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NEWSLETTER GETS NEW EDITOR

Dr Simon Heap, Senior Policy Researcher for the NGO Plan International, will take over as editor of the *ASAUK Newsletter*, starting with number 10/37 (October 2004). Dr. Heap obtained his doctorate at the University of Ibadan and is a former Kirk-Greene Junior Research Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford. Before joining Plan International, one of the largest NGOs in the world, in 2003, he worked with INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre) in Oxford, where he still lives. His initial research was in Nigeria on a history of the liquor trade, but has publications from Ghanaian road transport to Ibadan pickpockets as well as NGO-Business relations and Central Asian Civil Society. His current work takes him around the continent researching various children-related topics, such as those in difficult circumstances and orphans and vulnerable children.

Douglas Johnson, who has edited the *Newsletter* since its inception, will continue as editor until the July number, and any item intended for the July number should be sent to him. All items intended for the October number onward should be sent to Simon Heap, email: simon.heap@plan-international.org (see Notes to Contributors on the last page for editorial address).

Minutes of AGM of ASAUK 10 September 2003

(The January number of the Newsletter *published only the Annual Report for 2003-03, below are the full minutes of the AGM.)*

1. APOLOGIES
Dina Porter, Ola Uduku, Dimitri Van Der Bressallar.

2. PRESENT
Nici Nelson, Richard Fardon, Graham Furniss, James Currey, Tim Allen, Douglas Johnson, Martin Hill, Richard Hodder-Williams, Insa Nolte, JDY Peel, Debby Potts, Alfred Zack-Williams, Peter Woodward.

3. NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
- all the officers will continue in office for the coming year
- Four new Members of Council were nominated and elected: Anne Griffith, Edinburgh, Law; Mark Leopold, Goldsmiths, Anthropology; Hakim Adi, Middlesex, History; Rita Abrahamsen, Aberystwyth, International Politics.

4. MINUTES
Minutes accepted after minor amendment.

5. MATTERS ARISING
No matters arising.

6. WEBSITE
Council is grateful to Insa Nolte for her efforts in updating the website. Members are encouraged to access the new website. Insa Nolte would be grateful for any suggestions on how to improve it.

7. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 2002-2003

Summary of the Year
It is already a year since the Birmingham conference, which by all accounts was a rousing success. During the conference the distinguished Africanist Awards were presented to Professor Lionel Cliffe (Leeds), Professor and Mrs. Eldred Jones (Fourah Bay College) and Professor Shula Marks (London). Also the winners of the Audrey Richards Prize were announced and the awards presented in May at a reception held at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS as part of the Mary Kingsley Zochonis Lecture on the African Union by Ambassador Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania. Council through the President expressed its sincere appreciation to all the publishers who contributed books and journal subscriptions. First prize went to Helen Tilley for her dissertation, 'Africa as a Living Laboratory: The African Research Survey and the British Colonial Empire, Consolidating Environmental, Medical, Anthropological Debates' (Oxford); joint runners-up were Michael Taylor for 'Life, Land and Power: Contesting Development in Northern Botswana' (Edinburgh), and Monica Bungaro for 'New Cartographies in Recent African Fiction: Changing Patterns in the Representation of Female Character' (Birmingham).

Conferences and Symposia
Council continued to work with funding bodies such as the AHRB and the ESRC to promote African Studies throughout the United Kingdom. We are grateful to the RAS for agreeing to continue funding for general conference activities, which has enabled the participation of members from Africa. There were a number of conferences, symposia, colloquia and workshops held throughout the year, which were supported by the association. These include:

- New Research in the Great Lakes Region Workshop, (Edinburgh, May)
- Africa: Partnership as Imperialism? (The Review of African Political Economy, September)
- Zimbabwean Diaspora, (St Antony's, June);
- Researching Africa, (St Antony's College, June).

Newsletter and Website
The Newsletter continues to grow in stature as an important medium for reaching members and others interested in African affairs. Members are urged by Douglas Johnson, the editor to pass on news of promotion and appointments, publications, conferences, symposia, workshops, visiting scholars, fellowships, dissertation completions and any news items worthy of academic hearing. Each issue of African Affairs carries an issue of the Newsletter. The Website is now up and running and members are urge to visit it at www.asauk.net. Lindsay Allan in the ASAUK/RAS office now maintains the ASAUK email list and it provides a convenient, fast and cheap means of communicating with the bulk of the

membership. Members who change their email addresses or who have not yet given us their email are urged to pass them on to Lindsay.

