



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06-04-2023 Period start date To 05-04-2024 Period end date

**Charity name:** Foundation for the Study of Ancient Arabia's Languages and Cultures

**Charity registration number:** 1193702

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | To advance public education throughout the world by recording, studying, interpreting, editing and making freely available online and/or in print and/or by any other method the inscriptions and/or ancient and/or mediaeval written documents and/or rock art found in the Arabian Peninsula and the inscriptions and/or ancient and/or mediaeval documents and/or rock art of similar types to those in the Peninsula found in countries such as, but not limited to, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Israel, and Egypt or items from one or more of these countries now in museums or other collections elsewhere PROVIDING THAT the inscription and/or written material is in a language or script examples of which are found in the Arabian Peninsula. |
| 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 | To maintain, improve and expand the Online Corpus of the Inscriptions of Ancient North Arabia (OCIANA) by the entry of inscriptions and/or ancient and/or mediaeval written documents and/or rock art which are newly discovered or which are already known but have not yet been entered together with images of these.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          | They have.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                             | SORP reference |                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Policy on grant making      | Para 1.38      | We have made one grant of £540 to a graduate student to enter inscriptions in the OCIANA database. |
| Policy on social investment | Para 1.38      | N/A                                                                                                |

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| including program related investment |           |     |
| Contribution made by volunteers      | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Other                                |           |     |

## Achievements and Performance

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 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      | In the year 2023/2024 135 inscriptions were entered into the OCIANA database together with all their metadata and photographs. This would have been impossible without the Charity's grant to the student to do the entering. |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                              |           |                                                                                                                                       |
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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 | The achievements this year have greatly enhanced the material in the OCIANA database which is the principal objective of the charity. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | There have been no fundraising activities this year                                                                                   |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 | N/A                                                                                                                                   |

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| Other |  |  |
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## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | Excellent                                                                                    |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | Reserves are held for making grants to scholars to enter new material in the OCIANA database |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 | £31,846.96 as at 02-04-2024                                                                  |
| 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:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 |  |
| 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 |  |
| Other                                                                           |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                                                   |
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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           | N/A                                                                               |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | Constitution                                                                      |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | CIO                                                                               |
| 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 | The committee elects new members when an existing member's tenure comes to an end |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Foundation for the Study of Ancient Arabia's Languages and Cultures |
| Other name the charity uses | N/A                                                                 |
| Registered charity number   | 1193702                                                             |
| Charity's principal address | Burmington Manor, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, CV36 5AG         |
|                             |                                                                     |

## 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  | Michael C.A. Macdonald | Chair           | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 2  | Prof Jacob Dahl        | Hon Treasurer   | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 3  | Dr Orhan Elmaz         | Hon Secretary   | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 4  | Dr Maria Guagnin       |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 5  | Prof Ahmad Al-Jallad   |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 6  | Dr Ali Al-Manaser      |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 7  | Dr Laïla Nehmé         |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 8  | Dr Jérôme Norris       |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 9  | Dr Alessia Prioletta   |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 10 | Dr Hythem Sidky        |                 | Whole year                        | The Committee of Trustees                                     |
| 11 |                        |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 12 |                        |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | NONE |  |
|---------------|------|--|
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## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| N/A          |                                   |  |
|              |                                   |  |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

|                                                                                                                               |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               | N/A |
| 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 |
|-----------------|------|---------|
|                 |      |         |
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#### 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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| N/A |
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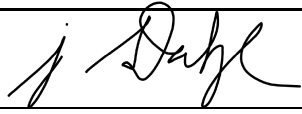
## Other optional information

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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)                           | Michael Christopher Archibald<br>Macdonald                                        | Jacob Lebovitch Dahl                                                               |
| Position (eg Secretary,<br>Chair, etc) | Chair                                                                             |                                                                                    |
| Date                                   | 28-01-2025                                                                        |                                                                                    |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**THE FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF ANCIENT ARAB**

No (if any)  
**1193702**

**CC16a**

## Receipts and payments accounts

|                        |            |    |            |
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| For the period<br>from | 06/04/2023 | To | 05/04/2024 |
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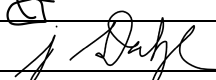
### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                           | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                        |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Donation from M. MacDonald 23/08/2023                     | 750                                          | -                                       | -                                      | 750                             | -                             |
| Donation from L. Thyssen (via Wolfson College) 22/09/2023 | 30 798                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 30 798                          | -                             |
| Interests                                                 | 34                                           | -                                       | -                                      | 34                              | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                    | <b>31 582</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>31 582</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>        |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                          | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                     | <b>31 582</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>31 582</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                        |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Bank Fees                                                 | 60                                           | -                                       | -                                      | 60                              | -                             |
| Grant to Josef Bloomfield (paid by check)                 | 540                                          | -                                       | -                                      | 540                             | -                             |
| Fees for check                                            | 1                                            | -                                       | -                                      | 1                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                          | <b>601</b>                                   | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>601</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>     |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                           | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                          | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                     | <b>601</b>                                   | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>601</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                         | <b>30 981</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>30 981</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                         | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                        | <b>865</b>                                   | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>865</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                           | <b>31 846</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>31 846</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |

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

| Categories                                          | Details                                                                           | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                |                                                                                   | 31 846                             | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     | <b>Total cash funds</b><br>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | 31 846                             | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | Details                                                                           | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | Details                                                                           | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details                                                                           | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
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|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details                                                                           | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                                                   |                                    | -                                |                                 |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature                                                                           | Print Name             | Date of approval |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|  | Michael C.A. Macdonald | 1/2/2025         |
|  | Jacob L Dahl           | 1/2/2025         |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

|                                |                                                                     |                     |         |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees         | Foundation for the Study of Ancient Arabia's Languages and Cultures |                     |         |
| On accounts for the year ended | 5 April 2024                                                        | Charity no (if any) | 1193702 |
| Set out on pages               | (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 05/04/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: 3 February 2024

Name: Dr Huw David

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

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**Address:**

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| Quinton Cottage, High Street, Islip, Oxfordshire, OX5 2RX |
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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