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Minutes of the 74th Meeting held at Durham University Library on Wednesday 14th September, 2005.

The meeting was preceded by the Sixth Pearson Memorial Lecture delivered by Peter Colvin with the title of "The British discovery of Afghanistan: Mountstuart Elphinstone and his contribution to British-Indian Orientalism"

Present

Ahmed Abu Zayed **Exeter** Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb SOAS Ines Asceric-Todd Durham Paul Auchterlonie Exeter Al-Furqan Jasmine Ansari SOAS Heather Bleaney Omar Cachouh Al-Furgan Simonetta Calderini Roehampton Humayra Ceylan Markfield Peter Colvin SOAS Delia Cortese Middlesex Derek Hopwood Oxford Nadeem El-Issa Joppa Meline Neilsen Birmingham

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Geoffrey Roper Institute for Study of Muslim Civilizations Stefan Seeger Institute for Study of Muslim Civilizations Thesaurus Islamicus Foundation

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Apologies for absence

Colin Baker, Debby Cox, Mastan Ebtehaj, Waleed El-Shobaki, Yasmin Faghihi, Anne Poulson, Colin Wakefield.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising Corrections: item 8, should be Sondersammelgebiet; item 10:British Library: the Suleymaniye Library is working towards being able to provide a CD copy of manuscripts on the day following an order.