



**2013 Annual Report**  
**Professor Clive Gamble, FBA.**  
**President, Royal Anthropological Institute**

This is the last report that I write as President. Over the last three years it has been my great privilege to preside over the unique blend of collegiality and scholarship that serves to make the RAI a supremely successful institution. Though there are, of course, other anthropological foundations, that it should be independent of all government funding and at the same time continue to flourish and expand is a tribute to the many thousands of hours which are put into its Council and committees by the honorary officers and fellows.

The year 2013, which is covered in this report, was I think the most active year that we have had. We organized or facilitated some 70 events. Of these, I can only remark upon some highlights. We held an extra-ordinarily lively International Film Festival at Edinburgh, in conjunction with the STAR committee of anthropology departments in Scotland. This took place jointly in the University of Edinburgh and the National Museum of Scotland, which looked magnificent after its recent reconstruction. We are grateful to its Director, to the University of Edinburgh, and to the many kindnesses that we received in its preparation and fulfilment from dozens of colleagues.

A further highlight was the IUAES conference, which took place in Manchester. That this global forum for anthropology should come to the UK was a moment to treasure, and we were very pleased that our Huxley Lecturer for 2013: Professor Howard Morphy, was able to deliver his address as part of its activities. We should also congratulate the post-graduate students, who organized the RAI post-graduate conference at the University of Aberdeen, the largest such event yet. Indeed so stimulating were the papers given on that occasion that a repeat panel was organized at the recent ASA decennial at Edinburgh. The RAI under-graduate conference took place at the University of St Andrews, and was equally successful, with a full programme that brought together students from all over Britain. Again, it was organized with exemplary efficiency by the students themselves. The future of our discipline is surely in safe hands.

We were also able to rekindle our former close links with the Horniman Museum. There, in conjunction with our own Horniman Committee, we held a splendid day to mark the achievements of those whom we have been able to sponsor through the Horniman bequest, and we look forward to many such events in the future. That day was also the occasion of the Curl lecture, awarded every other year in order to mark a highly promising scholar at the outset of their career, delivered by Dr Liana Chua.

Our close and fruitful connection continues with the British Museum, where we were able to welcome Professor Morphy in December to give a further address, and to work closely and creatively with the Department of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. The BM Anthropology Library continues to serve our Fellows as well as the general public, a connection which is cemented by the great success of the 'Reviewer meets Reviewed' series, the audience for which continues to expand.

Turning closer to home, 2013 marked the first year that we have been able to reconstitute the regular research seminars, which used to be such a highlight of the RAI in its Bedford Square days. Audiences were consistently strong throughout the year, and some twenty six seminars were held in all. In terms of subject, they ranged from presentations of recent ethnographic research, to the history of anthropology, and featured additionally a mini-series of seminars in Linguistic Anthropology, held with the aim of exploring whether there was a need or demand for greater capacity in this area.

Judging from the audiences, the answer is emphatically 'yes', and we shall be exploring how best to achieve this in the coming years.

2013 also marked the reestablishment of previously extant committees, and I should particularly like to welcome the Anthropology and Art Committee, and the Ethnomusicology Committee. In earlier decades, both of these had made fundamental contributions to the discipline, and it is a source of great satisfaction that we can now welcome their revival. New initiatives likewise abound: this year has seen the establishment of a new Forensic Anthropology committee, and a decision made too to start a committee on 'Anthropology and the Environment'.

These events and programmes take place against a background of regular publishing activity for which the RAI is so well-known; the JRAI and AT continue to gather world-wide attention. The AIO database, and the Teaching Anthropology open-access journal likewise flourish.

Living as we are in a time of austerity, we are greatly fortunate that we have managed to keep the Fellowship subscriptions frozen. This, combined with the very varied and interesting package that we are able to offer our fellowship, means that we have seen a steady increase in the number of Fellows, and particularly the Student Fellows. This is gratifying and welcome. We are indeed open to all – wherever they may be in the world - who are curious, or would like to know more of anthropology. However, as our Treasurer writes, we have to be cautious even if optimistic at all times in building upon this success. It is likely that we will have to be nimble in order to cope with changes to the global financial and publishing environment

Finally, I should like to acknowledge the great devotion of the RAI's staff. Without their efforts, we would be able to put on none of the events or activities outlined above. On behalf of the Fellowship, I offer them my thanks.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The RAI held a steady financial position in 2013, maintaining an overall surplus at the end of the year. Our equities investments continued to show signs of recovering, and the fund balance at the end of the year remained buoyant. We are again grateful to the generosity of the anonymous donor, and have received grants from the British Academy, William Buller Fagg Trust, and from the Wenner-Gren toward our Photography Conference which is to take place in May 2014.

