ABS RELIGIOUS STUDIES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP, BI-ANNUAL SEMINAR NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, December 10-12, 2004

Programme

Friday, December 10th

Session I
7:30 pm Introduction
8:00 pm Necati Alkan, "Midhat Pasha and 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 'Akká: The Historical Background of the 'Tablet of the Land of Bā'
9:00 pm Nika Saeedi, The Spread and Influence of the Bahá'í Faith in Ardistan

Saturday, December 11th

Session II
9:30-10:30 Oliver Scharbrodt, "Between Activism and Quietism: The political culture of the Bahá'í community during the Constituationalist Revolution of 1906"
10:30-11:00 BREAK
11:00-12:00 Erfan Sabeti, "Postmodernism: Some Bahá'í Observations
12:00-1:00 Moojan Momen, "The Bahá'í Schools of Iran"
1:00-3:00 LUNCH

Session III
3:00-4:00 Stephen Lamden, "The Commentary of Sayyid Kázim Rashí upon the Graphical Form of the Mightiest Name of God"
4:00-5:00 Seena Fazel, "Problems and Opportunies for Bahá'í Studies"
5:00-5:30 Break
5:30-6:30 Roger Prentice, The Still Quiet Centre and Its Disturbances: some immanent and transcendential elements in Bahá'í theology relevant to a model of Bahá'í-inspired education
7:00 DINNER

Sunday, December 12th

Session IV
9:30-10:30 Moojan Momen, "The Bahá'í Community of Káschán"
10:30-11:00 Betsy Omidvaran, "Some Aspects of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Contacts with Egypt"
11:00-11:30 Break
11:30-12:30 Stephen Lambden, "Bahá'-Alláh the Tetragrammaton: Some Aspects of Judaism and the Bahá'í Faith"

Session V
12:30-2:30 LUNCH
2:30-4:00 Academic Bahá'í Studies (review of present state in various countries, the Internet Bahá'í Studies community, conference reports, interchange of information)