NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS AND MEMBERSHIP WITH RASI

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Contributions should be consistent with these general goals. All major articles submitted will be refereed. While final responsibility for the acceptance or rejection, rests with the editor, responsibility for opinions expressed or data introduced always rests with the author.

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