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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. It is also a Company registered under the Companies Act 2006. 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 PKF. 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: Dr B Hiorns (Chair, to December 2011), Mr P Altern (Chair, from December 2011), Mr H Hogger, Dr A Garrard, Prof B Finlayson  
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Each sub-committee has its own terms of reference as set out in the CBRL Corporate Plan and their reports are standing agenda items for the Committee of Management. Ad-hoc appointments panels are set up to appoint new members of staff.

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

Following a review of the future of the Kenyon Institute, Dr Mandy Turner was appointed as its new Director from 19 January 2012 on a three year secondment from Bradford University. The Kenyon Institute scholar, Mr Omar Shweiki, continued to serve as Acting Director until her arrival, when he returned to his former role. Following events in Syria Dr Daniel Neep moved his residence to Amman, and in March 2011 was made CBRL's Director of Research Development to deepen CBRL's engagement with research in the contemporary Levant and to investigate the need and potential for CBRL to become engaged in research in the wider MENA region, with particular reference to Egypt. The application process for a British Institute in Damascus was suspended. Dr Carol Palmer has continued in post as the Director of the British Institute in Amman. All three of these field Directors continue under the line management of the CBRL Director, and all four of these staff continue to be research active.

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**Risks**

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

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

The CBRL works within a constantly changing context, in the organisation of UK research and major restructuring of University funding, in the political situation in the Levant, and with the global recession and fall in value of the pound. 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. In Spring 2011 the Academy notified us of a very good grant settlement, with a significant increase to our baseline and annual increases until 2014 (although it remains possible that this date will be brought forward). This means that despite the previous uncertainties over our Academy funding, we are now in a better position than we have been for some time in terms of both the scale of the grant and our ability to plan for the future. There are significant points to note within this overall situation - we have been requested to continue to make significant reductions to the costs of administration, in line with general government policy, we have been advised not to introduce a new small grants scheme, and we have been advised that we must continue to increase our efforts to seek alternative funding streams.

The political and security situation within the mainland Levant continues to provide the context for our activities. In the year 2011-12 the series of events described as the Arab Spring had a major impact on our activities within Syria, where we had to cease all operations and support of research conducted in the country. Activities throughout the rest of the region were able to continue uninterrupted and, because of the disruption in Syria at a higher level, continuing numbers of UK Arab language students have come to Jordan and there has been an increase in research activity in Jordan, widely seen as the most stable country in the region at this time. As a result, the advanced language programme planned to be established in Damascus has now been moved to Amman, although this process has meant that it is now approximately six months behind its original schedule.

**Objectives and Activities for the public benefit**

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

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

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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 has now completed its agreement with Routledge publishers to provide a high quality outlet for sponsored social science research, and the first manuscript is in preparation, with an estimated submission during summer of 2012.

The management structure outlined in the Annual report for 2009-2010 with three overseas centres operating independently of each other, and with overall management and coordination clearly based in the UK, has come into operation, with the return of CBRL's Regional Director to the UK. This structure has clearly had to be modified in light of the situation with Damascus however, at present the basic principles remain in place. We plan to review this following the completion of a report on our activity in the wider MENA region before the replacement of Dr Neep in 2013. The focus in the UK will continue to be on developing the CBRL as a vibrant membership based learned society, responsible for maintaining and enhancing our research and publications, and increasingly in seeking alternative funding sources to supplement the British Academy grant. We intend for the overseas operations to become increasingly self-funding in terms of their premises, local staff, and other facilities they supply. The research activities of the overseas operations will continue to be directed by the CBRL through its research committee, and all research active staff will continue to be appointed by the CBRL committee, while the practical aspects of the operations will become more devolved, with the local Directors supported by the CBRL Director and the London Administrative Secretary, together with local Standing Committees for each centre.

We continue to successfully support an increasingly broad range of research within the Academy's remit, and are assured by users of all the disciplines concerned that we are seen to have an increasingly relevant role. As we have previously noted, archaeological research continues to provide a safe and positive basis for many of our local relationships. We remain extremely grateful for the support we have received from all of the government agencies and departments responsible for archaeology and heritage in the countries we work in, and indeed from the active support of the archaeological research community, UK, Commonwealth and local, who use our facilities or who rely on our support. Developments in the region are all pushing towards the requirement for research to have institutional support and facilitation in the region before permits and permissions will be granted. CBRL Committees have for some time been broadly based, with approximately 50% of trustees being from disciplines largely interested in research on the Levantine past, and 50% on the present. During the course of the last few years it has become increasingly evident that those trustees working on the contemporary Levant have felt increasingly at home on the committees and more active in the management of the CBRL. This can be seen in the range of workshops, lectures and conferences which CBRL has organized or participated in. Recent events held in Amman and grant funding have reflected the interest in the situation arising from the so-called Arab Spring, especially with the launch of a CBRL / British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) network programme, where CBRL has funded the programme but has benefitted from using BRISMES own membership network to advertise the scheme widely.

These events are both good examples of the principles set out in our Research Strategy for 2010-12, making our research of direct relevance to interests outside the academic sphere. Our key objectives remain

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

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And our research themes are

- a) The spread of early humans through the Near East from Africa
- b) The origins, development and practice of economic and social strategies in the Middle East from earliest times to the modern day
- c) Long-term landscape, environment and climate change studies, from the past through to predictive models for future developments
- d) The interface between East and West
- e) The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East
- f) The diachronic and synchronic study of the use of language and the written record in Middle Eastern society

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

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

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

### **Grants Policy**

CBRL awards funds and other forms of research support following the procedures set out in the CBRL Research Support Manual and the strategy set out in the Strategic Plan for Research. The proportion of funds used to support fellowships has increased in line with British Academy recommendations and the ending of CBRL's former Amman Scholar's programme. CBRL modified its funding of Fellowships and with effect from Summer 2011 appoints applicants undertaking PhDs to Scholarships, early career post-doctoral applicants (within three years of completing a PhD) to Fellowships, and established researchers to Senior Fellowships. The first two forms of fellowship are for 6 or 12 month periods, and include an option to undertake Arabic training. The Senior Fellowships do not include Arabic training, but have provision for some support for replacement teaching.

