,820	In need of a new story - writing, teaching and learning history in Mandatory Palestine (Visiting Research Scholarship)
Leatherbury	5,820	Late Antique Building Inscriptions: Between Reading and Seeing (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Qato	6,128	Educating Palestinian Refugees: Jordan, 1948-1989 (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Robinson	800	Beauty Works: Cosmetic Surgery and Narratives of the Beautiful Body in Beirut (Travel grant)
Stoyanov	5,820	A comprehensive analysis and cataloguing of the religious manuscripts and texts in the Bivin/Qosababayan family archives, Jerusalem (Senior Visiting Fellowship)

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In 2013-14 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. Interpretive signage was put in place at Beidha in Jordan with Siyaha, the Department of Antiquities, and the Petra Archaeological Park as part of the ongoing site presentation project. He organized a session on 'Between Site and Synthesis: Missing landscapes of the Southwest Asian early Neolithic' with Prof Cheryl Makarewicz of Christian-Albrechts University Kiel in April 2013 at the *Socio-Environmental Dynamics over the Last 12,000 Years: The Creation of Landscapes III* conference. The following papers were published:

2014 **Finlayson, B.**, Makarewicz, C. Smith, S., and Mithen, S. The transition from PPNA to PPNB in southern Jordan, *Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan XI*, 105-119

2014 **Finlayson, B.** Introduction to the Levant in the Neolithic period, Chapter 9 in M.L. Steiner and A Killebrew (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of the Levant (c 8,000 – 332 BCE)* OUP: Oxford

2013 **Finlayson, B & Makarewicz C.** (eds) a special edition of the journal *Levant* "Neolithic Stereotypes: Has SW Asian Archaeology Outlived the Neolithic?" 45, 2

2013 **Finlayson, B & Daher R** (eds) Papers from the conference on shifting boundaries, a special issue of the *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies*, vol 13

2013 **Finlayson, B.** Imposing the Neolithic on the past, *Levant* vol 45:2, 133-148.

2013 **Finlayson B.** a comment on E. Asouti & D Fuller A Contextual Approach to the Emergence of Agriculture in Southwest Asia Reconstructing Early Neolithic Plant-Food Production, *Current Anthropology*

2013 **Finlayson, B. & Daher, R.** The Mediterranean as backdrop to the great events of history in B. **Finlayson & R. Daher** (eds) Papers from the conference on shifting boundaries, *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies*, vol 13, 1-22

Conference papers and invited presentations

"Sedentism and landscapes in early Neolithic Jordan", paper presented with C. Makarewicz at the XI Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jordan conference in Berlin

"Creating the Neolithic World: The Social Integration of Neolithic Communities across Southwest Asian Landscapes" paper presented at Socio-Environmental Dynamics over the Last 12,000 Years: The Creation of Landscapes III conference in Kiel

Neolithic Settlements in the Greater Petra Region: A Synthesis", paper presented (by Carol Palmer on behalf of Bill Finlayson) at the Early settlement development in arid regions conference in Aqaba

Mandy Turner (Director of the Kenyon institute, Jerusalem) continues to maintain a strong research profile in contemporary Palestinian studies and critical security studies by publishing her work in peer reviewed journals and edited books, and presenting her work at international conferences. She is in the final stages of two co-edited books: one on Palestinian political economy to be published in November 2014 by Palgrave Macmillan, and one on intervention to be published in early 2015 by Routledge. From November 2013, she has been coordinating and leading a British Academy BASIS funded research project, which has nine researchers analysing 20 years of the Oslo peace process. In March 2014, Mandy organized, chaired and contributed to two panels of early-career scholars on contemporary Palestinian studies at the International Studies Association annual convention in San Diego, which the CBRL helped to

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fund. The papers from these two panels will be published as a special issue of the journal *Conflict, Security and Development*, co-edited with KI Jerusalem Scholar, Cherine Houssein in Spring 2015. While Mandy continues to write about Palestinian development (with two chapters to be published in 2015), she has also begun a new strand of research on Israeli political activists. She continues to be co-editor of the journal *International Peacekeeping*. Mandy has focused on developing the Kenyon as *the* place in East Jerusalem to host high-profile book launches and talks by internationally-renowned academics.

Publications

- "Peacebuilding as counterinsurgency in the occupied Palestinian territory" *Review of International Studies*, 2014 firstview.
- "The iron fist of liberal intervention inside the velvet glove of Kantian idealism: a response to Burke" (with Neil Cooper), *Critical Studies on Security*, 1 (1): 35-41, 2013.
- "Critical Perspectives on Peacebuilding in the oPt", *CBRL Bulletin*, 2013, Vol. 8.
- *Review of Developmental politics in transition: the neoliberal era and beyond*, edited by Chang Kyun-Sup, Ben Fine and Linda Weiss, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, in *Peacebuilding Volume 1*, Issue 3, 2013.

