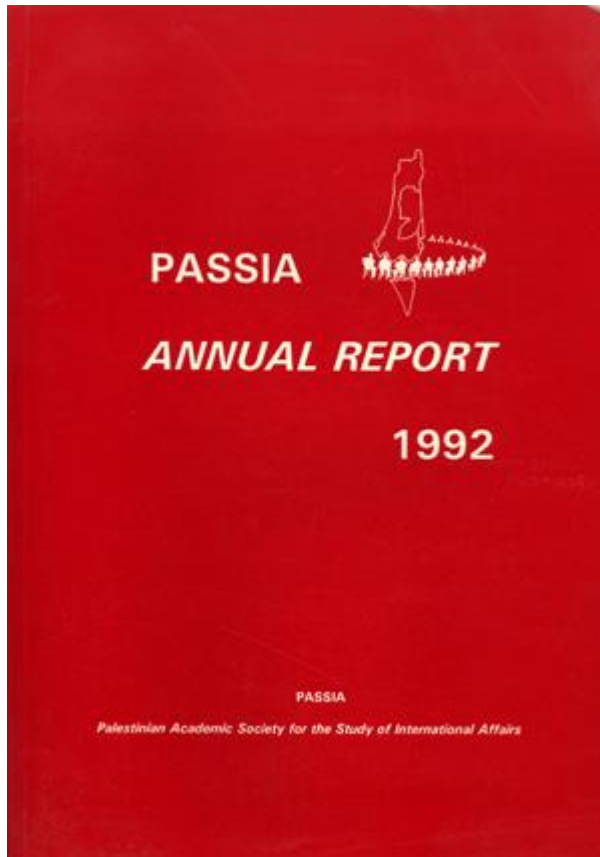


THE YEAR THAT WAS

1992



Introduction

This report summarizes the activities of the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, PASSIA, during 1992. Distribution of previous annual reviews was confined to PASSIA members and consultants. The decision to "to public" was prompted by the increasing local and international interest in seventh year and has, in a sense, "come of age". Here we summaries PASSIA's projects of 1992, beginning with a review of the publications released under PASSIA's Research studies program. This is followed by a brief outline of the proceeding of the forty PASSIA Meetings in 1992. We then give an outline of the lectures and discussions which form the basis of two further

PASSIA projects. The first concerns the interim arrangement for the transitional phase of the peace process in the Occupied Territories; the second, the city of Jerusalem, its past, present and future.

A major event in PASSIA's calendar for 1992 was a training seminar for Palestinian on the subject of Diplomacy and Protocol. It is the subject of a special publication; we present here an introduction to the aim of the seminar and a summary of the lectures given

Finally, we mention other central aspects of PASSIA's work: its renowned Desk Diary, and the many conferences and the working visit to Europe in which PASSIA Participated during the year. At the end of this report, readers will find additional information on PASSIA's Library.

We hope that this review of PASSIA's 1992 activates will provide the reader with a deeper understanding of PASSIA's activities and objectives, and of its wider role in Palestinian society.

PASSIA was established following a series of meetings Palestinians political scientists, historians, political economists, philosophers and geographers, who decided that a Palestinian academic society should be formed to promote

research and debate on international relations as they affect the Question of Palestine.

PASSIA remains “a Palestinian house” for research and discussion, open to Palestinians from all backgrounds; It is independent, non-profit-making and without affiliation to any political party, government or other organization.

Since its inception, PASSIA has become the principal forum in the Occupied Territories for dialogue and academic exchange on international affairs; it hosts lectures and discussions with Palestinian, European and American experts on a regular basis. Through this free and open debate, and through research and publication, PASSIA attempts to present aspects of the Palestine Question in its national, Arab and international contexts.

In addition, PASSIA organizes and hosts academic programmes to train Palestinians in theoretical and practical aspects of political science and international affairs. In its endeavour to ensure a wider understanding of Palestinian issues, PASSIA consults and coordinates with other Palestinian institutions, both inside and outside the Occupied Territories.

PASSIA strives constantly to increase its effectiveness in establishing a source and reservoir of knowledge in the field of international affairs, and hopes that others may learn from its experience.