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**Society of Scholars of  
ZOROASTRIANISM**

Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago  
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proudly hosts

**2016 Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism (SSZ) Conference  
“Zoroastrian History: Pre-Achaemenian Times to the Present Day”**

at

Arbab Rustom Guiv Dar-e-Mehr, 8615 Meadowbrook Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527,

**Saturday September 3, 2016**

9:00 am Registration and Breakfast

9:20 to 12:30 **Morning Session -- Pre-Nihavand History. Chair Eric Elavia**

*Pre-Achaemenian, Achaemenian, Seleucid, Parthian and Sasanian Empires* by our next generation speakers: **Sarosh Irani, Khursheed Ichaporia, Persis Driver, Kamal Saher, and Er. Rayomand Ravji/Afshan Barshan**

*“Zoroastrianism and Empire in Late Antiquity”*

– **Prof. Richard Payne (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago)**

12:30 to 1:30 **Luncheon**

*“Ancient Sogdiana, a ‘Zoroastrian Stronghold:’ a Modern Overview”* – **Kersi Shroff**

1:30 to 5:00 **Afternoon Session -- Post-Nihavand History. Chair Dastoor Kersey Antia**

*“Zoroastrian History after the Arab Invasion”* – **Dr. Daryoush Jahanian**

*“History of the Parsees in the Sub-continent”* (via Skype)

– **Dr. Dinyar Patel, University of South Carolina**

*“Concept of Friendship in Ancient Iran”*

– Keynote address by **Prof. Jamsheed Choksy, Indiana University**

5:00 to 5:30 Arbab Rustam Guiv Dar-e-Mehr 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Benediction -- **Dastoor Kersey Antia**

5:30 pm Networking with hors-d’oeuvres and drinks.

**Sunday September 4, 2016**

9:00 to 12:00 Visit to Oriental Institute, Chicago

12:30 pm Farvardian Jashan followed by lunch at the Dar-e-Mehr hosted by Katy and Kersi Bhatena and Dinaz and Ken Weber.

The **Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism (SSZ)** is an initiative to promote study and scholarship of the religion of Zarathushtra. The mission of the Society is to revive the tradition of scholarship within our community and to promote interaction among academicians, theologians (priests), educationists, lay scholars and practitioners of Zoroastrianism, especially our Next-Generation.

*All community members are invited and encouraged to participate.*

**Registration.** Suggested donation is \$10. Breakfast, lunch and tea will be provided. **Please RSVP by August 27, 2016** to Dinaz Weber (630-830 3430, [kenanddina@yahoo.com](mailto:kenanddina@yahoo.com)) or Roshan Rivetna (630-340 8272, [RRRivetna@aol.com](mailto:RRRivetna@aol.com)). For program information contact Rohinton Rivetna (630-325 5383, [Rivetna@aol.com](mailto:Rivetna@aol.com)) or Rayomand Ravji (630-589 6631, [rayomand.ravji@gmail.com](mailto:rayomand.ravji@gmail.com)). Visit [www.s-s-z.org](http://www.s-s-z.org).