Papers and presentations

- "Richard Falk, a citizen-pilgrim for Palestine: bearing witness and the role of UN Special Rapporteur", paper presented at the International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, 26-29 March 2014. Will be a chapter in forthcoming book. Already submitted.
- "Creating a counter-hegemonic praxis: Israeli activists and the challenge to the Oslo peace paradigm", paper presented at the 'Power and Peacebuilding' conference, University of Manchester, 12-13 September 2013.
- "Creating a counter-hegemonic praxis: Israeli activists and the challenge to the Oslo peace paradigm", paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, 10-13 October 2013. Will be a chapter in forthcoming book. Already submitted.
- "Peacebuilding as counterinsurgency in the occupied Palestinian territory", paper for the International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, 3-6 April 2013.

Carol Palmer (Director of the British Institute Amman) participated in two botanical fieldwork expeditions in spring 2013: the first, with Louise Martin, Elizabeth Henton and Andrew Garrard from UCL Institute of Archaeology, in the badia of eastern Jordan; and, the second, with Claire Rambeau and her team from Bern University, coring wetlands in the Wadi Faynan area. She continued her research on the life and work of the Polish ethnographer Lucjan Turkowski (1905-1976), visiting Jerusalem and London for library and archive research. In September 2013, she coordinated with colleagues from the Thimar Collective (www.athimar.org) a workshop to discuss the contemporary situation of agriculture in the Middle East and North Africa, including giving a presentation with Waleed Gharaibeh on Ghor al-Safi and organizing a visit to Safi as part of a fieldtrip to the Jordan Valley. A special feature of the Thimar workshop was the screening of the first cut of a film directed by Ray Bush (Leeds University) and Habib Ayeb (Université Paris-8) on their research in rural Egypt and Tunisia conducted as part of a British Academy Arab Spring Award to CBRL, which also funded the workshop and aspects of Thimar website development.

C. Palmer, W. Gharaibeh and L. Taminian (2013) *The Politics of Development in Ghor al-Safi, Jordan*. *CBRL Bulletin* 8, 72-74.

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Dr Francesca Burke (Research Fellow) continued research on the 'Higher Education and Political Change in the Arab World' project funded by the British Academy. Four papers were prepared on higher education and political change in Jordan and Egypt to be delivered at conferences and workshops in the UK and Jordan in summer 2014. Two articles based on fieldwork at Jordanian and Egyptian universities, and a working paper on links between British and Arab universities were prepared for publication.

Dr Mansour Nsarra (Research Fellow) commenced work on the Twenty years of the 'Oslo peace paradigm': an assessment of its achievements and limitations project at the end of October 2013, having been teaching at Exeter University, coordinating their MA programme on Conflict, Security and Development. In addition to his research on the peace process he has been providing expert advice to the National Refugees Council-Jerusalem: Legal Memo on International Humanitarian Law and Indigenous Rights for Palestinian Bedouin in the West Bank. The following papers were presented:

Middle East Association for North America (MESA), New Orleans. Presentation Entitled "Resistance to Colonialism: The Southern Palestine Bedouin Tribes under the British and the Ottoman Rule, 1900-1948, 10-13 October, 2013.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, International Relations Department: Lecture Entitled: "Ruling the Desert: Ottoman and British Policies towards the Naqab and Transjordan Bedouin tribes, 1900-1948, 08, January, 2014.

Ben Gurion University, Man in the Desert Department, Sde Boker. Lecture entitled: Ottoman and British Policies in Transjordan and Southern Palestine, 2 March, 2014.

Dr Cherine Hussein (Kenyon Institute Scholar) finished her manuscript on the single state solution as a Gramscian inspired resistance movement against the Palestinian-Israeli peace process since Oslo (Countering an Illusion: The Re-Emergence of the Single State Solution in Palestine/Israel (in press), Routledge, Arab-Israeli Conflict series), and recently began a new, related research project on the single state alternative as viewed through the eyes and practices of new generations of Palestinians in the West Bank and Jerusalem with the Kenyon Institute. She is also co-editing a special issue on mapping transformations in Palestine after the Oslo peace process with Mandy Turner, a contributing author on the Oslo Project with Mandy Turner and Mansour Nsarra, and is in the process of organizing a new collaborative research project aimed at rethinking the way that resistance is studied in International Relations, especially with regards to the Middle East.