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

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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 2011-12 the following projects, listed by key research theme, were awarded funds for research and travel, or were made CBRL affiliated projects.

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

	£	
Bennison-Chapman	4018	Clay objects & sealing in Neolithic of SW Asia (Junior Research Fellowship)
Bourke	8000	Publication of late 3rd & 2nd millennium Tell Nebi Mend, Syria (Project completion grant)
Bradbury	7500	Inhabiting 'spaces in between' – Homs Basalt, Syria (Pilot study)
Damick	800	EBA ground stone technology in Lebanon (Travel Grant)
Crewe	0	Kissonerga-Skalia Cyprus (Project Affiliation)*
Finlayson	1891	Beidha Publication Project, Jordan (Project completion grant)
Hayhurst	604	Yasar Tree – cultural use in Wadi Faynan, Jordan (Travel Grant)
Klein	2270	Constructing Jerusalem in 5th century AD (Junior Research Fellow)
Maher	2250	Integrating cultural & environmental data, Kharaneh, Jordan (Pilot Study)
Maher	3868	Typo-techno diversity in chipped stone from Kharaneh, Jordan (Senior Research Fellow)
Nikolaides	800	Microbotanical analyses of stone tools & sediments (Travel Grant)
Philip	5560	Publication of Chalcolithic-EBA Tell Nebi Mend, Syria (Project completion grant)
Prag	3500	Shu'aib/Hisban Project, Jordan (Project completion grant)
Spyrou	740	Animal procurement & processing in Epipalaeolithic of S Levant (Travel Grant)
Steel	500	Aredhiou-Vouppes – Late Bronze Age farm, Cyprus (Project completion grant)

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

	£	
Bradbury	7400	A Methodology for the Future? The role of GIS technologies within 21st century Near Eastern Archaeology (Pilot Study)
Flohr	800	Burial experiments to assess use of isotopic research (Travel Grant)
Gibson	500	Sataf Landscape Archaeology Project, Judean Hills (Project completion grant)
Rambeau	2792	Peat in the Desert, Dead Sea, Jordan (Senior Research Fellow)
Westaway	5500	Tectonic controls on landscape – Western Syria (Pilot study)



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***The interface between East and West***

	£	
Jagot	6935	The Influence of Arabic and Persian Science and Philosophy on the Works of Geoffrey Chaucer (Scholarship)
Mills	796	Chaplains to English Levant Company (Travel Grant)

***The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East***

	£	
Banko	800	Invention of Palestinian Citizenship, 1918-39 (Travel Grant)
Browne	800	Commemoration in Conflicted Cities Limits of Solidarity (Travel Grant)
Dauphin	0	Fallahin and Nomads in the Southern Levant (Project Affiliation)*
Dickinson	5510	Whose Arab Cinema? Revolutionary Change and Revolutionary Continuity Amidst the Current Arab Uprisings (Senior Fellowship)
Geaves	800	Role of Sufism in Middle East peacemaking (Travel Grant)
Hadad	4060	International approaches to conflict resolution, state-building and development in OPT (Junior Research Fellow)
Harker	5510	Urban life beyond neoliberalism in Amman (Senior Fellowship)
Hough	800	Transnational nature of Palestinian visual culture (Travel Grant)
Howson	280	Role of religious parties from 1st Intifada to 2009 elections (Travel Grant)
Launchbury	374	Remembering & forgetting Lebanese civil war (Travel Grant)
Leech	6935	Re-reading Fayyadism (Scholarship)
Marcus	800	Confessionalism and press in Levant 1920-30 (Travel Grant)
Nabulsi	0	Teaching Contemporary Palestinian Political History (Project Affiliation)*
Neep	4475	Mapping social science research in Syria (Staff Research Development)
Nouwen	5000	Role of Special tribunal for Lebanon in identity formation (Pilot study)
Pietrobelli	400	Institutionalising gender women's political participation Jordan (Travel Grant)
Plonski	800	Contentious politics of Palestinian-Arab citizens of Israel (Travel Grant)
Shweiki	1000	Traditions of Palestinian democracy beyond liberal pluralism? (Staff Research Development)
Staeheli	5500	What kind of citizenship for Lebanese youth (Pilot study)
Sudermann	800	Making 'Old Damascus' modern – gentrification (Travel Grant)
White	700	Finding Syrian state in French mandate period (Travel Grant)

The conferences, workshops and lectures held or promoted by the CBRL, which represent a significant element of CBRL's output are listed on pages 16-18 of this report

**In 2011-12 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 Preparatory work continued with Siyaha, the Department of Antiquities, and the Petra Archaeological Park to develop the Neolithic site of Beidha for tourism He organised the climate change workshop in Amman and co-organised the Neolithic workshop in the British Museum The following papers were published

2011 Finlayson, B , Kuijt, I , Mithen, S and Smith, S New Evidence from Southern Jordan rethinking the role of architecture in changing societies at the beginning of the Neolithic process, *Paléorient* 37 1, 123-135

2011 Finlayson, B , Mithen, S , Najjar, M , Smith, S , Maricevic, D , Pankhurst, N & Yeomans, L "Architecture, sedentism and social complexity Communal building in Pre-Pottery Neolithic A settlements New evidence from WF16" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* 108(20) 8183–8188

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2011 Finlayson, B , Mithen, S and Smith, S "Southern Levantine Epipalaeolithic - Neolithic Chronological succession" *Levant* 43 2, 127-138

2011 Mithen, S , Finlayson, B , Smith, S , Jenkins, E , Najjar, M and Maricevic, D "An 11,600 year-old pise structure indicative of communal activity from the Neolithic of southern Jordan" *Antiquity* 85 350-364

2011 Finlayson, B , Lovell, J , Smith, S & Mithen, S The archaeology of water management in the Jordan valley from the Epipalaeolithic to the Nabataean, 21,000 BP (19,000 BC) to AD 10, in S Mithen and E Black (eds) *Water, Life and Civilisation Climate, environment and society in the Jordan Valley*, Cambridge Cambridge University Press, 191-217

