



# Highlights

## 2014-2015

August 3, 2015

### National Communications Campaign in Support of Iran Agreement

PAAIA launched a National Communications Campaign to inform the general public as well as U.S. lawmakers about the Iranian American community's broad support for the Iran Nuclear Deal. PAAIA's advertisements have been aired on the Sunday morning news shows across the nation.



June 29, 2015

### Letter to 2016 Presidential Candidates

37 prominent Iranian Americans signed a PAAIA-sponsored open letter urging the 2016 presidential candidates to refrain from broad generalizations about the Iranian people when discussing the prospective nuclear agreement taking shape between the P5+1 and Iran.



June 8, 2015

### DOJ's Recusal Order to Iranian American Judge

PAAIA executive director, Leila Golestaneh Austin, and board member, Soroush Richard Shehabi, wrote an Op-Ed for the Huffington Post about the DOJ's discriminatory disqualification of Judge Tabaddor from all cases involving Iranians as premised on her role as a community leader in the Iranian American community.

June 22, 2015

### Survey of Iranian Americans & the American Public

PAAIA released the findings of a national public opinion survey examining the attitudes of both Iranian Americans and the American public at large toward a number of issues related to the nuclear negotiations with Iran and U.S.-Iranian relations.

June 19, 2015

### Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill

PAAIA held a congressional briefing to present the findings of its 2015 Survey of Iranian Americans and the American Public at large, followed by a panel discussion on the Iran nuclear negotiations. More than ninety congressional staffers attended.

May 19, 2015

### Dialogue Between Iranian & American Health Communities

The luncheon brought together Chancellors from Iran's leading medical schools with distinguished Iranian American doctors, in support of increased collaboration between the medical and public health communities of the United States and Iran, as a first step toward a larger health diplomacy project.

February 15, 2015

### Letter to UMass Amherst Regarding Enrollment Policy

PAAIA wrote to Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy, expressing disapproval of the University's new policy which banned Iranians from enrolling in graduate engineering programs.

September 12, 2014

### "The Middle East in Turmoil: Can It Recover?"

In co-sponsorship with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, PAAIA held a successful, standing-room only panel, consisting of acclaimed journalists Thomas Friedman of the New York Times and David Ignatius of the Washington Post, and moderated by senior Carnegie Endowment associate Karim Sadjadpour.



January 22, 2015

### U.S. Census Bureau MENA Category in 2020 Census

PAAIA collected names and contact information of individuals who support the addition of a Middle East or North Africa category on the 2020 Census which would ensure that Iranians are counted. Those names were then sent to the Federal Register to show the community's support.

March 21, 2014

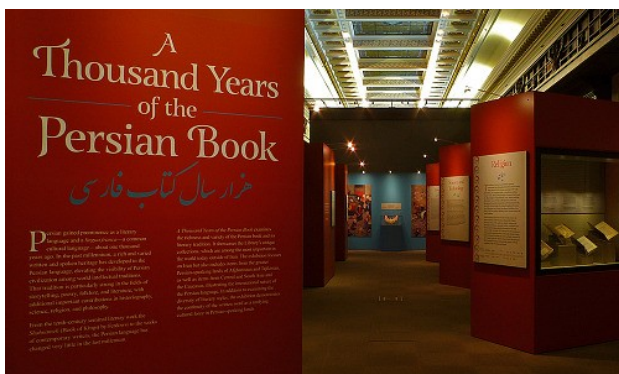
### 5th Annual Nowruz Reception on Capitol Hill

Co-hosted by sixteen members of Congress and attended by more than a hundred and fifty guests, PAAIA's annual Nowruz reception on Capitol Hill is part of its broader effort to celebrate and foster greater understanding of Iranian culture in the U.S. Congress.

May 14, 2014

### Iranian American Immigration & Assimilation Report

The report is the first in a series of three reports that aim to provide more in-depth information about Iranian Americans. The report discusses the three major waves of Iranian immigration to the United States, self-identification of the Iranian American community, and typical benchmarks of assimilation, among other things.



March 2014

### "A Thousand Years of the Persian Book"

During its six month tenure at the Library of Congress, nearly half a million visitors viewed this exhibition and its associated seminars and lectures, which highlighted the role of Persian language and literature in the world and offered a unique glimpse into the Library's collection of ancient Persian literature.