Library

The CBRL Library, with its stations in both institutes and combined catalogue, continues to be open to members of the public. Very sadly Ghazwa Malhas, our senior librarian in Amman, passed away unexpectedly in November 2013. Roudaina Momani is now working full-time. In Jerusalem Hussein Ghaith continued to serve as the librarian, still without assistance due to the difficulty in bringing Cherine Hussein to Jerusalem. During the course of 2013-14 the acquisition programme continued for the Kenyon Institute and the British Institute in Amman, although with the loss of Ghazwa the programme fell substantially behind in Amman, and some of the library budget for 2013-14 has been designated for expenditure in 2014-15. The new system of the KI library making its own book orders meant that the KI library was not affected.

Hostels

Hostel use in the British Institute Amman and the Kenyon Institute (number of nights) is as listed on the following page:

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April	159	190
May	110	164
June	160	183
July	239	211
August	231	181
September	280	133
October	333	195
November	310	176
December	254	156
January	217	184
February	200	253
March	267	228

The Kenyon Institute hostel occupancy of 2,254 is very close to the 2,270 occupancy in the previous year. The British Institute hostel occupancy of 2,760 represents a healthy increase over the 2,462 of the previous year. Both are lower than recent peaks, but this is partially explained by the allocation of whole rooms to long-term residential fellows, who represent an important constituency. While fluctuation in occupancy rates is the normal pattern in Amman, it should be noted that both institutes have significant inter-annual variation in monthly occupation rates.

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.

59 British scholars: Archaeology 24, Art 1, Climate 1, Drama 2, Economics 1, History 5, Languages 1, Law 2, Mid East Studies 1, Music 1, Peace and Conflict studies 2, Politics 11, Refugee Studies 3, Sociology 2, Theology and Religious Studies 2

8 Commonwealth scholars: Archaeology 5, Anthropology 1, History 1, Law 1.

21 EU Scholars: Anthropology 1, Archaeology 13, Art 1, Law 1, Mid East Studies 1, Palaeoclimate 1, Peace and Conflict Studies 1, Politics 1, Sociology 1

12 Other scholars: Anthropology 1, Archaeology 3, Architecture 1, Languages 1, Mid East Studies 2, Peace and Conflict studies 1, Politics 2, Theology 1

37 British students: Anthropology 1, Archaeology 16, Gender Studies 2, History 3, Islamic Studies 1, Jewish Studies 1, Languages 1, Law 1, Peace and Conflict Studies 2, Politics 5, Refugee Studies 2, Religious studies 1, Social Sciences 1

3 Commonwealth students: Archaeology 2, Politics 1

23 EU Students: Archaeology 15, Anthropology 3, History 2, Language 1, Law 1, Politics 1

32 Other Students: Archaeology 11, Architecture 4, Refugee Studies 1, Peace and Conflict Studies 8, Politics 3

While there has been a fall in British student numbers, the rise in the number of British scholars (our main target group) has been substantial, now almost 40% up on 2011-12. We have not included numbers of journalists/representatives of UN and NGO agencies who are not academically research active, but they are an important group, relevant to outreach and indicative of the value of our research beyond academia.

Other research facilities used include 308 days of vehicle hire (not including vehicle use on CBRL research projects), 328 days of bench space (which is a substantial increase, in part due to the presence of one annual research scholar working in material culture), 13 visa extensions/residencies obtained, and 10 Archaeological permits obtained.

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The Islamic Jerash project is no longer a University of Copenhagen primary activity, so from December 2013 they ceased to require a room. Office facilities continue to be provided for IFPO in Jerusalem. Also at the KI, the building previously used as an Arabic language classroom has been used as the space for visiting artists.

Dissemination of Research Results

In 2013-14 CBRL organized or sponsored the following meetings and events:

Workshops and conferences

2-4 September 2013, week of translation studies events in September 2013: Translation Studies Research Training, CBRL-BIA, British Academy Sponsored Workshop, Workshop, 24

27-30 September 2013, Thimar meeting / The Arab Spring's missing dimensions: Views from the countryside, peasants, agriculture and political protest' in Tunisia and Egypt, CBRL-BIA, Habib Ayeb and Ray Bush's British Academy funded research, 10

21 Jan, 2014 A roundtable on international intervention "Critical perspectives on international intervention" The speakers include: Mkhaimar Abusada (Al-Azhar University, Palestine) Helga Baumgarten (Birzeit University) Marie Breen-Smyth (University of Surrey) Maxine David (University of Surrey) Basem Ezbidi (Birzeit University, Palestine) Ciaran Gillespie (University of Surrey). CBRL-KI, 25 people attended.

30 January 2014, Cultural Heritage and Conflict, Workshop organised by Birzeit University and the Kenyon Institute held at Birzeit University.