2011 Rambeau, C , Finlayson, B , Smith, S , Black, S Inglis, R & Robinson, S Palaeoenvironmental reconstruction at Beidha, southern Jordan (c 18,000-8,500 BP) Implications for human occupation during the Natufian and pre-Pottery Neolithic, in S Mithen and E Black (eds) *Water, Life and Civilisation Climate, environment and society in the Jordan Valley*, Cambridge Cambridge University Press, 245-268 (2011)

*Conference papers and invited presentations*

"New thoughts on early Neolithic social organization", invited presentation DAI, Berlin, May 2011

"How did they meet? The PPNA in southern Jordan" invited presentation at the University of Copenhagen, October 2011

"Introduction" and "Regional patterns the early Neolithic of the southern Levant" papers presented at the First herders meeting at the British Museum, December 2011

**Mandy Turner (Director of the Kenyon Institute, Jerusalem):** Joining the CBRL in late January 2012, Mandy's main focus has been to enhance the activities and outreach strategies of the Kenyon Institute in the UK and the region (as well as maintain her research profile) Towards this aim, two projects were initiated in this period The first is the Visiting UK Scholars in Palestine programme funded by the British Council (which brings UK-based scholars to the West Bank for a three-day speaking tour) and the second has been to develop links with Gaza predominantly through TIDA, a research organisation based there Mandy continues her work as assistant editor of the Routledge-published journal *International Peacekeeping*

**Publications**

2012 "The Forgotten People", *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 6(1)

2011 "The End of History and the Last Liberal Peacebuilder a Reply to Roland Paris" (with Michael Pugh and Neil Cooper) in *Review of International Studies*, 37(3)

2011 "Security, Co-optation and Resistance Peacebuilding-as-Fragmentation in Palestine", in Richmond, O P and A Mitchell (eds), *Hybrid Forms of Peace From the 'Everyday' to Post-Liberalism*, Basingstoke PalgraveMacmillan

2011 "Aid and the 'Partners for Peace' Paradigm in the Occupied Palestinian Territory", *Bulletin of the CBRL*, 6

2011 "Creating 'Partners for Peace' the Palestinian Authority and the International Statebuilding Agenda", *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 4(1)

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Papers and presentations

"The Statebuilding Programme of the Palestinian Government Achievements and Challenges", the United Nations Seminar for Assistance to the Palestinian People ('Mobilising International Efforts in Support of the Palestinian Government's Statebuilding Programme'), 28-29 April 2011, Helsinki, Finland

"Counter-insurgency vs Sumud Peacebuilding Policies and the Palestinian People" paper presented at Non-western Donors and Aid Recipients Exploring Hybridity Beyond the Liberal Peace, University of Manchester, June 22, 2011

"Aid and the 'partners for peace' paradigm in the occupied Palestinian territory", the British Society for Middle East Studies annual conference, 27-29 June 2011, University of Exeter, UK

"The Aid Agenda and the Palestinian People after September", Human Security New Challenges, New Perspectives conference, CPRS, 27-28 October 2011, Istanbul, Turkey

Paper commentator and discussant at the "International Aid A Necessary 'Evil' for Palestine?" conference at the Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute for International Studies, Birzeit University, 28 February 2012

**Carol Palmer (Director of the British Institute Amman)** shared in the organisation of and participated in the workshop, Agriculture and Food Production in the Shadow of the Arab Oil Economy, as well as the conference, Demographic Transition in the Middle East and North Africa Disciplines in Dialogue, both held in Amman in January 2012. At the agricultural workshop, with Drs Lucine Taminian and Waleed Gharaibeh, she presented preliminary results of their new project on the politics of development of agriculture in the southern Ghors, concentrating on the Safi area. Earlier, in July 2011, she participated in a conference on Cretan cuisine held in the village of Karanou (near Chania) focusing on the Mediterranean diet. Work continues on her long-term project editing a manuscript on farming in 1940s Palestine by the Polish exile, Lucjan Turkowski.

Publications

C Palmer (ed) (2011) Bulletin of the Council for British Research in the Levant, Vol 6 Maney Publishing on behalf of the CBRL

**Daniel Neep (Director of Research Development)** commenced fieldwork for a research project based in Syria but was obliged to relocate to neighbouring Jordan due to the deteriorating security situation. Since his move, he has conducted 30 interviews with Jordanian academics, NGO workers, and officials for a new project entitled 'Mapping the Social Sciences in Jordan'. He completed a book manuscript entitled 'Occupying Syria under the French Mandate Insurgency, Space and State Formation' to Cambridge University Press (to be published in September 2012) and submitted a journal article on concepts of 'authoritarianism' in political science to *Polity*, a leading US journal. He presented draft versions of this article and convened two panels on society and politics in Syria at the annual conferences of the British Middle East Studies Association (June 2011) and the US Middle East Studies Association (December 2011). Daniel lectured on authoritarianism at the IFPO-Amman (December 2011) and on the Syrian revolution to an international audience of 300 military officers at the Joint Staff Command and Staff College, Shrivenham (February 2012).

**Library**

During the course of 2011-12 the acquisition programme continued for the Kenyon Institute and the British Institute in Amman, as well as the purchase of a small number of books intended for Damascus. As the situation in Damascus deteriorated these books were held in Amman, and before the Damascus office was closed those books already in Damascus were brought to Amman with assistance from the Finnish Institute. Ongoing developments in CBRL's research programme combined with changes in digital

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publication and access mean that library policy is having to evolve, and CBRL plans to conduct a review of its library holdings and acquisition policy during 2012-13. The CBRL Library, with its stations in both institutes and combined catalogue, continues to be open to members of the public.

**Hostels**

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

Month	British Institute	Kenyon Institute
April 2011	241	220
May 2011	263	283
June 2011	294	233
July 2011	309	264
Aug 2011	215	264
September 2011	392	203
October 2011	386	210
November 2011	354	211
December 2011	260	137
January 2012	333	164
February 2012	336	175
March 2012	332	231

The Kenyon Institute hostel occupancy of 2595 over the year is almost exactly the same as the previous year (2609). The British Institute hostel occupancy of 3715 represents an increase of 55% from 2050 in the previous year, reflecting the number of conferences held, the use of the hostel during language courses, and the number of conferences hosted by the BIA.

