



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January 2022 - period start date

To: 31st December, 2022 - period end date

Charity name: Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

Charity registration number: 1179324

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education for the public benefit by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge of the works and ideals of Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi (1165-1240 CE), and those people who have perpetuated them, by such means as the trustees think fit, but including study, research, publication, translation and communication of his written works.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Four online education courses were completed in 2022. Three of ten weeks and one of eight weeks duration.</p> <p>A Blog was set up, to showcase students' creative work, produced in response to the education courses.</p> <p>The Society awarded the inaugural MIAS Translation Prize for an original translation of a work by Ibn Arabi.</p> <p>Two editions of the Society's Journal, Volumes 70 and 71, were published during the year.</p> <p>The Society hosted six online seminars with speakers drawn from educational institutions worldwide.</p> <p>The Society organised two online reading groups.</p> <p>A Members' Meeting was held, with presentations about the Society's Archive Project.</p> <p>Three online Presentation Forums were organised, promoting young researchers 'in conversation' with prominent scholars.</p> <p>The Society co-sponsored a conference with PUC Minas (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais), in Brazil.</p> <p>A Members' Bulletin was published.</p>

		<p>A fundraising initiative was launched, entitled 'The Presidents' Fund,' to raise monies to support activities relating to the Society's charitable objectives.</p> <p>A trustee completed a fundraising training day, organised by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).</p> <p>The Society continued to organise the sale of publications (books and sets of journals).</p> <p>Five new trustees were appointed to help expand and support the Society's activities.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Society has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, specifically that concerning the advancement of education.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year the Society continued its objective to reach as many people as possible, world-wide, who wish to increase their understanding of Ibn Arabi. To this end it ran three online education courses, each of ten weeks duration, catering for those residing in the Western Hemisphere. A further eight-week course was run online to accommodate students living in Eastern Hemisphere time zones.</p> <p>A Blog was set up to share students' creative work. It celebrates different ways to engage with the study of Ibn Arabi and shows how this is encouraged and developed by Society's education programme.</p> <p>Two reading groups were hosted by the Society, introducing participants to Ibn Arabi's thought through poetics and ontology.</p> <p>Three online Presentation Forums were organised. The purpose of these events is to support young researchers who are interested in Ibn Arabi, giving them an opportunity to develop their research in a dialogue with established Ibn Arabi scholars.</p> <p>The Society continued to publish videos on its YouTube Channel, with each video receiving 1,000 + views.</p> <p>The Interdisciplinary Hub was set up in 2021 to provide a space for researchers with an interdisciplinary interest in Ibn 'Arabi. Researchers continued to meet and share their work in 2022, with a thriving, world-wide community regularly exchanging information and sharing their research. In order to expand the reach of the Hub, the IRH YouTube Channel continued to feature videos of events organised by the Hub.</p> <p>The Society hosted a weekend of online seminars entitled: '<i>Ibn Arabi, receptivity and the idea of the feminine</i>', comprising 4 seminars featuring international speakers. The format was designed to enable participants, from around the world, to attend at least two seminars in their time-zones. Videos of each talk were posted on the Society's YouTube channel to extend the reach of the event.</p> <p>The annual Members Meeting, organised online to enable our overseas members to attend, featured three presentations about the Society's Digital Archive. Members welcomed the opportunity to learn about this vital project which continues to record and preserve copies of Ibn Arabi's manuscripts for scholars to use for critical editions and research.</p>