14/15 March 2014, Palestine Refugees and International Law short course 2014, CBRL-BIA, University of Oxford, short course, 25

Lectures and Seminars

7 April 2013, The Works of the Old Men in Arabia: Exploring and Mapping a Prehistoric Landscape from the Air and from Space, CBRL-BIA, David Kennedy, 60

22 April 2013, EU Democracy Assistance after the Uprisings: Lessons Learned? CBRL-BIA, Dr Andrea Teti, University of Aberdeen, 30

23 April 2013, Fallahin and Nomads on the Margins of Bilad al-Sham: Population Dynamics and Land-use from Byzantium to the Crusades, Professor Claudine Dauphin (Honorary Prof. of the Universities of Wales, Trinity Saint David, Lampeter) and Dr Mohamed Ben Jedou (Associate Researcher of "Orient et Méditerranée - Monde byzantin" of the French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique -CNRS, in Paris). Crystal Bennett Memorial 25th Anniversary Lecture.

10 May 2013, The Palestinian Economy of Jerusalem in the Peripheries, Raja Khalidi, CBRL-KI, 120 people attended

14 May 2013, Commemoration in conflict: chronicling and comparing the 1948 Palestinian Nakba and 1916 Irish Easter Rising remembrance event, Brendan Browne, CBRL-KI, 40 people attended.

20 May 2013, Russian language media in Israel, Andrei Rogatchevski, CBRL-KI, 8 people attended.

27 June 2013, The Hour is at hand: Apocalyptic ideas and the emergence of Islam, Professor Dame Averil Cameron, CBRL-KI, 35 people attended

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20 August 2013, Reconstructing the Ramallah Model: What Does the Real Estate and Credit Boom Tell us about Palestinian politics? Book launch by Benjamin Barthe (Le Monde). Joint event with IFPO and the Educational Bookshop. CBRL-KI, 125 people attended

16 September 2013, Traumatized Bodies: Ritual or Violence? CBRL-BIA, Prof. Christopher Knusel CBRL Senior Visiting Fellow, 40

23 September 2013, The Politics of Child Protection under Occupation: Causes and Consequences of Failed International Efforts in Palestine, CBRL-BIA, Dr Jason Hart / University of Bath, UK, 30

6 October 2013, Through the Eyes of Justice: The Qur'an, Interpretation and Liberation Theology, CBRL-BIA, Dr Shadaab Rahemtullah / University of Jordan, 30

7 Oct 2013, People like us? The transformation to settled farming societies 10,000 years ago in Jordan, Bill Finlayson, CBRL-KI, 10 people attended.

4 November 2013, The Jawa Hinterland Project: New Research Results on the Chalcolithic / Early Bronze Age Period in Northeastern Jordan, CBRL-BIA, Dr. Bernd Müller-Neuhof, 35

12 Nov 2013, The First Crusaders? Foreknowledge of the Seljuk Turks, Nicholas Morton, CBRL-KI, 10 people attended.

26 Nov 2013, Rags and Riches: the Global Economic Crisis and the Costs of Inequality, Professor Robert Wade, CBRL-KI, 15 people attended.

27 November 2013, New Industrial Policy: The Entrepreneurial State as a Complement to Private Entrepreneurs. Professor Robert Wade (London School of Economics). Visiting Scholars in Palestine lecture at the Palestinian Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS) in Ramallah.

1 December 2013, Post-return transnationalism and Iraqi displacement in Syria and Jordan, CBRL-BIA, Dr Vanessa Iaria (CBRL Post-doctoral Visiting Research Fellow, British Institute in Amman Sussex Centre for Migration Research), 30

11 Decemebr 2013, Landscape and Interaction: The Troodos Archaeological and Environmental Survey Project, Cyprus, Dr Michael Given (Glasgow University). CBRL AGM Lecture.

17 December 2013. Public lecture by Daniel Reynolds (University of Birmingham, UK). Christian Iconoclasm in Umayyad Palestine, CBRL-KI, 18 people attended.

23 January 2014, Cities of the Levant: the Past for the Future?. Philip Mansel (Author of "Levant: Splendour and Catastrophe on the Mediterranean"). Joint Lecture with the Palestine Exploration Fund and the British Foundation of the Study of Arabia. CBRL, London

5 Feb 2014, A book launch 'Lineages of revolt: issues of contemporary capitalism in the Middle East', Adam Hanieh, KI in collaboration with the Economic bookshop, CBRL-KI, 50 people attended.

5 February 2014, Beyond the Fertile Crescent: Late Palaeolithic and Neolithic Communities of the Jordanian Steppe, Dr Andy Garrard (UCL Institute of Archaeology), lecture and book launch at UCL Institute of Archaeology, London.

