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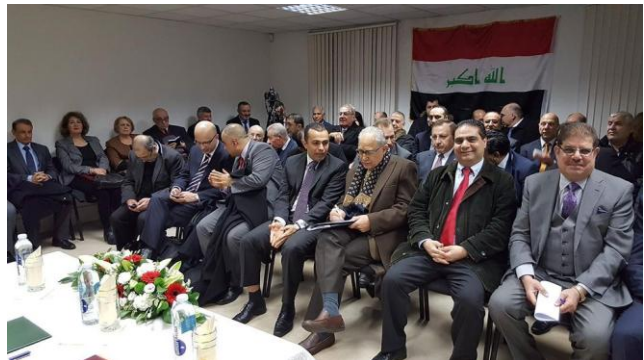
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OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Iraqi Minister of Higher Education's visit to London

* On 23 January 2017, Ihsan M Al-Hakim and Nadeem Al-Abdalla from the Anglo-Iraqi Studies Centre (AISC) team attended an event held at the Iraqi cultural consulate in London. The main speaker at this event was the Iraqi Minister of Higher Education, Dr Abdul Razzaq Al-Issa, who was visiting from Iraq. This event was attended by the Iraqi Cultural Advisor, Dr Hassan Al-Allaq, the Iraqi embassy advisor Nazar Al-Bayati, and Iraqi embassy staff.

The discussion focused on three areas: firstly, the challenges facing 90 universities and higher education institutes in Iraq, secondly, thousands of Iraqi students in higher education abroad in Europe and America, sponsored by the Iraqi government and their future in the face of Iraq's difficult financial situation, and thirdly, ways in which UK-based Iraqi academics could contribute to higher education in Iraq, whether by visiting the country or providing educational support whilst continuing to live and work in the UK.



Iraqi Dentist in London: Award of Excellence

* On 14 January 2017, Ihsan M Al-Hakim and Nadeem Al-Abdalla from the Anglo-Iraqi Studies Centre (AISC) team attended an event held in London.

This event was organised by the Muslim Youth Association (MYA) to recognise the achievement of an Iraqi dentist, Dr Bashar Al-Nahar, who has a clinic in London. He developed a new dental treatment process, to reduce the pain that some patients endure in their dental treatments.

The event was attended by the Iraqi Ambassador to the UK, Dr Saleh Al-Timimi, the Iraqi Cultural Attache, Health Attache, and other staff from the Iraqi embassy in London. Also attending the event were academics, doctors and Iraqi community activists.

It was great to recognise the achievements of Iraqi academics in the prime of their careers, and such recognition should encourage other academics to strive for excellence in their fields. The discussion was also about how to pass this experience and knowledge to medical practitioners in Iraq and the world.

Dr Al-Nahar is pictured on the right, with his award which was presented to him by a high profile dental institution based in London. The other photographs show London's Iraqi community, and Iraqi academics and medical experts, celebrating and recognising his achievements.



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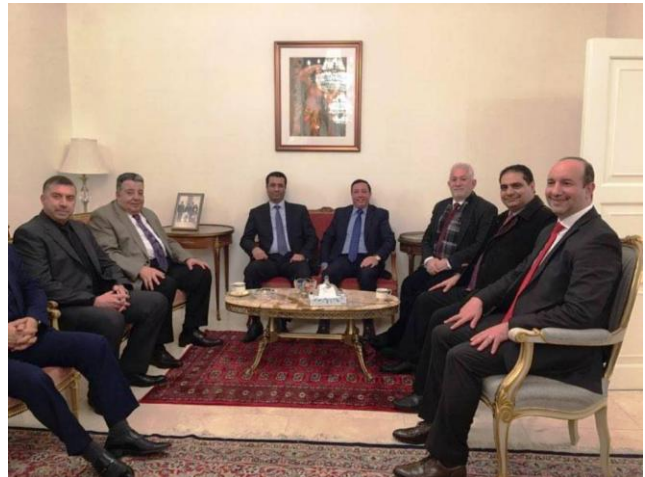
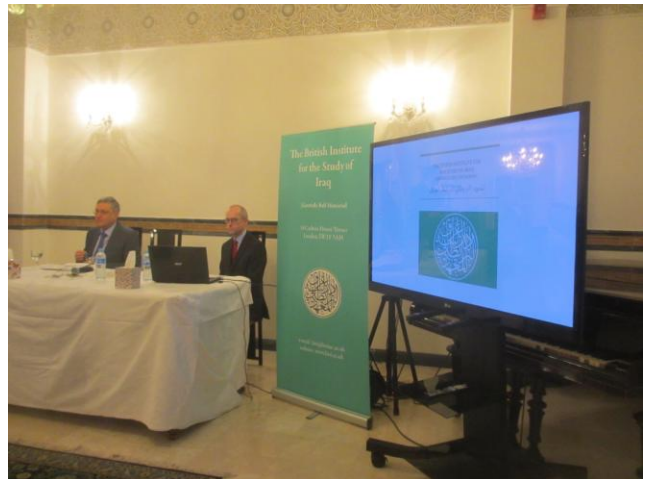
Basra Museum: An Anglo-Iraqi Effort

