

Letter from the UKABS membership secretary

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UKABS members benefit from free copies (paper and electronic) of our bi-annual journal *Buddhist Studies Review*, which includes articles — anonymously reviewed by two relevant reviewers — by an international selection of scholars as well as the latest book reviews. In addition, the UKABS email list and website keep members informed of events and announcements of interest to the Buddhological community in the UK.

UKABS hold an annual conference, for which members are entitled to a reduced fee. Recent conferences have been held at Lancaster (2006), Oxford (2007), York (2008), London (2009) and Leeds (2010). Our 2011 conference will be held at SOAS, London, on Thursday 8th September, and will include papers by Prof. Max Deeg (Cardiff) and Dr. Ulrike Roesler (Oxford), as well as a presentation on Buddhist book culture by a team of researchers at Cambridge University. In addition our conference always includes a selection of post-graduate papers and our AGM, which all members are invited to attend. Our 2012 conference will be a special workshop on early Mahāyāna, convened by Paul Harrison, with an impressive line-up of international speakers already confirmed.

Membership of UKABS costs a mere £25 per year for waged members and £15 for unwaged. We are registered with the UK Inland Revenue and so membership fees can be included in your professional expenses on your tax return. If you would like to become a member or to renew your membership for 2011, please visit the website of Equinox (who publish our journal and take payment for membership) and follow the instructions: www.equinoxjournals.com/BSR/membership. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes

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