



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06-04-2024 Period start date To 05-04-2025 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	
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	Since 8th April 2024 the Charity has been paying a regular grant to a post-doc to enter inscriptions in OCIANA. In the year 2024/25 he entered just over 3,000 inscriptions in the OCIANA database.
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	N/A

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
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	In the year 2024/2025 just over 3,000 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 post-doc to do the entering.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Other		
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Financial Review

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	£11,207.87 as at 15-01-2026
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	
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

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
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
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:

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 Priolella		Whole year	The Committee of Trustees
10	Dr Hythem Sidky		Whole year	The Committee of Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	NONE	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

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

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

N/A

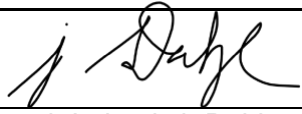
Other optional information

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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 Macdonald	Jacob Lebovitch Dahl
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Hon Treasurer
Date	21-01-2026	



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THE FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF ANCIENT ARABIC 1193702

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06/04/2024

To

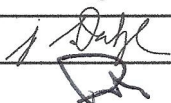
Period 06/04/2025

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					
Interests	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50	-	-	50	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50	-	-	50	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	60	-	-	60	-
Grants to Josef Bloomfield (paid by online transfer)	13 160	-	-	13 160	-
Grant to D M Burt (paid by online transfer)	1 440	-	-	1 440	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14 660	-	-	14 660	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14 660	-	-	14 660	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14 610	-	-	- 14 610	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31 846	-	-	31 846	-
Cash funds this year end	17 236	-	-	17 236	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
		Jacob L Dahl	2-2-2026
		Michael C.A. Macdonald	2-2-2026