**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 without funding from the CBRL using the research facilities at the British Institute and the Kenyon Institute.

- Abbie Taylor, Arab studies, Georgetown University, Urban Refugees
- Aengus O'Dochartaigh, Works for UNAIS
- Alan Farahani, Archaeologist, University of California/ Berkeley, Dhiban Project
- Alan Walmsley, Archaeologist, Copenhagen University, MIRI
- Alexander Henley, Politics, Manchester University, Qasid Institute/Arabic, CBRL grant holder
- Ali Dalal, UNRWA,
- Ali Zaherinezhad, Arabic and Islamic Studies (BA Hons), School of Oriental and African Studies/University of Jordan, Library
- Alison Damick, Archaeologist, BI, BI scholar
- Alissa Walter, Social sciences, Georgetown University, Urban Refugees
- Allan Doig, Religion, Oxford University, Chapter on the Holy Sepulchre for a book for Oxford University Press
- Amy Nelson, Archaeologist, University of Jordan Ma'an, Wadi Yutum Project
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**Dissemination of Research Results**

*In 2011-12 CBRL organized or sponsored the following meetings and events*

***Workshops and conferences***

*Agriculture and Food Production in the Shadow of the Arab Oil Economy*

The British Institute in Amman, 28-29 January 2012

An invited international workshop supported by the British Academy to bring together key researchers to debate the current crisis in agriculture and food production in the Middle East and North Africa Region. The workshop was organised by Professor Martha Mundy (LSE) with Elizabeth Saleh (LSE), and co-ordinated by the British Institute in Amman

*Demographic Transition in the Middle East and North Africa Disciplines in Dialogue*

Rum Auditorium, University of Jordan, 14-16 January 2012

An international conference co-organised by the British Institute in Amman, the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan, and the French Institute for the Near East and co-sponsored by the d'Alembert Fund of the French Foreign Ministry, the Council for British Research in the Levant, the Cultural Section of the French Embassy in Amman, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the University of Bern, and the University of Jordan

*Translation & Interpreting Studies Workshop*

The British Institute in Amman, 5-7 September 2011

An invited workshop representing a new British Academy initiative to support young university academics in the Middle East and North Africa Region. The workshop was led by Professor Mona Baker, University of Manchester, and was co-ordinated by the British Institute in Amman

*Water, Life and Civilisation Workshop*

The British Institute in Amman, 30 July 2011

A CBRL-sponsored workshop to disseminate and discuss the results of a Leverhulme-funded project based at the University of Reading on the impact of climate change on people and society over a long time perspective, from about 20,000 years ago to the present day

*Journalism in the time of Revolution How do journalists deal with the challenges of covering conflict and rapid political and social change? World Press Freedom Day*

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The Kenyon Institute 3 May 2011

Dr Ehab Bessaiso (Media Expert and Lecturer, Cardiff University), Nick Pelham (Correspondent, The Economist) Nasser Atta (Journalist, ABC), Khalil Assali (Chairman, Jerusalem Press Club), Sa'id Ghazali (Blogger, hankashtika.blogspot.com)

*Workshop on Palestinian Refugee Camps in Jordan and the Near East*

Living, Planning and Managing a Lasting Temporariness

The British Institute in Amman, 7 March 2011

Organised by Luigi Achilli and Lucas Oesch, with the support of the CBRL, Ifpo and the French Embassy (Service de Cooperation et d'Action Culturelle)

The British Institute Amman also acted as a venue/host for

*'Iraqi Protracted Displacement' Policy Workshop*, 22 March 2012

University of Oxford Refugee Studies Centre, Norwegian Refugee Council, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

*Settlement Dynamics in Marginal Areas in the Near East (300 BC – AD 700)*, 25-27 March 2012

Jointly organised by The University of Amsterdam, Leiden University, the Netherlands Institute in Amman, and the British Institute in Amman (CBRL) Held at the British Institute in Amman,

### **Lectures and Seminars**

28 March 2012 'Theorising Middle Eastern Cities', Chris Harker (University of Durham, CBRL Senior Visiting Research Fellow), The British Institute in Amman

27th March 2012 From Lot's Wife to St Stephen constructing the sacred topography of fifth century Jerusalem Dr Konstantin Klein (Bamburg University), The Kenyon Institute

22nd March 2012 Political legends of leaders Charles de Gaulle and the French Resistance Dr Sudhir Hazareesingh (Balliol College, Oxford University), The Kenyon Institute

14 March 2012 Palestinian Road (Block) Movies Internationalizing the Al-Aqsa Intifada through Film Dr Kay Dickinson (Goldsmiths, University of London, CBRL Senior Fellow), The British Institute in Amman

13 March 2012 'Umm al-Biyara in Petra Excavating the Iron Age settlement and Nabataean palace, 1960-2012', Prof Piotr Bienkowski, CBRL London, UCL Institute of Archaeology

7 March 2012 What's wrong with Fayyadism? Phil Leech (Exeter University, CBRL Fellow) [seminar], The British Institute in Amman

5 March 2012 Jawa's Hinterland? New Research on the Black Desert and the Late Chalcolithic/Early Bronze Age of the North-eastern Badia of Jordan Dr Bernd Müller-Neuhof (German Archaeological Institute, Berlin, CBRL Affiliated Project), The British Institute in Amman

1 March 2012 Beyond local ownership in the architecture of international peacebuilding, Professor Oliver P Richmond (University of St Andrews), The Kenyon Institute

26 February 2012 The Social Origins of Alliances A historical sociology of Jordanian foreign policy in the early Nasserist era Jamie Allinson (British Institute Amman) [seminar], The British Institute in Amman

12 January 2012 'Wanderings in the Wilderness Surveys in the Wadi Itm and along the Hejaz Railway of Southern Jordan' David Thorpe (Field Director, Great Arab Revolt Project), CBRL/PEF/SAS joint lecture, The British Museum, London