17 February 2014, The Making of the Middle Sea: The Emergence of the Mediterranean World, CBRL-BIA, Cyprian Broodbank, 60

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12 March 2014, Bosnia and the Destruction of Cultural Heritage: International responses during the conflict and after" International responses during the conflict and after, CBRL-BIA, Helen Walasek (The Bosnian Institute, London), 30

12 March 2014, New International Initiatives on the Preservation of the Cultural and Sacral Heritage in the Levant and Near East since the Bosnian Conflict, Yuri Stoyanov (SOAS), CBRL-BIA,

26 Mar 2014, Colonial land policies in Palestine: 1917-1936, Martin Bunton, CBRL-KI , 15 people attended.

Publications

CBRL imprint publications

Levant Volume 45 issue 2 2013 G. Philip (ed) B. Finlayson and C. Makarewicz (Guest Editors), pp 155

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Plans for Future Periods

Developments will include:

Funding, project affiliation and fellowships have so far been awarded for 2014-15 as follows:

The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East

		£	
Biggs	12,340		Forbidden Histories in Contested Spaces: Storytelling, Community, and Memory among Israeli Jewish and Palestinian Youth (Visiting Research Scholarship)
Chezum	7,920		Patterns of Late Antique Iconoclasm: a comparative analysis of that in the Levant and Egyptian temple reliefs (Visiting Research Scholarship)
Rothe	4,458		Rural Settlement on Tall Zira'a in the Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods (Pilot Award)
Spector	654		An exploration of the Jewish Israeli understanding of secularism (Travel grant)
Tsourous	12,340		The Dynamics of Creed and Practice in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Visiting Research Scholarship)

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

		£	
Abi Ghanem	3,930		Power outages in post-war Lebanon: social-material practices for maintaining electrical services in homes (Pilot Award)
Ali	12,340		Contemporary displacement in Iraq and Syria: forced migration, state transformations and the war economy in comparative perspective (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Andreou	800		Tochni-Lakkia: Archaeology, Legislation and Economic Crisis (Travel grant)
Aouragh	800		Online politics and Palestinian social movements: Reconstructing power-Deconstructing myths (Travel grant)
Asha	800		'Mothers at Home and Activists on the Street?': Women and Gender in the Syrian Revolution from the Early Uprisings to the Refugee Experience (Travel grant)
Faccia	800		Skeletal analysis of early food producers at Pre-Pottery Neolithic el-Hemmeh, Jordan (Travel grant)
Fadda	7,920		The political economy of cultural interventions in Palestine (Visiting Research Scholarship)
Hawari	12,340		Palestinian Collective memory in the Galilee: The construction of a narrative and the preservation of memories in a 'State of Denial' (Visiting Research Scholarship)
Huang	800		Contemporary Arab Women Novelists and Postcolonial Feminist Thoughts (Travel grant)
Iaria	7,920		Highly skilled Iraqis' return from neighbouring countries of asylum (Visiting Research Fellowship)
Leshem	6,830		Re-inhabiting No-Man's Land (Pilot Award)
Smith	7,384		Missing Links: Evaluating new evidence for the Late Pleistocene occupation of Wadi Faynan (Team based award)
Souter	793		Not set in stone: Understanding community in prehistoric Cyprus through ground stone tool biographies (Travel grant)
Taha	750		Economic Engagement and Disengagement among Arabs in Israel (Travel grant)
Turner	5,400		Beyond de-development: class structure, political allegiances and economic alliances in the new political economy of the occupied Palestinian territory (Staff Research)

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Weizman 6,420 Patterns of resistance: legality and violence in the State of Israel (Visiting Research Fellowship)

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

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Allentuck	790	Long-term continuity and variability of prehistoric foraging strategies (Travel grant)
Hussein	700	E Hydro-politics and the role of climate change discourses (CCDs) in shaping transboundary water governance (TWG) in arid and semi-arid regions: the case of the lower Jordan River Basin (Travel grant)
Jones	4,375	Palaeoenvironments of the Late Glacial Transition in the Eastern Desert of Jordan (Team based award)
Longford	750	Plant economy and environment of Tel Beit Yerah (Travel grant)
Reynolds	800	A Socio-Environmental Study of the Separation Barrier in Israel/Palestine: The Political Ecology of Segregation (Travel grant)
Smith	13,840	Archaeological Landscapes of Uncertain Margins: Settlement Dynamics in the Syro-Levantine steppes, 4th-2nd millennium BC (Visiting Research Scholarship)

A full programme of events is also planned. These include:

Secrets of Tafileh: Local Assets for Community Empowerment and Development, 2 - 4 April 2014. Conference organised by Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA), CBRL British Institute in Amman, Department of Antiquities (DoA), Jordan Tourism Board (JTB), and the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN). Held at the Tafileh Development Foundation with the opening ceremony in Dana village.

The Arab Uprising: Researching the Revolutions, 22-23 September 2014, a workshop to be held in the British Institute in Amman.

Academic Excellence in the MENA region, 16 October 2014, a workshop to be held jointly with the British Academy in the British Institute in Amman.

