Honorary Members, 2004

Two new Honorary Members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 23 September 2004, Dr Chetana Nagavajara and Dr Tej Bunnag.

Dr Chetana studied modern languages at Cambridge University and took a D. Phil. at Tübingen University, Germany. His published works have covered Schlegel, comparative literature, poetry, and criticism. He taught for many years at Silpakorn University, Nakhon Pathom, of which he is emeritus professor of German. He has received honorary doctorates from the Prince of Songkhla University and Sri Nakarinwirot University, has been awarded the Goethe-Medaille, and is a Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. He served on the Council of the Siam Society from 1975 to 1978.

Dr Tej, after studying at King’s College, Cambridge, took a D.Phil. at St Anthony’s College, Oxford. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1969, held several posts in Bangkok, served in Indonesia, and then was successively ambassador to China and Korea, the UN in Geneva, France, and the United States of America. After a spell as permanent secretary for foreign affairs, he is now advisor to the Office of His Majesty’s Principal Private Secretary. He has many Thai and foreign decorations, was Council member of the Siam Society, serving as Hon. Librarian and then Hon. Editor of JSS from 1970 to 1976, and again as Hon. Librarian 1976-7.

The Council undoubtedly speaks on behalf of all Society members in welcoming two such distinguished persons to its ranks of Honorary Members.