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- 14 December 2011 'Death and Taxes Early Urbanism at Tell Brak, Syria' Dr Augusta McMahon, CBRL London, UCL Institute of Archaeology
- 7 December 2011 Understanding Authoritarianism in the Middle East What Can Interpretive Political Science Contribute? Dr Daniel Neep (CBRL Research Director, Syria) In collaboration with Ifpo, Amman, The British Institute in Amman
- 28 November 2011 'Syrian Cinema, Out of Time?' Dr Kay Dickinson (Goldsmiths College, University of London) Joint Lecture with London Middle East Institute, SOAS, London
- 28 November 2011 Twixt Sand and Sown the Population Dynamics of Southern Jordan between Byzantium and the Mamluks- a New GIS Project Dr Claudine Dauphin and Dr Mohamed Ben Jeddou (CBRL Affiliated Project), The British Institute in Amman
- 22 November 2011 The Middle East in Europe Today, Dr Lory Dance (Lund University), The Kenyon Institute
- 14 November 2011 Depictions of Islam in European Biblical Art Professor Martin O'Kane (University of Wales, Trinity Saint David) The British Institute in Amman
- 1 November 2011 The Economic Value of Archaeology Concepts and Case Study of Feynan, Jordan Paul Burtenshaw (Institute of Archaeology, UCL), The British Institute in Amman
- 20 October 2011 'The first farmers 10,000 years ago in Jordan' Prof Bill Fibleyson (CBRL Director), Joint Lecture with Anglo Jordanian Society, The Hampshire School, Chelsea, London
- 26 September 2011 Middle Eastern Conspiracy Theories What lies beneath? Dr Matthew Gray (Australian National University), The British Institute in Amman
- 19 September 2011 Corruption in the Palestinian Authority Neopatrimonialism, the Peace Process and the Absence of State-hood Luciane Fangalua (University of Durham) [seminar], The British Institute in Amman
- 9 September 2011 The Question of Palestinian Representation in Historical Context and the State Recognition Initiative, Dr Abdel Razzaq Takriti (Oxford University), The Kenyon Institute
- 22 June 2011 Kharaneh IV Environment and Aggregation at a 20,000-Year-Old Hunter-Gatherer Site in Eastern Jordan Dr Lisa Maher (University of Cambridge) and Dr Tobias Richter (Copenhagen), The British Institute in Amman
- 13 June 2011 "Youthquake" Questions Concerning the Genesis and Implications of Demographic Transition in the Middle East and North Africa Prof Edouard Conte (CNRS and Ifpo, Amman, and the University of Bern) In collaboration with Ifpo, Amman, The British Institute in Amman
- 24 May 2011 Democracy from below Lessons from the revolutions, Dr Samir Awad (Professor of International Studies, Birzeit University) and Omar Shweiki (CBRL), The Kenyon Institute
- 27 April 2011 Guns, Butter and Human Rights - The Congressional Politics of U S Aid to Egypt Dr Lars Berger (Salford University/Greater Manchester) [seminar], The British Institute in Amman
- 20 April 2011 Social change in the Middle East Reading the Arab Revolutions, Dr Magid Shihade (Birzeit University), The Kenyon Institute
- 11 April 2011 Book Launch Hidden Histories Palestine and the Eastern Mediterranean, Professor Basem L Ra'ad (al-Quds University), The Kenyon Institute

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4 April 2011 Gender Mainstreaming and Women's Political Participation in Jordan Marta Pietrobelli (SOAS & CBRL Visiting Fellow) [seminar], The British Institute in Amman

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Dr Lucy Wadeson (University of Oxford, CBRL Senior Visiting Fellow), The British Institute in Amman

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## Plans for Future Periods

Developments will include

*Funding, project affiliation and fellowships have so far been awarded for 2012-13 as follows*

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

	£	
Mostafa	10000	Women, Culture, and the 25th January 2011 Egyptian Revolution (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Jawad	10000	Exploring New Avenues for Social Policy and Social Welfare Action in the Arab Countries Lebanon, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Syria (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Dickinson	5685	An Active Archive for the Videos of the Arab Revolutions (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Shweiki	800	A study of the concept of the 'national front' in Palestinian political thought and practice, 1959-1967 (Travel Grant)
Pringle	730	The Walls of Medieval Ascalon (Travel Grant)
Othman	800	Aiding Gaza? How foreign aid has influenced a society under blockade (Travel Grant)
Nicolaides	800	Microbotanical Analysis of Stone Tools and Sediment Samples Reconstructing Early Epipaleolithic People-Plant Interactions in the Eastern Levant (Travel Grant)
Kennan	500	Cypriot Ceramics from the Byzantine Dark Age A Rural Perspective of Continuity and Prosperity Throughout Late Antiquity (Travel Grant)
Harkin	800	Real Social Networks and the Syrian Revolt (Travel Grant)
De Giosa	800	Mamluk decorative revival (1468-96) (Travel Grant)
Abou el-Fadl	800	Egyptian support for the Palestinian cause in the 1960s and 1970s (Travel Grant)
Mahadeen	5820	Taking Off The Veil Contextualising the Decision to Unveil in Jordan (Visiting Scholarship)
Morrison	5820	Configuring Social Forces in Palestine and Beyond The Global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (Visiting Scholarship)
Raz	12255	The Right of No Return Israel and the New Palestinian Refugees of the June 1967 War (Visiting Fellowship)
Kawamura	6935	Social Welfare Programmes under Authoritarian Rule Comparative Analysis of the Jordanian and Egyptian Food Subsidy Programmes (Visiting Scholarship)
Freeman	8120	A Revolution of Consciousness The Social Justice Protests in Israel (Senior Visiting Fellowship)
Brown	12255	Levantine waterways and the forestry industry (c 1500-500 BC) (Visiting Fellowship)
Miyagi	4000	Soft power in the Levant the Japanese model (Pilot Study)
Neep	2581	How Social Science Shapes the Arab State Comparing Knowledge, Networks, and Institutions in Egypt and Jordan (Pilot Study)
Palmer	5000	The Politics of Development in Ghawr al-Safi (Staff Development)

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

	£	
Hayhurst	796	The Yasar Tree further ethnobotanical and ecological explorations (Travel Grant)