		<p>2022 saw the recommencement of the Society's publication of podcasts. 145 are now available on Apple Podcasts, providing an alternative way to benefit from the Society's work.</p> <p>The first of a series of e-Bulletins was published, aiming to provide news, information about forthcoming events, publications and calls for papers from around the world.</p> <p>The Society's Facebook Group grew to nearly 14,000.</p> <p>The Society co-sponsored a one-day conference: '<i>I Simpósio de Mística Islâmica – Ao encontro de Ibn Arabi: receptividade e criatividade</i>', at the PUC Minas (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais), in Brazil. Two speakers from the Society gave papers.</p> <p>Members of the Society have continued to give talks and radio interviews, thereby expanding the reach of the Society's charitable objectives.</p> <p>The Society's Senior Research Fellows have published translations, commentaries and articles on Ibn Arabi.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Total income in the unrestricted funds in 2022 was £129,732 and total expenditure was £24,981. This represented a surplus of £104,751 compared to a surplus of £1,540 in 2021, a year in which grants were lower and membership subscriptions higher. Taking into account transfers of £2,525 from a restricted fund collecting donations for the Translation prize and Education, general funds increased by £107,276.</p> <p>The Society's fundamental position remained sound, and the funds which can be used for its ordinary activities totalled £135,548 at year-end 2022. These represent its reserves accumulated over decades, greatly increased by a recent donation.</p> <p>To date it has had very low-cost base, with no salaried employees and no rented office space. It has no financial debt.</p> <p>Since the Society became a charity in 2019 it has attracted generous donations to what are called Restricted funds, where money may only be spent for the specific purpose for which they were given. Much of its assets are now in Restricted funds. At the end of 2021 it had £73,239 in Restricted funds, bringing the Society's total assets to £101,511.</p> <p>In 2022 the Society received a windfall gift, similar to a bequest, which amounted to £106,350 and effectively doubled the Society's total assets. The Society is revising its general business plan in the light of this unexpected gift.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Society's unrestricted funds provide the working capital for its day-to-day activities.</p> <p>The Society's Restricted Funds are held for expenditure on the purposes for which they were donated. There are funds for the development of the Manuscript Archive and Catalogue, the Journal, Education and Courses, the Annual Symposium, the Library, Prizes and Awards, and other purposes.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Society's total assets at year-end 2022 were £135,548 of unrestricted funds and £74,101 of Restricted funds, a total of £209,649.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The Society's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions and donations from members. Its activities sometimes provide a modest surplus, and sometimes run at a modest deficit.</p> <p>Since it became a charity in 2019 it has attracted generous donations for specific purposes. Income from donations is very helpful for development of what the Society does, but it is unpredictable. To date it has not relied on fundraising to continue its activities.</p> <p>In 2022 the Society received a windfall gift, similar to a bequest, which amounted to £106,350 and effectively doubled the Society's total assets.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	This is a time of destabilizing economic conditions in the United Kingdom and beyond. This could impact the Society's income from Membership subscriptions, while inflation erodes the value of its cash assets, but in the short term its activities should be secure.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation formed on 25 July 2018
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election of trustees is by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, as detailed in the Society's Constitution, clauses: 9; 10; 12 and 13.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	In compliance with Gov.UK guidance for charities, the following policies are in place: Finance, Complaints, Conflict of Interest, Risk Management, Privacy (data protection), Safeguarding and Volunteers. In addition, a
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		Social Media Policy was ratified by the Board in 2022.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	MIAS USA and Latina
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1179324
Charity's principal address	P O Box 892 Oxford OX2 7XL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	L D Barratt		Appointed July 2018	
2	M E Cass		Appointed July 2018	
3	M Notcutt		Appointed July 2018	
4	C Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
5	R W Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
6	F Youakim		Appointed April 2021	
7	David Hornsby		Appointed January 2022	
8	Ann-Marie Morrissey		Appointed January 2022	
9	Katherine Randall		Appointed January 2022	
10	Aishah Safdar		Appointed November 2022	
11	Omar Zein		Appointed November 2022	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lucy Barratt	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	19 July 2023	



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No (if any)
No . 1179324

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/22	To	Period end date 31/12/22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	107,827	3,387	-	111,214	122,999
Gift aid	-	0	-	0	11,073
Subscriptions	6,213	0	-	6,213	7,321
Journal	4,401	0	-	4,401	2,953
Books	5,568	0	-	5,568	5,969
Interest	156	0	-	156	9
Online events	316	0	-	316	647
Courses	5,251	0	-	5,251	4,688
Other	-	0	-	0	806
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	129,732	3,387	-	133,119	45,765
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	-	0	0
	0	0	-	0	0
Sub total	0	0	-	0	0
Total receipts	129,732	3,387	-	133,119	45,765
A3 Payments					
Symposium	0	0	-	0	0
Journal	4,151	-	-	4,151	6,598
Online events	981	-	-	981	839
Courses	4,313	-	-	4,313	3,949
Archive Project	113	-	-	113	147
Scholarly Grants	3,841	-	-	3,841	863
Internet and Website	1,019	-	-	1,019	1,466
Books	4,400	-	-	4,400	4,881
Library	240	-	-	240	294
CIO, Accounting, Insurance, Legal	4,482	-	-	4,482	1,939
Bank charges, Paypal fees	1,019	-	-	1,019	542
Other	0	-	-	0	707
Office, postage	422	-	-	422	744
Sub total	24,981	0	-	24,981	22,969
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	-	0	-
	0	0	-	0	-
Sub total	0	0	-	0	0
Total payments	24,981	0	-	24,981	22,969
Net of receipts/(payments)	104,751	3,387	-	108,138	22,796
A5 Transfers between funds	2,525	-2,525	-	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,272	73,239	-	101,511	78,715
Cash funds this year end	135,548	74,101	-	209,649	101,511

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	135,548	74,101	0.00
	Petty cash	-	-	0.00
	Total cash funds	135,548	74,101	0.00
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Stock of printed copies Journal	-	300	0.00
	Stock of other Society publications	-	150	0.00
	Books for sale online	-	-	0.00
	Postage stamps	-	100	0.00
		-	-	0.00
	-	-	0.00	
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Library of printed books	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		M Notcutt	19/07/23	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1179324

Set out on pages

As attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

25/08/23

Name:

B K Silva

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACA

Address:

MHA, Building 4, Foundation Park, Roxborough Way, Maidenhead, SL6 3UD

