

A Reason to Celebrate



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Conference to celebrate 150th anniversary of Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe

150 years of Zoroastrian Studies

**An Overview of the History and Development of the Parsi Priesthood
in India up to the Nineteenth Century**

inaugural lecture

Dastur Dr Firoze M Kotwal

Zoroastrian High Priest

On Thursday 20th October 2011, 7.00pm

At Khalili Lecture Theatre, School of Oriental and African Studies
Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

This conference celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe, established in 1861. It is the oldest religious voluntary organisation in Britain of South Asian origin. The objective of the conference is to elaborate 150 years of research and academic activity in Zoroastrian studies.

When the ZTFE was established in 1861, one of its objectives was to advance the study and dissemination of information and knowledge of the Zoroastrian faith, which led our Founder President Seth Muncherji Hormusji Cama to sponsor the first English translation of the Avesta in 1864 by Arthur Henry Bleeck, from Professor Spiegel's German translation. To fulfil this objective in this sesquicentennial year, the ZTFE is organising a conference; '150 years of Zoroastrian studies' with an inaugural lecture by Dasturji Dr Firoze M Kotwal at the Khalili Lecture Theatre at SOAS on Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7pm, followed by a weekend conference at the Zartoshty Brothers Hall, Zoroastrian Centre, Harrow, on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October 2011, 10.00am to 5.30pm.

Admission free! To obtain tickets (priority to SOAS / ZTFE membership), please register your name by Friday 14th October 2011 by email secretary@ztfe.com, or in writing with SAE to Zoroastrian Centre, 440, Alexandra Avenue, Harrow HA2 9TL. For enquires please phone ZTFE Secretariat on 020 8866 0765, Monday to Friday (10am – 4pm).

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