### **The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East**

	£	
Marfleet	9390	Emancipatory politics in the Arab world in the age of revolutions Connections across and beyond the region (CBRL/BRISMES network)
Stoyanov	782	Analysis of the Historical and Theological Provenance of the Religious Manuscripts in the Bivin/Qósababayean Family Archives, Jerusalem (Travel Grant)
Marcus	800	Community and Constitutionalism la particularité libanaise, 1943-1953 (Travel Grant)

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Hanna	800	Citizenship education in Northern Ireland and Israel within the framework of the right to education (Travel Grant)
Fontana	730	Sharing power, Transcending culture? Education and Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies (Travel Grant)
Browne	800	Negotiating the construction of commemoration in conflict The Limits of Solidarity (Travel Grant)
Toukan	5820	Grasping the World the Way It Is"? Encountering the Global in Contemporary Arab Art and the Politics of Cultural Critique (Visiting Fellowship)
Furas	5820	In a need of a new story- Writing, Teaching and Learning history in Mandatory Palestine (Visiting Scholarship)
Turner	4990	Reimagining Palestine analysing identity (re)formation and political fragmentation in the post-Oslo period (Staff Development)

CBRL will be organizing, or co-organizing the following events in 2012-13

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

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

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



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**Financial Review**

There has been an increase in funds carried forward in 2012 compared to those in 2011. A significant proportion of these funds relate to the situation in Syria, which has not only affected our plans to establish a centre, but has led to the relocation and delays within a number of projects, including the Advanced Language Training programme and the British Academy Incentivisation grant for mapping the social sciences. Additional funds provided by the Academy to support the first two years of a more senior Director at the Kenyon Institute have also been paid in advance as part of the Restructuring Award. In total, the increase in Restricted Funds arising largely out of these three programmes amounts to £43,720.

The funds carried forward as free reserves have again increased significantly, this year by £15,447.

Exchange rates have been more stable, but with the pound remaining weaker against all the main currencies we operate in, and local inflation has carried on being a significant factor. As in 2011, we are required to make significant savings to our administrative costs. Most additional funds coming from the British Academy are now directly tied to bids related to specific research activities. All of these considerations mean that funding will continue to be a key issue for the charity, and, in line with the Academy's requirements, we will have to devote significant time and effort to fund raising from alternative sources.

*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:

	2012 £	2011 £
Total funds per Balance Sheet	229,480	158,019
Deduct		
Restricted Funds (Note 9)	(128,296)	(84,576)
Designated Funds (Note 9)	(25,283)	(12,569)
Fixed Assets held for charity use (Note 6)	(4,272)	(4,692)
 Free Reserves at 31 March 2012	 71,629	 56,182

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

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

The Trustees believe that the Charity requires free reserves that are at least equivalent to four months normal expenditure calculated on the basis of core running costs per month and six months rental costs. On the basis of expenditure that is planned for 2012-13, this policy would require free reserves of £101,244 at the balance sheet date. In our last report we noted that at the end of March 2011 our free reserves were no longer adequate to meet this target, and we further noted it would take some years to restore our position with further reductions likely before matters improved. The Trustees stated that they wish to maintain the existing policy of four months normal expenditure calculated on the basis of core running costs per month and six months rental costs as a long-term objective. Budget predictions for the next few years indicate that it will be unlikely to be able to attain our target for several years.

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The designated funds of £12,569 at the end of 2010-11 have risen to £25,283 which is due to funds being carried forward from 2011-12 to 2012-13 as a result of the situation in Syria. 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.

### AUDITORS

PKF 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 20/9/12



Trustee Mr Henry Hogger (Chairman)

Date 20/9/12

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL FOR BRITISH RESEARCH IN THE LEVANT**

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.

## **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 2012 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes as set out on pages 31 to 42. 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. We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **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 2012 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 matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

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- the financial statements do not accord with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Karen Thompson (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of PKF (UK) LLP, Statutory auditor

PKF (UK) LLP

London  
25 September 2012

PKF (UK) LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2012  
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary					
Core Grant-in-Aid (British Academy)		334,214	79,507	413,271	440,505
Membership subscriptions		13,529	-	13,529	11,793
Gifts in kind	1	-	12,000	12,000	-
Donations		127	1,374	1,501	1,138
Investment					
Bank interest		59	166	225	171
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>					
Research Grant-in-Aid (British Academy)		214,902	17,000	231,902	127,011
Research facilities		119,774	-	119,774	85,980
Grants for specific purposes		-	19,943	19,943	39,677
Levant income		7,714	-	7,714	6,950
Sale of publications		3,380	-	3,380	3,454
Events income		1,660	-	1,660	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>695,359</b>	<b>129,990</b>	<b>825,349</b>	<b>716,679</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>					
Grant-in-Aid	3	6,620	-	6,620	6,421
Membership administration		7,280	-	7,280	7,266
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Research	4	440,950	24,963	465,913	469,556
Publications		41,497	-	41,497	38,753
Library		89,304	11,262	100,566	102,305
Events and Conferences		31,126	39,285	70,411	43,856
<i>Governance costs</i>	3	59,998	1,603	61,601	67,593
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>676,775</b>	<b>77,113</b>	<b>753,888</b>	<b>735,750</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year / Net expenditure for the year</b>		<b>18,584</b>	<b>52,877</b>	<b>71,461</b>	<b>(19,071)</b>
<b>Transfer of funds</b>	9	<b>9,157</b>	<b>(9,157)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Total funds brought forward 1 April 2011		73,443	84,576	158,019	177,090
<b>Total funds carried forward 31 March 2012</b>		<b>101,184</b>	<b>128,296</b>	<b>229,480</b>	<b>158,019</b>

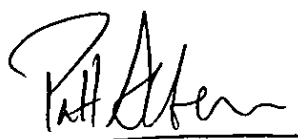
There are no recognised gains and losses other than those in the statement of financial activities. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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**Balance sheet**  
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	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2012</u> £	<u>2011</u> £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	4,272	4,692
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock of publications		23,725	25,019
Debtors	7	31,651	70,332
Cash at bank and in hand		239,848	100,449
		<b>295,224</b>	195,800
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	8	(70,016)	(42,473)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>225,208</b>	153,327
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>229,480</b>	158,019
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds	9	128,296	84,576
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds		25,283	12,569
General funds		75,901	60,874
		<b>229,480</b>	158,019

Approved and authorised for issue by the Council on



Trustee Mr Paddy Altern (Honorary Treasurer)

Date 20/9/12



Trustee Mr Henry Hogger (Chairman)

Date 20/9/12

# COUNCIL FOR BRITISH RESEARCH IN THE LEVANT

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2012

### 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 is recognised in the year to which it relates regardless of when received.