Financial Review

The new Pegasus Opera accounting system was brought into operation in Amman and Jerusalem in 2013-14, with a gradual introduction of procedures enabling our overseas administrative staff to input data live into the system. This is one of the key benefits of the new process, reducing the amount of double handling of the accounts, which will release time for our UK administrator, Penny McParlin, enabling her to take on greater roles in supporting our fundraising operations and in outreach tasks. At the same time, the transition has involved a change in information flow, as local offices become able to query the accounts directly. A conceptual change has also taken place, with management accounts being generated directly from the accounts and therefore no longer being a simple cash flow chart. With these changes taking place an exceedingly cautious approach to expenditure was adopted for the year.

We have been aiming to return the Free Reserve to the level where it meets our Free Reserve Policy for a number of years. As noted below, we have managed to achieve that target this year. The increased sum held in designated funds reflects the library book purchasing funds held over, the designation of a fund to be used to assist in our new fundraising campaign, and the return of a number of research funds that could not be taken up by CBRL Fellows. The increase in Restricted Funds mostly relates to funds for the Advanced Arabic course in Beirut that had to be postponed until 2014-15 due to the security situation.

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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:

	2014 £	2013 £
Total funds per Balance Sheet	336,493	248,256
Deduct:		
Restricted Funds (Note 9)	(166,839)	(151,731)
Designated Funds (Note 9)	(28,770)	(17,989)
Fixed Assets held for charity use (Note 6)	(1,421)	(2,423)
 Free Reserves at 31 March	 139,463	 76,113

The specific uses and needs to be met by the Restricted and Designated 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 2014-15, this policy would require free reserves of £105,000 at the balance sheet date.

The designated funds of £17,989 at the end of 2012-13 have risen to £28,770. Details of the designated funds can be seen in note 9 of the financial statements.

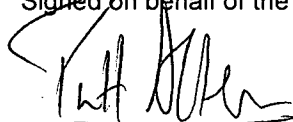
The Trustees will keep the reserves policy under constant review to reflect the needs of the Council as its funding, costs, structures and activities evolve.

AGM NOTICE

BDO LLP are eligible for re-appointment as auditor to the Council and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be proposed at the AGM.

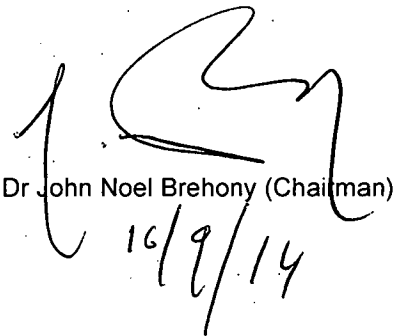
Each of the Trustees has confirmed that so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and that he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish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

Signed on behalf of the Council by:



Trustee: Mr Paddy Altern (Honorary Treasurer)

Date: 16/9/14



Trustee: Dr John Noel Brehony (Chairman)

Date: 16/9/14

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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 2014 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, 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 Financial Reporting Council's (FRC'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 FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

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 2014 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.

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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
- 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, take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the directors' report or the exemption from the requirements to prepare a strategic report.

BDO LLP

Richard Faulkner (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor
London
United Kingdom

Date: *23 September 2014*

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2014
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary					
Grant-in-Aid (British Academy)		604,280	123,100	727,380	688,363
Membership subscriptions		13,822	-	13,822	12,890
Gifts in-kind	1	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
Donations		170	-	170	390
Investment					
Bank interest		309	67	376	267
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>					
Research facilities		108,034	-	108,034	105,638
Grants for specific purposes		-	44,223	44,223	57,408
Levant income		8,236	-	8,236	6,279
Sale of publications		10,346	-	10,346	8,356
Events income		1,640	-	1,640	-
Total incoming resources		746,837	171,890	918,727	884,091
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>					
Grant-in-Aid	3	7,333	-	7,333	7,236
Membership administration		7,944	-	7,944	7,960
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Research	3/4	422,117	99,336	521,453	544,308
Publications		46,229	236	46,465	53,222
Library		90,031	11,829	101,860	115,342
Events and Conferences		57,081	27,684	84,765	70,836
<i>Governance costs</i>	3	60,670	-	60,670	66,411
Total resources expended		691,405	139,085	830,490	865,315
Net incoming resources for the year		55,432	32,805	88,237	18,776
Transfer of funds	9	17,697	(17,697)	-	-
Total funds brought forward 1 April 2013		96,525	151,731	248,256	229,480
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2014		169,654	166,839	336,493	248,256

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

The notes on pages 27 to 38 form part of these accounts.