Membership	2001	2002	2003
ASAUK Members (UK)	40	36	36
ASAUK Members Overseas	9	8	6
Joint Members (UK)	336	339	380
Joint Members (Overseas)	75	79	76
Student Members (Joint UK)	42	36	54
Students Members (Joint Overseas)	11	15	14
Honorary Life Members (UK)	4	4	4
Corporate Members (UK)	0	0	0
Corporate Members (Overseas)	1	1	1
Associate Members	0	7	7
TOTAL	518	545	578

This year membership has gone up by 33.

The Council for the Year 2002-2003

Officers

President	Dr Nici Nelson
Vice President	Prof. Graham Furniss
Hon. Secretary	Prof. Alfred B. Zack-Williams
Hon. Treasurer	Prof. Richard Hodder-Williams

Council Members

Retiring in 2003:	Dr Charles Gore, Dr Tim Allen, Dr M. McNulty, Dr Elizabeth Watson, Dr Reginald Cline-Cole.
Retiring 2004:	Dr Mario Aguilar, Dr Angela Browne, Mr James Currey*, Prof. Richard Hodder-Williams, Dr Douglas H. Johnson*, Dr Tim Kelsall*, Dr Insa Nolte, Dr Gina Porter, Dr Mel McNulty
Retiring 2005:	Dr Martin Hill, Dr David Maxwell, Dr Helen Thomas, Dr Ola Uduku

*Indicates a co-opted member of Council

Administration

Council would once again like to convey its sincere gratitude to Lindsay for the wonderful work she continues to do on our behalf. The Association cherishes its close relationship with the Centre for African Studies University of London, Centre for African Studies, Edinburgh, Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham, and the various Centres and Units specialising in African Studies, such as Central Lancashire, Coventry, Leeds and Liverpool.

Relationship with Other Professional Bodies

- RAS: Relationship between the ASAUK and the RAS continues to be mutually supportive, co-operative and cordial.
- CUSA: Standing Committees on University Studies of Africa (CUSA) has now merged with ASAUK. Anyone with comments, suggestions, and news about the state of African Studies at their particular institutions should contact Gina Porter at r.e.porter@durham.ac.uk

8. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Hon Treasurer noted that the Association made a profit of £3000, which is to be invested from the accumulated fund into an electronic directory in conjunction

with the RAS in order to ensure a small income. Agreed that the electronic directory will be available on the Web and it will be free to Africanists. However, this project involves a number of potential problems including: data protection issues and the fact that the RAS too would like to embark on its own income generation business. Council approved the ring fencing of the £3000 and the expenditure will be decided following consultation with the RAS.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Nici announced that the next biennial conference titled: *'Debating Africa'* is going to be held at Goldsmiths College, University of London. The President requested panel convenors and panelists to come forward. Please contact her on n.nelson@gold.ac.uk

The Council decided to award three Distinguished Africanist Awards for one more year in order 'catch up'. Nominations should reach Council by 30th April 2004, and the winners will be announced in September. Nominations should include: a brief indicative biography and an A4 statement about the nominee, citing their contributions to African Studies in the UK.

Audrey Richard Prize. Nici urged supervisors to nominate the best of their successful Ph.D. submissions (one per supervisor) with a brief statement and where possible the examiners' report. Theses must have been submitted between Jan 2002 and December 2003 to the office of ASAUK.

10. NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
Anne Griffith, Law, Edinburgh; Mark Leopold, Anthropology, Goldsmiths; Tim Allen, Development Studies, LSE; Rita Abrahamsen, Politics, Aberystwyth; Hakim Adi, History, Middlesex.

11. SUBSCRIPTION
The Council, responding to a rise in subscription proposed by RAS this year. At the same time the payment to RAS for secretarial and office services will rise from £1700 to £2000. Joint: £34 will rise to £37. Single: £29 will rise to £32. Student: remains unchanged.

12. NEWSLETTER:
Douglas Johnson urged that the membership send in items that will raise the profile of individuals and institutions, also for information on visitors, promotions, conferences, workshops and symposia.

13. CUSA
Gina Porter remains ASAUK's Representative in charge of CUSA business. Her email is r.e.porter@durhan.ac.uk

14. AOB
- Richard Fardon, informed the AGM of the forthcoming European African Studies Conference to be held at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS on July 2005.
- AHRB: Graham Furniss informed the AGM of the ring fencing of funding for Ph.D. research. ASAUK has secured 6 Ph.D. studentships over three years for which any candidates can apply. Closing date for bids is December 2003 and successful candidates can undertake research in any universities.