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.

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 )



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## 1 Accounting policies (continued)

### (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 making a general provision of £4,000 against slow moving stock

### (i) Foreign currencies

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

### (j) Taxation

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

### (k) Operating leases

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

### (l) Fund accounting

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

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

### (m) Pensions

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

### (n) Heritage Assets

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

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### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

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 We have recently employed Mrs Ghazwa Malhas who is a professional librarian and is currently completing a major overhaul of our catalogue commenced by our previous librarian, Mr John Hayhurst This has involved a process of removing duplicate catalogue entries and other anomalies in the system The current number of entries in the joint catalogue is 18,757, which includes all books, journal series titles, off-prints and rare books The revised totals of books and journal volumes will be available later in the year 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 £14,502 spent in 2011/12), exchanges with CBRL publications (at cost, estimated at £800 in 2011/12), and donations Purchases and exchanges are managed through the Amman library Both branches of the library are curated by part-time librarians, supported by other CBRL staff, with a budget for book repair and binding (£2,136 spent in 2011/12) 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

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

# COUNCIL FOR BRITISH RESEARCH IN THE LEVANT

## Notes to the financial statements

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### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

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

2007/08 £22,092 acquisitions, £2,835 equipment and maintenance, £650 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>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	£	£
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfer is stated after charging.</b>		
Payments under leases overseas	54,678	54,320
Depreciation	1,849	3,627
Audit fees	10,000	9,700

### 3 Resources expended

#### a) Analysis of total resources expended

	<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>Total 2011</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	13,900	-	-	13,900	13,687
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Research	81,821	126,328	257,764	465,913	469,556
Publications	30,029	-	11,468	41,497	38,753
Library	36,308	-	64,258	100,566	102,305
Events and conferences	50,866	4,703	14,842	70,411	43,856
<b>Governance</b>	61,601	-	-	61,601	67,593
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>274,525</b>	<b>131,031</b>	<b>348,332</b>	<b>753,888</b>	<b>735,750</b>

The audit fee for the year is £10,000 excluding VAT (2011 £9,700)

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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 2012</u> £	<u>Total 2011</u> £
Management and finance	63,794	6,620	18,130	9,900	98,444	103,084
Communications and IT	28,873	4,848	6,697	4,942	45,360	43,069
Premises	138,533	-	39,431	-	177,964	147,439
Equipment	24,715	-	-	-	24,715	25,871
Depreciation	1,849	-	-	-	1,849	3,626
	<b>257,764</b>	<b>11,468</b>	<b>64,258</b>	<b>14,842</b>	<b>348,332</b>	<b>323,089</b>

### c) Analysis of governance costs

	<u>Total 2012</u> £	<u>Total 2011</u> £
Legal and professional fees	25,735	32,340
Costs of Committee and Trustee travel	3,691	3,470
Apportionment of staff costs	32,175	31,783
<b>Total governance costs</b>	<b>61,601</b>	<b>67,593</b>

## 4 Research funds

Analysis of research grant-in-aid awarded 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 2012</u> £
Theme 1	-	-	-	-	-	23	23
Theme 2	5,475	10,500	26,255	6,554	-	14,731	63,515
Theme 3	23,651	9,750	10,156	2,944	-	35,912	82,413
Theme 4	-	-	648	-	-	23	671
Theme 5	500	-	16,770	800	-	23	18,093
Theme 6	-	-	-	-	-	23	23
Theme 7	-	-	-	-	-	23	23
Theme 8	-	-	11,921	796	8,989	23	21,729
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,626</b>	<b>20,250</b>	<b>65,750</b>	<b>11,094</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>50,781</b>	<b>186,490</b>
Write back of under spend on grants							£392
<b>Total research grant-in-aid allocated</b>							<b>£186,098</b>

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### 4 Research funds (continued)

Themes description

- Theme 1 - The diachronic and synchronic study of the use of language, music and the written record in Middle Eastern society
- Theme 2 - The investigation of multiple identities in the Middle East
- Theme 3 - The origins, development and practice of economic and social strategies in the Middle East from earliest times to the modern day
- Theme 4 - The development and workings of complex societies and their products
- Theme 5 - Long-term landscape and settlement studies the relationship between people, past and present, and their built and natural environment
- Theme 6 - Synthetic studies of key historical periods
- Theme 7 - The spread of early humans through the Near East from Africa
- Theme 8 - The interface between East and West

During the year 42 (2011 26) individuals received grants to a total value of £126,720 (2011 £64,608) In March 2012 30 grants for the year 2012/2013 were awarded to 30 individuals to a total value of £124,569 Details of grants awarded to individuals for 2011/12 and 2012/13 are presented in the annual report pages 7-8 and 22-23

### 5 Trustee and employee information

#### a) Trustee information

No remuneration was paid to the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2012 (2011 £Nil) Expenses of £2,803 for travel were paid to 10 trustees for the year ended 31 March 2012 (2011 £2,871 paid to 11 trustees)

#### b) Employee information

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	£	£
Employee costs during the year		
Salaries	230,574	225,317
Payments in lieu of pension	-	8,886
Social security	15,412	7,973
Employment tax	3,600	3,592
Pension	28,273	19,569
Staff cover	1,062	220
Training	-	464
Recruitment	1,253	1,021
Other staff costs	9,975	12,965
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	<b>290,149</b>	<b>280,007</b>
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year (2011 none)

The average number of persons employed full-time during the year was 10 (2011 10)