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Company No. 3566646

Balance sheet
 As at 31 March 2014

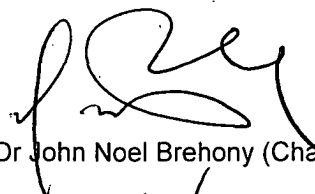
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2014</u> £	<u>2013</u> £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,421	2,423
Current assets			
Stock of publications		29,623	14,371
Debtors	7	30,090	31,275
Cash at bank and in hand		365,666	234,747
		425,379	280,393
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(90,307)	(34,560)
Net current assets		335,072	245,833
Net assets		336,493	248,256
Funds	9		
Restricted funds		166,839	151,731
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds		28,770	17,989
General funds		140,884	78,536
		336,493	248,256

Approved and authorised for issue by the Council on



Trustee: Mr Paddy Altern (Honorary Treasurer)

Date: 16/9/14



Trustee: Dr John Noel Brehony (Chairman)

Date: 16/9/14

The notes on pages 27 to 38 form part of these accounts.

COUNCIL FOR BRITISH RESEARCH IN THE LEVANT

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2014

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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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2014

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 £7,166 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

The company is a charity within the meaning of Para 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income within categories covered by Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, to the extent that such income is applied exclusively for charitable purposes. No tax charge arose in the period.

(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

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2014

1 Accounting policies (continued)

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 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 £9,692 spent in 2013/14), exchanges with CBRL publications (at cost, estimated at £1,272 in 2013/14), and donations. Both branches of the library are curated by part-time librarians, supported by other CBRL staff, with a budget for book repair and binding (£892 spent in 2013/14). 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.

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2014

1 Accounting policies (continued)

2013/14	£9,692 acquisitions; £892 equipment and maintenance; £284 insurance
2012/13	£12,545 acquisitions; £2,594 equipment and maintenance; £993 insurance
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

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>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
Net outgoing resources before transfer is stated after charging:		
Payments under leases overseas	46,922	50,462
Depreciation	2,061	1,849
Audit fees	10,660	10,300

3 Resources expended

a) Analysis of total resources expended

	Activities undertaken <u>directly</u>	Grant funding <u>of activities</u>	(Note 3(b)) Support <u>costs</u>	Total <u>2014</u>	Total <u>2013</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating voluntary income	15,277	-	-	15,277	15,196
Charitable activities					
Research	124,908	128,772	267,773	521,453	544,308
Publications	33,303	-	13,162	46,465	53,222
Library	33,354	-	68,506	101,860	115,342
Events and conferences	65,733	-	19,032	84,765	70,836
Governance	60,670	-	-	60,670	66,411
Total resources expended	333,245	128,772	368,473	830,490	865,315

The audit fee for the year is £10,660 excluding VAT (2013: £10,300).

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Notes to the financial statements
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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 2014</u> £	<u>Total 2013</u> £
Management and finance	62,003	7,115	20,329	12,197	101,644	106,122
Communications and IT	29,731	6,047	8,063	6,835	50,676	55,010
Premises	142,227	-	40,114	-	182,341	181,183
Equipment	31,963	-	-	-	31,963	29,358
Depreciation	1,849	-	-	-	1,849	1,849
	<u>267,773</u>	<u>13,162</u>	<u>68,506</u>	<u>19,032</u>	<u>368,473</u>	<u>373,522</u>

c) Analysis of governance costs

	<u>Total 2014</u> £	<u>Total 2013</u> £
Legal and professional fees	26,544	29,813
Costs of Committee and Trustee travel	3,513	4,829
Apportionment of staff costs	30,613	31,769
Total governance costs	<u>60,670</u>	<u>66,411</u>

4 Research expenditure on key research themes

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 2014</u> £
Theme 1	15,129	-	41,917	5,531	6,431	101,367	170,375
Theme 2	3,860	-	-	-	-	9	3,869
Theme 3	-	6,495	-	800	-	9	7,304
Theme 4	4,450	-	27,214	2,400	-	18,438	52,502
Theme 5	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
Total	<u>23,439</u>	<u>6,495</u>	<u>69,131</u>	<u>8,731</u>	<u>6,431</u>	<u>119,832</u>	<u>234,059</u>

Write back of under spend on grants

£5,488

Total grant-in-aid allocated to research

£228,571

This expenditure is included in the charitable activities research figure of £521,453 in the statement of financial activities.

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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 28 (2013: 32) individuals received grants to a total value of £107,796 (2013: £124,478). In March 2014 27 grants for the year 2014/2015 were awarded to 27 individuals to a total value of £133,494. Details of grants awarded to individuals for 2013/14 and 2014/15 are presented in the annual report pages 7-8 and 19-20.

5 Trustee and employee information

a) Trustee information

No remuneration was paid to the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2014 (2013: £Nil). Expenses of £2,671 for travel were paid to 13 trustees for the year ended 31 March 2014 (2013: £3,952 paid to 13 trustees).