AMMENDMENT TO ASAUK ANNUAL REPORT PRINTED IN THE JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER: It was wrongly reported in the ASAUK Annual Report that

in 2002, Monica Bungaro from CWAS was third prize winner in the Audrey Richards Dissertation Prize. This was incorrect. She was joint runner-up for the Prize. The Council of ASAUK would like to apologize on behalf of the organisation for the mistake.

ASAUK Biennial Conference: Debating Africa

This year's biennial conference will take place on 13-15 September at Goldsmiths College, London (see the January number of the *Newsletter* (9/34) for details). The selection of panels is nearly complete and will cover amongst other topics the following: Clans and Conflict in Somali and Ethiopia; Writing, Self Realisation and Popular Culture; The Socio-Economic Consequences of livestock Diseases and Their Control; HIV/AIDS: Socio-economic Inequalities in Treatment; Peace Talks and Human Rights; Strikes, Social Struggles and Labour Movement; Justice, Truth and Reconciliation; Modernising Cityscapes; Construction of the Person in East Africa; Youth and Violence in Nigeria; The Social Construction of Economic Life; Child Soldiers in Africa; Civil Society and Development: the role of the churches; Postcolonial Perspectives on Writing African History; Wole Soynika at 70; Oil and the State in West Africa; Debates and the Study of African Religion; Postgraduate Panel. The Conference will also feature a number of the Biennial celebratory events such as the announcements at Receptions of the recipients of the distinguished Africanist Awards and the winner(s) of the Audrey Richards Dissertation Prize. This year the ASAUK Conference is honoured to host the Royal Africa society's Mary Kingsley Zuchonis Lecture. This year the lecturer will be Dr. Charles Ukeje from University of Ile Ife, Nigeria and the topic will be the 'Farewell to Innocence? African Youths and the Challenges of the 21st Century'. Contact: n.nelson@gold.ac.uk, Anthropology Department, Goldsmiths College, London SE14 6NW; tel: 0207-919-7804.

Deadlines for Nominations

Audrey Richards Dissertation Prize 2004: Any dissertation successfully passed in the time period 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2003, is eligible for nomination. Supervisors must nominate the candidates. Each supervisor is asked to nominate only one candidate please. A copy of the dissertation (which will be returned in September 2004, after the winner is announced) must be sent to Lindsay Allen, Secretary of ASAUK accompanied by a short nomination letter from the supervisor) before 15 June, 2004. Contact: Mrs. Lindsay Allan, ASAUK, SOAS, Thornhaugh St. Russell Square, London, WC1H OXG.
Distinguished Africanist Award: Nominations must come from the membership. They should consist of a concise statement by the nominator, outlining why the nominee qualifies for the award (see first paragraph above) plus a short and selective CV and publication list. Nominations to Nici Nelson by the beginning of May 2004 please, to enable the Council to make the selection before the Council meeting on the 26 May 2004

Obituary: Helen Lund Callaway

Friends could hardly believe the sudden death of Helen Callaway, in Washington on 29 October 2003. Of all people she seemed the most stable – kind,

dignified, enduring. She appeared always unruffled, yet on reflection she, perhaps more than most, had not always been dealt a trouble-free hand. Whatever came her way, she absorbed and made fruitful. Born on 15 June 1927 in Montana in a small rural town, she occasionally spoke to friends of her time on 'the reservation', mixing in school with local Indian families, where perhaps she found the roots of her interest in other cultures.

An early facility in writing led her to a BA in English literature at the University of Washington in Seattle (phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude) and an MA from Smith College, and onwards into journalism. A yen for travel brought her to Europe and later to Nigeria, by then a mother (ultimately of four children), with her New Zealander husband, Archibald Callaway. She stayed there for 11 years, assisting in the socio-economic research on education and employment that was of professional interest to her husband. She also devoted a year to fieldwork in the old city of Ibadan.

On one of her visits to Oxford she became a regular participant in the seminar on 'the anthropology of women' held at Queen Elizabeth House. She stayed on to read for the Diploma in Social Anthropology, following this with an M.Litt on the processes in non-literate societies by which social groups transmit systems of thought and action from one generation to the next. By now she had an interest in 'learning to be a woman'. Her M.Litt was followed by a D.Phil on attitudes to European women in Nigeria (1900-1960).

When, in 1972, the 'women's seminar' was transformed into the Centre for Cross-Cultural Research on Women, Helen was among the founders and became Deputy Director (later to take over as Director for two years). With Shirley Ardener she set up the annual Commemorative Lectures honouring in turn Audrey Richards, Phyllis Kaberry and Barbara E. Ward, which interested her till the end. Over time she gave numerous papers at the seminar, and convened many Centre series (including on 'Women and Food in Developing Countries', and 'Aid Projects and Women in Developing Countries') and workshops. She travelled widely to speak in London, Paris, Teheran, America, and elsewhere.