* On 16 January 2017, Ihsan M Al-Hakim and Nadeem Al-Abdalla from the Anglo-Iraqi Studies Centre (AISC) team attended an event held at the residence of the Iraqi ambassador to the UK in London, Dr Saleh Al-Timimi.

This event featured a presentation by the British Institute for the Study of Iraq (BISI), which was given by their President, Dr John Curtis, and their Chair, Dr Paul Collins. Their presentation focused on the efforts of Iraqis to re-open the Basra Museum in southern Iraq, in a new building which was previously part of Basra's presidential building complex (palaces) and the efforts of BISI to help re-open the museum in September 2016, with artefacts transferred from the Iraqi national museum in Baghdad. These artefacts occupy one of the museum's five halls, and their plan is to open the other halls in time.

The event was attended by many Iraqi and British academics and the representatives of many Iraqi community and cultural organisations.

The Basra Museum is a great example of positive Anglo-Iraqi relations in action, and as such AISC was happy to be part of this event.



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Iraqi Solidarity event, London

* On 28 January 2017, Ihsan M Al-Hakim, Nadeem Al-Abdalla and Ali Al-Mousawi from the Anglo-Iraqi Studies Centre (AISC) team attended an event for the UK's Iraqi community to show solidarity with the people of Iraq in their struggle against Daesh terrorism, and to show support for the Iraqi military and security forces in their fight to liberate Mosul from Daesh.

This event was held at the Al-Khoae Foundation's hall in London, and was attended by the Iraqi Ambassador to the UK, Dr Saleh Al-Timimi, and many Iraqi political, cultural and social activists in the UK. Speeches were given by the Ambassador, religious and political figures.



Iraqi Kurdish community event

* On 29 January 2017, Ihsan M Al-Hakim and Nadeem Al-Abdalla from the Anglo-Iraqi Studies Centre (AISC) team attended a Kurdish community event in London.

The event was held to remember the life of the Kurdish freedom fighter, Mama Risha, who passed away in 1985. It focused on a slice of Iraqi modern history and particularly the Kurdish struggles and their issues in modern Iraq.



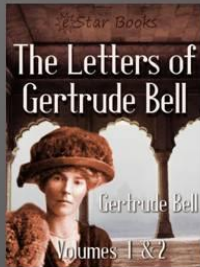
**Our next cultural event will be
on 29 March 2017**



**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF
CREATIVE FEMALE POETS:**

Organised by the Golden Poems Association:
Sousse, Tunisia (28-30 March 2017)

**CREATIVE WESTERN FEMALE WRITERS & THEIR
CONTRIBUTION TO ARAB CULTURE**

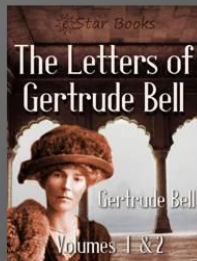


**A PRESENTATION BY NADEEM AL-ABDALLA, BA, MA, MCIL,
FROM THE ANGLO-IRAQI STUDIES CENTRE, LONDON, UK
www.angloiraqi.org**

**29 MARCH 2017 AT 11:00 AM:
TEJ MARHABA HOTEL, SOUSSE, TUNISIA**



**المهرجان الدولي للشاعرات المبدعات
جمعية القصيد الذهبي
سوسة، تونس (28-30 مارس 2017)
الكاتبات الغربيات المبدعات
واشتراكهن في الثقافة والاداب العربية**



**قراءة معرفية من تقديم الباحث نديم العبدالله
مدير مركز الدراسات الانكلوعراقية في لندن، المملكة المتحدة
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FROM OUR LIBRARY THIS MONTH

Georges-Marie Haardt takes the Silk Route through Iraq (published October 1931)

This comes from an article published in the National Geographic's October 1931 edition.