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

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

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

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

Library Donors during 2013 were; Hazel Andrews, Tony Chapman, Roy Ellen, Ruth Finnegan, Wim Hance, Christine Obbo, David Zeitlyn



**ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014  
followed by the 2014 Myers Lecture**

The 2014 AGM will take place on Friday 12 September at 3.00 pm in the BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, British Museum, London WC1. It will be followed by the 2014 Henry Myers Lecture.

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

**Programme**

3.00 pm: Tea

3.30 pm: AGM

5.00 pm (approximately)

2014 Henry Myers Lecture, to be given by Prof David Wengrow, on  
*Farewell to the "Childhood of Man": Ritual, Seasonality, and the Origins of Inequality*

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

**AGM AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 20 September 2013
2. Annual Report of the Council for 2013
3. Appointment of Auditors (Current auditors: H.W. Fisher and Company, Chartered Accountants)
4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2014-2015 (see overleaf for House List)
5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Curl Lecturer for 2015
6. Rivers Memorial Medal for 2014 [Professor Trevor Marchand]
7. Lucy Mair Medal for 2014 [Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond]
8. Marsh Award for 2014 [Dr Gillian Tett]
9. Any other business

## HOUSE LIST

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

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

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

**President:** Professor André Singer\*

**Elected Vice Presidents:** Professor Raymond Apthorpe  
Dr Lissant Bolton  
Dr Simon Underdown

**Hon Secretary:** Dr Eric Hirsch

**Hon Librarian:** Dr Michael Scott\*

**Hon Treasurer:** Dr Julie Scott

### Ordinary members of Council

Dr Simone Abram\*  
Dr Mary Adams  
Professor Tim Allen  
Dr Paul Basu\*  
Professor Sue Black  
Professor Pat Caplan\*  
Dr Sarah Elton  
Professor David Gellner  
Professor Victoria Goddard  
Dr Rachel Goberman-Hill  
Professor John Gowlett  
Dr Kate Hill  
Dr Fiona Jordan  
Professor Jeremy MacClancy  
Dr Melissa Parker  
Dr Raj Puri  
Dr Howard Reid  
Professor Brian Street  
Professor Christina Toren\*  
Professor Julian Thomas

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

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

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

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2013 Total £	2012 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income and grants received	58,364	-	95,172	153,536	120,654
Investment Income	24,962	122	3,018	28,102	29,856
Other Income	20,832	-	-	20,832	59,857
Resources from charitable activities:					
Fellowship and Membership	88,897	-	-	88,897	91,418
Publications	577,679	-	-	577,679	530,126
RAI Collection	95,886	-	-	95,886	54,819
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>866,620</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>98,190</b>	<b>964,932</b>	<b>886,730</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Policy and Profile	83,727		33,310	117,037	143,458
Fellowship and Membership	31,606	-	-	31,606	25,043
Publications	308,312	-	4,218	312,530	348,586
RAI Collection	124,442	-	36,350	160,792	84,138
Library	98,405	-	-	98,405	92,877
Education Programme	70,307	-	6,317	76,624	59,957
<b>Governance</b>	16,881	-	-	16,881	14,695
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>733,680</b>		<b>80,195</b>	<b>813,875</b>	<b>768,754</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	132,940	122	17,995	151,057	117,976
Gain on Investments	37,513	346	8,634	46,493	23,582
Transfers between funds	(336,476)	336,476	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>(166,023)</b>	<b>336,944</b>	<b>26,629</b>	<b>197,550</b>	141,558
<b>Balances at 1 January 2013</b>	<b>471,405</b>	<b>758,298</b>	<b>331,795</b>	<b>1,561,498</b>	1,419,640
<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>305,382</b>	<b>1,095,242</b>	<b>358,424</b>	<b>1,759,048</b>	1,561,198

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	676,951	679,809
Freehold Investment Property	343,462	-
Investments at Market Value	442,279	387,556
	<u>1,462,692</u>	<u>1,067,365</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	132,523	203,227
Cash at Bank and in Hand	387,448	656,323
	<u>519,971</u>	<u>859,550</u>
<b>Creditors-amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(223,615)</u>	<u>(365,417)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>296,356</u>	494,133
	<u>1,759,048</u>	<u>1,561,498</u>
<b>Income Funds</b>		
Restricted Funds	358,424	331,795
Unrestricted Funds		
Designated Funds	1,095,242	758,298
Other Charitable Funds	305,382	471,405
	<u>1,759,048</u>	<u>1,561,498</u>

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

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

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

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

These summary accounts presented on pages 5 to 6 are the responsibility of the trustees. It is our responsibility to report our opinion on their consistency with the full accounts, on which we reported on 15 July 2014. Our report on the full accounts of the Institute includes information on the responsibilities of the trustees and the auditors relating to the preparation and the audit of those accounts and on the basis of our unqualified opinion on those accounts.

### **Basis of opinion**

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion the summary accounts on pages 5 to 6 are consistent with the full accounts of the Royal Anthropological Institute for the year ended 31 December 2013.