

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE AT AMMAN FOR ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

The British Institute at Amman is the first independent overseas Archaeological Institute to be launched by Great Britain for a number of years. It has been established by the British Academy with the support of both the British and Jordanian Governments, and became a fully independent Institute with its own governing body in April 1980. The Crown Prince of Jordan has agreed to be its Patron, and it enjoys a close relationship with the Jordanian Department of Antiquities. Jordan is a country with a great archaeological heritage to which it attaches a high priority. The Institute has an important programme in Jordan, and a significant specialised library. Its Director is Mrs Crystal -M. Bennett, OBE, FSA, whose early archaeological training in this area was under the late Dame Kathleen Kenyon.

The basic needs of the Institute will be met by the British Academy; but its independent development depends on a body of subscribers paying membership and on funds over which it has independent control.

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Levant, hitherto published by the British School at Jerusalem, is now to be a joint journal of the two bodies for the archaeology and allied sciences of the region. Members will also be entitled to all facilities of the Institute at Amman including accommodation at very modest charges if rooms are available.

An initial fund under its own control is vital for the future of the Institute. £10,000 would provide the income for 2 post-doctoral studentships for a year, or four grants for shorter visits in connection with excavations, survey or historical investigation. Or, it could help to develop the premises to make them still more effective by providing working areas or adding apparatus.

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