The article was written by Maynard Owen Williams (1888-1963) who accompanied a convoy led by Georges-Marie Haardt (1884-1932) on a journey through Iraq via the Silk Route. This journey took place in April 1931, and went through the countries of Syria, Iraq, Persia (Iran) and Afghanistan to reach Kashmir in India. .

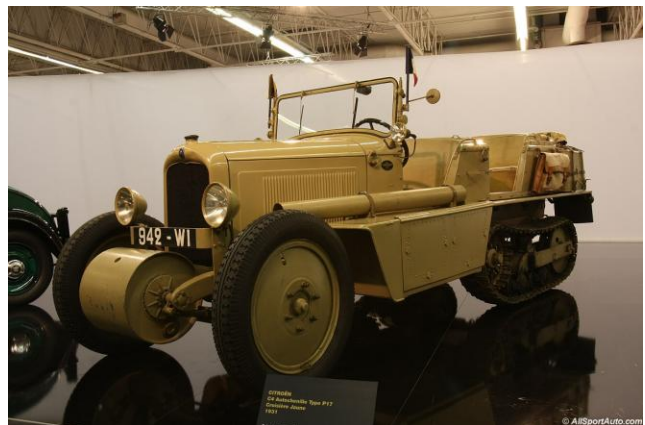
Georges-Marie Haardt was a Belgian/French explorer and also a close friend of Andre Citroen, founder of Citroen Motors. As such, Haardt was General Manager and later Vice-President of Citroen Motors, where he worked for 20 years.

It was no coincidence that Haardt's journey through Iraq via the Silk Route was made in a Citroen truck; in those days, motor vehicles became developed to the extent that Western explorers started to use them in their travels and adventures. Travel by road was the choice of intrepid travellers, who wanted to see all countries, although it took them several days or weeks. However, it required additional arrangements with the local authorities and people to ensure their safety whilst travelling.

Haardt took many photos of the countries he travelled through on his trip, although in this newsletter we have concentrated on the photos he took of Iraq. His route through Iraq covered Rutbah, Ramadi, Baghdad and Khanaqin before his convoy entered Persia (Iran).

Sadly, less than one year after completing this expedition to Kashmir which started in Beirut, Haardt died of flu and pneumonia on another expedition in Hong Kong, in March 1932 aged 47.

Below: Georges-Marie Haardt (right), adventurer and manager of Citroen Motors, in his Silk Route adventure which started in Beirut in a Citroen C4 Autochenille truck, 1931

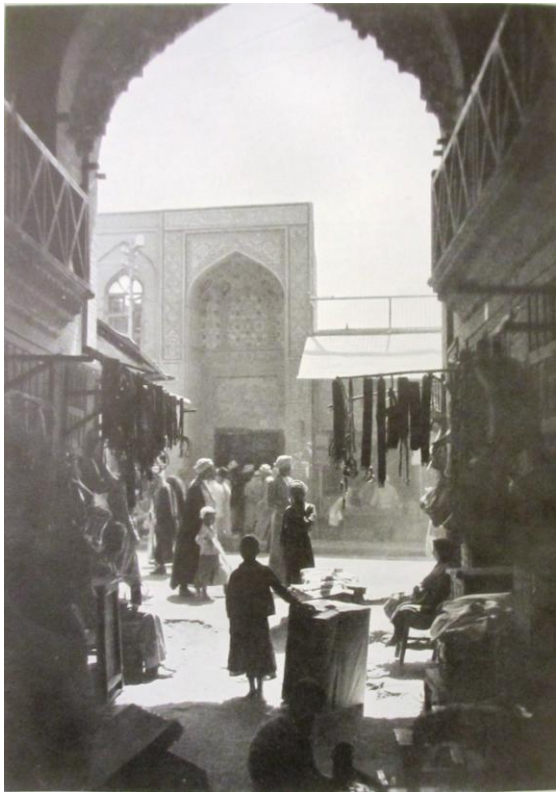




The expedition near the Euphrates, Ramadi



Haardt leads his convoy with his Citroen C4 truck



Goofahs in Baghdad, at the riverside



Baghdad food market

These photos were taken in Iraq by Maynard Owen Williams, who accompanied Georges-Marie Haardt on his Silk Route expedition via Beirut and Baghdad to Kashmir. They were published in the National Geographic Magazine in October 1931

FURTHER INFORMATION

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