



The World Zoroastrian Organisation

World Zoroastrian House, 5 Hanworth Road, Feltham. TW13 5AF
Charity No 1023334 Website: <https://www.w-z-o.org>
(Globally supporting Zoroastrianism, its people and traditions)

The Chairman, Shahpur F Captain, and the Board members of the WZO wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020. Calendar of Events for 2020 are given on page 2 of this mailer.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I wish the membership of The World Zoroastrian Organisation together with their families and friends a very **HAPPY** and **HEALTHY 2020**. May the New Year bring peace, harmony and prosperity to the membership and the whole Zoroastrian community.

I am pleased to inform you that in 2019, our first year of operation went well and was on the whole well received by the community. Our open days attracted large numbers of visitors who were impressed with what we had achieved and I am glad to say they congratulated us on the scope of the premises. This was also the first year we held our annual program of events all under one roof.

For this we have to thank our multitude of supporters and donors without whose help nothing would have been possible. I also must thank our dedicated team of committee members who have frequently struggled over many days throughout the year to get things right. Builders don't bring joy and happiness as we have learnt to our peril.

In 2020 we have incorporated the many festive days in the Iranian calendar along with all the other events and we would love to see you and your families and friends at every occasion.

WZO is committed to spread the knowledge of Zoroastrianism and to sustain the faith which has been under threat for generations as never before. In this respect we have been in the forefront of breaking down barriers, embracing inclusion and acceptance. The challenges are still there as we continue down the path of Asha.

The World Zoroastrian Organisation is for the benefit of the worldwide community through its charitable activities. Your continued support and commitment is vital to us to sustain those charitable activities to provide a helping hand for the wellbeing and success of the community.

We beckon the youth to come forward and not reject the virtues and values so entrenched in our shared faith and more than ever needed in our everyday lives. Make WZO stronger by encouraging your family and friends to join WZO and become part of a truly world community.

You can do so by going to <https://www.w-z-o.org> and enrolling as a member of the WZO. Atha Zamyat, Yatha Afrinami.

Shahpur F. Captain.
chairman@w-z-o.org

If you have moved residence or relocated or if there is an update with your current postal address, telephone number and email id, kindly inform us so you can continue to receive communication from us. If there is any update kindly send a brief email to membership@w-z-o.org. Thank You.



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WZO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
Starting January 19 th 2020 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm (Every Third Sunday of the Month)	Avesta Recital Classes	Conducted by Vista Hoshang. Email: Shahin Bekhradnia at secretary@w-z-o.org or text her at 078258 19258 to register.	World Zoroastrian House
Saturday, 28 th March 2020 7.00 pm - midnight	Nowruz Dinner / Dance	Live entertainment and plenty of dancing opportunities	World Zoroastrian House
Thursday, 4 th June 2020 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	23 rd Dasturji Dr Sohrabji H. Kutar Memorial Lecture	Special event in memory of Farrokh Vajifdar Speaker – Professor Panaino Universit`a di Bologna	Khalili Lecture Theatre- SOAS, Russell Square, London
Sunday, 7 th June 2020 10.00 am – 4.30 pm	WZO Seminar On Zoroastrian Religion, History and Culture	Speakers- 1) Pejman Akbarzadeh, 2) Professor Antonio Clemente Domenico Panaino, 3) Dr. Khosro Esfandiar Mehrfaris <u>(Sponsored by The Firuz Madon Foundation)</u>	World Zoroastrian House
Sunday, 12 th July 2020	Jashne Tirgan	Mid Summer Iranian Festival celebrated annually on Tir	World Zoroastrian House
Sunday ? July 2020 From 12 Noon	Annual BBQ	Date to be confirmed later	Venue to be confirmed later
Saturday 15 th August 2020 7.00 pm to midnight	Shahenshahi Navroze Dinner / Dance	Further details to be confirmed	World Zoroastrian House
Sunday 27 th September 2020 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Annual General Meeting	Details will be sent with the Annual Report	World Zoroastrian House

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Darayus S Motivala (Hon Secretary)

We hope that you, your family and friends, will be able to join us at these events. We look forward to the pleasure of your company at these events.