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### 6 Fixed assets

	<u>Computer, office and other equipment</u> £	<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Furniture, fixtures and fittings</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 April 2011	66,930	54,282	21,718	142,930
Additions	1,429	-	-	1,429
Disposals	-	(5,853)	-	(5,853)
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As at 31 March 2012	68,359	48,429	21,718	138,506
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 April 2011	66,930	49,590	21,718	138,238
Charge for the year	285	1,564	-	1,849
Disposals	-	(5,853)	-	(5,853)
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As at 31 March 2012	67,215	45,301	21,718	134,234
<b>Net book value</b>				
As at 31 March 2012	1,144	3,128	-	4,272
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As at 31 March 2011	-	4,692	-	4,692
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### 7 Debtors

	<u>2012</u> £	<u>2011</u> £
Other debtors	13,136	10,785
Prepayments	18,515	59,547
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	31,651	70,332
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### 8 Creditors

	<u>2012</u> £	<u>2011</u> £
Accruals and deferred income	70,016	42,473
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### 9 Fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2011 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer of funds £	Balance 31 March 2012 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Jerusalem Excavation Publications	18,339	54	-	-	18,393
British Women in the Levant Exhibition	978	-	-	-	978
Ancient Jerusalem Project	38,400	112	-	-	38,512
Wadi Faynan Project AHRC Grant	42	-	42	-	-
British Academy Restructuring Award	4,175	27,007	10,546	-	20,636
British Academy Translation Studies Workshop	15,915	2,500	12,390	(6,025)	-
British Academy Incentivisation Grant	-	17,000	3,979	-	13,021
British Academy Advanced Language Training	-	30,000	6,998	-	23,002
British Academy Agriculture workshop	-	20,000	16,868	(3,132)	-
Kenyon Institute Library Fund	-	100	100	-	-
British Institute Amman Library Donation	-	524	524	-	-
Kenyon Institute Librarian Grant	574	10,064	10,638	-	-
Kenyon Institute Hedge Fund	789	-	-	-	789
Kenyon Institute activities donation	-	750	219	-	531
RSCN trail guides	4,142	7,047	-	-	11,189
British Council Visiting Scholar Programme	-	2,832	2,421	-	411
Qasid Institute tuition	-	12,000	12,000	-	-
Crystal Bennett Memorial Fund	1,222	-	388	-	834
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>84,576</b>	<b>129,990</b>	<b>77,113</b>	<b>(9,157)</b>	<b>128,296</b>
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Ancient Jerusalem publication sales	2,569	-	-	177	2,746
Climate Workshop	10,000	-	3,050	(6,950)	-
Syrian academics fund	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Qasid Institute proceeds	-	-	-	2,032	2,032
Library acquisitions	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Research funds	-	-	-	7,505	7,505
Strategic Initiatives	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
<b>General funds</b>	<b>60,874</b>	<b>695,359</b>	<b>669,725</b>	<b>(6,607)</b>	<b>75,901</b>
	<b>158,019</b>	<b>825,349</b>	<b>749,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>229,480</b>

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

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

# COUNCIL FOR BRITISH RESEARCH IN THE LEVANT

## Notes to the financial statements

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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.
- Wadi Faynan Project represents funds awarded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) to Reading University for the Wadi Faynan Project. The Director of the CBRL is a Principal Investigator on the project with Prof Steve Mithen and the CBRL acts as a facilitator for the project's activities in Jordan. The AHRC award came to an end in 2011.
- 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. Additional 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 Translation Workshop represents funds awarded to the British Institute in Amman to host a British Academy Translation Studies Workshop.
- 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 Agriculture Workshop represents funds awarded to the British Institute in Amman to host a British Academy workshop on 'Agriculture in the shadow of the Arab oil economy: scales of food production' held in January 2012.
- 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 Amman Library donation represents funds provided to the British Institute in Amman by Prof Christopher Knusel, University of Exeter, for library organization.
- The Kenyon Institute Librarian Grant represents funds provided by the Altajir Trust and the Barakat Trust to employ a local librarian for the Jerusalem library.
- The Kenyon Institute Hedge Fund represents funds donated by individuals to carry out essential security improvements to the perimeter around the Kenyon Institute in Jerusalem.
- The Kenyon Institute activities donation represents funds donated by Ceren Coşkun and James Lord to the Kenyon Institute to carry out activities and events at the Kenyon Institute.
- The RSCN funds represent funds provided by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) in Jordan to the British Institute in Amman to provide leaflets and guide training in the Wadi Faynan.



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### 9 Fund movements (continued)

- 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
- 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 Climate workshop planned for 2010/11 was postponed until 2011/12
- The Syrian Academics fund has been set up to fund visits by Syrian academics to the UK in a planned joint programme with the British Council
- The Qasid Institute proceeds fund represents 5% of total tuition proceeds from the university groups that participate in the joint British Institute in Amman and Qasid Institute language program. These funds are designated for use by the British Institute in Amman
- Library acquisitions represents funds set aside for expenditure on library book purchases
- Research funds represents research grant funds returned in 2011/12 which have been designated for use on research projects
- Strategic Initiatives fund represents funds set aside for use in CBRL's Strategic Initiative projects

### 10 Analysis of assets between funds

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows

	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>2012</u> £	<u>2011</u> £
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,272	4,272	4,692
Cash at bank and in hand	128,296	111,552	239,848	100,449
Other net current liabilities	-	(14,640)	(14,640)	52,878
	<u>128,296</u>	<u>101,184</u>	<u>229,480</u>	<u>158,019</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>2012</u> £	<u>2011</u> £
Within one year	46,752	12,773
Between two and five years	-	43,267

### 12 Related party transactions

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

#### Trustees

Dr Kay Dickinson	£5,232	Whose Arab Cinema? Revolutionary change and revolutionary continuity amidst the current Arab uprisings ( <i>University of London, Goldsmith's</i> )
Prof Graham Philip	£5,560	Publication of Chalcolithic-EBA Tell Nebi Mend, Syria ( <i>Durham University</i> )

#### Employees

Prof William Finlayson	£1,891	Publication of Beidha Project, Jordan
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### 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 trustee-administered fund. The Council 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.

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

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### 13 Pension commitments (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the year, the Council made contributions totaling £26,442 (2011: £13,308) to the fund. The contribution rate payable by the Council was 16% of pensionable salaries. The Council no longer contributes to a Personal Investment Fund for the Director since he is now a member of the USS pension scheme.