The Levant Journal is edited by Professor Graham Philip, who is employed by the University of Durham and a trustee of the Council for British Research in the Levant. The journal publication is outsourced to Maney Publishing, who pay annual royalties to the Council for British Research in the Levant. Maney Publishing also pays the University of Durham £7,800 per annum plus VAT towards the time relating to editorial services provided by Professor Graham Phillip, who receives his normal salary from the University. Therefore, Professor Graham Phillip does not receive any payments from Maney Publishing directly and is not benefiting from the arrangement as an editor of the journal.

b) Employee information

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
Employee costs during the year:		
Salaries	304,799	302,580
Social security	15,329	17,963
Employment tax	4,853	3,564
Pension	39,283	40,318
Staff cover	-	-
Training	544	1,700
Recruitment	758	1,053
Other staff costs	12,495	11,867
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	378,061	379,045
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year (2013: none).

The average number of persons employed full-time during the year was 13 (2013: 12).

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9 Fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2013 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer of funds £	Balance 31 March 2014 £
Restricted funds					
Jerusalem Excavation Publications	18,418	22	-	-	18,440
British Women in the Levant Exhibition	978	-	-	(978)	-
Ancient Jerusalem Project	37,398	45	236	-	37,207
British Academy Restructuring Award	20,636	-	20,636	-	-
British Academy Incentivisation Grant	7,790	-	-	-	7,790
British Academy Advanced Language Training	22,697	60,000	8,402	-	74,295
British Academy Arab Spring Initiative	11,268	-	9,355	(1,913)	-
British Academy Strategic Development Fund	26,780	36,600	48,721	(1,250)	13,409
British Academy translation workshop	-	32,299	26,548	(5,751)	-
Byzantine to Mamluk settlement project	-	18,786	3,747	-	15,039
Kenyon Institute Library Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Kenyon Institute Librarian Grant	467	12,020	11,828	-	659
Kenyon Institute Hedge Fund	789	-	789	-	-
British Council Visiting Scholar Programme	3,676	4,431	302	(7,805)	-
Endangered Archives Programme	-	3,187	3,187	-	-
Qasid Institute tuition	-	4,500	4,500	-	-
Crystal Bennett Memorial Fund	834	-	834	-	-
Total restricted funds	151,731	171,890	139,085	(17,697)	166,839
Designated funds					
Ancient Jerusalem publication sales	2,989	-	-	330	3,319
Fundraising	-	-	-	10,500	10,500
Library acquisitions	-	-	-	4,350	4,350
Research funds	-	-	-	6,420	6,420
Strategic Initiatives	15,000	-	10,819	-	4,181
Total designated funds	17,989	-	10,819	21,600	28,770
General funds	78,536	746,837	680,586	(3,903)	140,884
	248,256	918,727	830,490	-	336,493

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 transferred to general funds for use on other CBRL activities.

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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.
- 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 British Academy Translation Workshop represents funds awarded to the British Institute in Amman to host a British Academy Translation Studies Workshop in September 2013.
- The Augustus Foundation Mamluk project represents funds awarded to the 'Fallahin and Nomads in the Southern Levant: Population Dynamics and Artistic Expression' project.
- 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 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 Fundraising fund represents funds which have been allocated to 2014/15 for fundraising activities. All funds are allocated for expenditure in 2014/15.
- Library acquisitions funds were represents expenditure allocated for library book purchases in 2014/15. All funds are allocated for expenditure in 2014/15.
- Research funds represents a CBRL fellowship awarded in 2013/14 which has been deferred to 2014/15.
- Strategic Initiatives fund represents funds which have been set aside to fund a new category of CBRL award for team-based research. Remaining funds are allocated for expenditure in 2014/15.

Surplus funds transferred from British Academy restricted funds to general funds are due to expenses incurred by the Council for British Research in the Levant on behalf of the restricted fund project. In the case of the visiting scholar programme this transfer of funds represents the management consultancy fee paid to the Kenyon Institute for organising this lecture programme.

10 Analysis of assets between funds

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,421	1,421	2,423
Cash at bank and in hand	167,817	197,849	365,666	234,747
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	(30,594)	(30,594)	11,086
	<u>167,817</u>	<u>168,676</u>	<u>336,493</u>	<u>248,256</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>2014</u> £	<u>2013</u> £
Within one year	2,853	3,144
Between two and five years	40,405	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 *None* (2013: £15,075)

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 triennial 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, and work is currently underway to update the actuarial assumptions and allow for any adjustments to the overall funding approach adopted by the trustee board in consultation with stakeholders.

During the year, the Council made contributions totaling £34,386 (2013: £36,712) to the fund. The contribution rate payable by the Council was 16% of pensionable salaries.