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Avesta Recital Classes at the World Zoroastrian House

Avesta recital classes will be held every 3rd Sunday of the month conducted by **Vista Hoshang** (a teacher) from 3pm - 5pm starting in January 19th 2020.

It would be helpful if anyone planning to attend could indicate so that Vista will know the size of the class. There will have to be restricted numbers so those who register their interest at the earliest will get priority.

Please email Shahin Bekhradnia at: secretary@w-z-o.org or you may text Shahin indicating your interest to register at **078258 19258**.

Please consider WZO when drawing up your will.

Your legacy to the World Zoroastrian Organisation

will leave a lasting legacy for the

future generations of our community.



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Nowruz Dinner Dance



Saturday 28th March 2020 at 7:00 pm

The Chairman and the Managing Committee invite you to come along with your family and friends, and celebrate Nowruz with us on **Saturday 28th March 2020 at 7:00 pm.**



The evening is sure to delight us all. As always there will be live entertainment and plenty of dancing opportunities. It is being held at the World Zoroastrian House, 5 Hanworth Road, Feltham, TW13 5AF

Time: 19:00 to midnight.

Dress code: Smart Casual/Evening Dress

Free Parking in the WZO House car park or after 6.30 pm on adjoining public car park

Tickets for this very enjoyable event will be £35.00 (Children under 10 Free). Please call Armaity Engineer (01784 466 312/ 07519 113111) social@w-z-o.org or Manijeh Parki manijeh.parki@w-z-o.org 07956 805341 for further information.

Members can also make payments to Armaity or Manijeh over the telephone using their debit/credit cards.

Please do let Armaity know of any seating preferences you may have, and she will try to accommodate you.



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**The Twenty-third Dasturji Dr Sohrabji H. Kutar
Memorial Lecture, Thursday 4th June 2020, 6 pm**

The Department of Religions and Philosophies

In association with The World Zoroastrian Organisation presents

The Farrokh Vajifdar Memorial Lecture

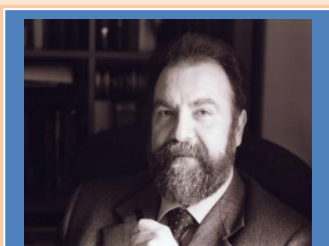
Farrokh Jal Vajifdar passed away after a prolonged period of illness on Tuesday 21st November 2017. He was a Fellow (and former Vice-President and Fellow-in-Council) of the Royal Asiatic Society, and a review contributor to its Journal.

Farrokh belonged to a rapidly growing group of rational thinkers and educated scholars as he was fluent in the scriptures, written texts, ancient languages and their dialects. His presentations relied on hard evidences, references and quotes from ancient texts, the Gathas, Yasnas, Yashts, Niyashes, Rivayats; and various texts spanning a time frame of a 1000 years and also included references from later day research, as opposed to relying on rabid prejudices and misconceived notions based on hearsay which is often mistaken for “tradition”. He was a wonderful speaker on religious matters and was a master in lifting the veil on the Gathas in simple language to the delight of the listener. Farrokh never failed to voice his feelings against uninformed priests.

The intent and purpose of Farrokh’s lectures/ talks was to put forth information that was derived through long years of diligent and scholarly analyses and it was for the listener to absorb it, weigh it, and balance it against existing preconceived fallacies and finally arrive at their own conclusion. Farrokh was most certainly not a fanatical preacher raving from the pulpits! *The lecture by Professor Antonio Panino at SOAS is dedicated to the memory of Farrokh Jal Vajifdar and to their lifelong friendship and collaboration.*

To be given by: Professor Antonio Clemente Domenico Panaino, Università di Bologna On

The Souls of Women in the Zoroastrian Afterlife



Prof. Antonio C. D. Panaino is Full Professor of Iranian Studies at the “Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna”; until October 2008 he has been Dean of the “Faculty for the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage” in the Campus of Ravenna, where the “Ilya and Lisbeth Gershevitch Library” is located according to the generous wish of this scholar. The same Faculty has acquired the “J. P. Asmussen Library”, which is presently at disposal of the consultants. Prof. Panaino has been Secretary and, then, President of the Societas Iranologica Europaea. Prof. Panaino was Director of the Emilia-Romagna branch of the Italian Institute for Africa and the Orient. He founded with other scholars the International Association «MELAMMU» dedicated to the study of the intercultural phenomena in antiquity with special regard for the heritage of the Assyrian and Babylonian cultures. Prof. Panaino has been the Director of the Italian Scientific Mission in Tajikistan, where he dedicated a special investigation to the Yaghnob Valley and its people.

Thursday, 4th June 2020, 6:00p.m, Khalili Lecture Theatre

SOAS, Russell Square, London (Nearest Underground Station: Russell Square)

The lecture is followed by refreshments. All are Welcome

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WZO Seminar On Zoroastrian Religion, History and Culture

Sponsored by The Firuz Madon Foundation

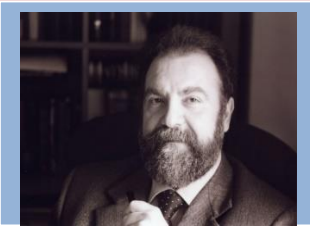
Sunday 7th June 2020

Speaker 1: Pejman Akbarzadeh is a documentary maker, journalist, and pianist.



Subject: “Taq Kasra: Wonder of Architecture” The first-ever documentary film on the world’s largest brick vault. The palace is a symbol of the Persian Empire in the Sasanian era (224-651 AD).

Speaker 2: Professor Antonio Clemente Domenico Panaino, Università di Bologna



Subject: “The Universal Mercy of Ohrmazd. Origins and Development of a Doctrine”

Speaker 3: Dr. Khosro Esfandiar Mehrfar is a Member of the Association of Professors & Scholars of Iranian Heritage and a Member of the planning and management committee, Cyrus Heritage Foundation.



**Subject: U.S. Constitution & Cyrus the Great
Who, What, Why, Where, When & How They Are Connected**

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Annual Subscription Reminder

Ordinary Membership fees were due on the 1st of January 2020. If you have not renewed your Ordinary Membership for 2019, please do so today.

You may find it more convenient to use the payment form to pay either by credit/debit card or by standing order or cheque.

We hope you will consider paying in advance for a number of years (£40 for 3 years) or becoming a Life Member for a subscription of £150. In doing so, you will help WZO to use more of your subscriptions and donations on worthy causes by reducing our overheads.

If you have already renewed your membership, please ignore this notice and we thank you for your continued support.

Please send your membership fees to Mr Darayus Motivala (01844 352887) with the attached Renewal Slip.

Thanking you in advance.

Membership Renewal Slip 2020

Your Membership No: C_Co/ Mem No

Please send this renewal slip with your cheque (payable to WZO) to:

Mr Darayus Motivala, Shanti Bhavan, Church Lane, Chinnor, Oxon OX39 4PW

Please renew my Membership and that of -----

as -----Ordinary member/s (£15 per year) for ----- years, **OR**

as -----Ordinary member/s (£40 for 3 years), **OR**

as----- Life Member/s (£150)

I also enclose a donation of £_____ for the General Funds.

Your Name & Address on our Records (Please amend if incorrect)

<Title><First Name><Middle Name><Surname>

<Address 1>

<Address 2>

<Address 3>

<County / State><Post Code>

<Country>

We would appreciate if you could please inform us of your current telephone No. and Email address.

Thank you.

Tel: _____

Email: _____



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Payment Form for Donations and Membership

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Name _____	
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Post Code _____	

Email _____	Contact Tel No. _____

Please tick either box A,B or C and complete the details for your chosen method of payment.

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C	<u>Cheque</u>	Please find enclosed my cheque payable to 'WZO' for £ _____
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Please tick here if the donation qualifies for Gift Aid. If you have not previously completed a Gift Aid form for WZO, please email treasurer@w-z-o.org or contact us.

Gift Aid



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The World Zoroastrian Organisation needs your wholehearted support: attitudinal, physical and also your financial commitment to continue the work of our various charitable activities. Our charitable activities will be posted on the WZO website on a regular basis.

Please donate generously by either sending a cheque payable to 'WZO' to Mr Dinyar J. Modi, Hon. Treasurer, WZO

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Or please make an instant Credit Card donation by visiting the WZO website, <https://www.w-z-o.org/donate/>

If you are a UK Tax payer, please ask for a Gift Aid Form.

Thank You

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