For many decades, until her death, she was a member of St Antony's College, Oxford, participating in its notable Africa programme. Of course, she belonged to several Learned Societies, and committees as well as editorial boards. In particular from its inception in 1983 until her death she was co-editor, with Shirley Ardener, of Berg's book series 'Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women' which has issued 29 books, mainly deriving from the work of the CCCRW (now named the International Gender Studies Centre) at Queen Elizabeth House.

Her recent biographical work on Flora Shaw, the former *Times* Correspondent who married Lord Lugard, was conducted with Professor Dorothy Helly of Hunter College, New York. This project met her love of travel and the biographer chase for material, while providing her the opportunities to report on their work in progress. We all look forward to the forthcoming book, which unfortunately will fall to Dorothy to complete on her own.

Her publications would take a whole chapter. Suffice to mention her award-winning *Gender, Culture and Empire; European Women in Colonial Nigeria* (Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology 1987); *Caught Up in Conflict; Women's Responses to Political Strife* (co-edited with Rosemary Ridd, 1986) and *Anthropology and Autobiography* (co-edited with Judith Okely 1992). *Shirley Ardener*

Obituary: Colin Legum

Colin Legum (3 January 1919 – 8 June 2003) was not so much a journalist and writer as a phenomenon. Self-taught, he knew what he knew by experience, by

being there and by talking directly to the main players. That gave him immense authority and depth of knowledge but also immense self-assurance. Although a courteous man, Colin rarely indulged in conversation, it had to be an argument and he had to win it. Stocky and pugnacious, he had the temperament of a heavyweight boxer and would often charge into battle landing his arguments with the force of knockout blows.

Legum was best known as Africa and Commonwealth Correspondent of *The Observer* for 30 years. The editor for much of that period, Donald Trelford, said that he simply appeared one day and announced that he would be covering Africa for the paper. 'There was no question of asking for a job.'

In those days the British press took Africa seriously and employed seasoned reporters as well as analysts in London who knew the continent well. Legum was the best informed. The struggle for freedom and the first years of independence were extraordinarily important for Africa. Week after week Legum's name would be on the front page usually well ahead of the rest of the pack. He could call up at least half a dozen African heads of state and not have to mention his surname. He wrote with absolute certainty and conviction.

Politically he was a liberal socialist. He believed in an Africa free of imperial rule and the neo-colonialism of big business but he was also strongly anti-Communist. One of his first books: *Must we lose Africa?* Argued fiercely for Western engagement in Africa lest it escape from one oppressive imperialism only to fall under another.

Of Jewish Lithuanian origin, he grew up the fourth of five children, in a small town in the Orange Free State of South Africa where his parents kept a hotel. Although some poor white children in the town grew up barefoot, he was more appalled at the inequality between races. It was a contradiction that he said he found 'inexplicable and unacceptable'.

Although he did well at school, he left at 15 and took a job as an office boy the *Sunday Express* in Johannesburg. He rapidly rose to being crime reporter and, remarkably, at 18 the political correspondent. He joined the South African Labour Party and edited its magazine and that of the Mineworkers Union, as well as being elected as a Johannesburg City Councillor. After the victory of the Nationalist Party in 1948 he came to Britain and stayed until 1996 when he returned to South Africa. The immense joy that a free South Africa gave him did not dull his critical senses and he continued to write and edit though he was well into his 70s.

He wrote several books about Africa including *South Africa – Crisis for the West* in which he advocated economic sanctions against his country of birth. He also wrote a history of Pan Africanism. But his immense knowledge came out best in his books of record; *Africa Handbook*, a comprehensive guide to the politics of the continent published in 1965, immediately after the first wave of independence. From 1968 till 1988 he edited *Africa Contemporary Record* and, since 1982, *Third World Report*.

But his judgement was not always flawless. One of his heroes was Milton Obote, the first Prime Minister and later president of Uganda. He sympathised with Obote's proclaimed socialism and defended him to the end. During Obote's second period of rule in the early 1980s, Legum went to Uganda and wrote glowing reports about Obote's achievements and concern for human rights. He dismissed Yoweri Museveni out of hand. He was wrong. Obote II, as that regime has come to be known, had a body count higher than Idi Amin's. It was Uganda's worst-ever regime. In 1986 Museveni and his National Resistance Army did indeed save Uganda. Despite this he remains a giant of African knowledge. He has no equal today.

Richard Dowden

Eritrea

Dismissal of two professors at University of Asmara

Two internationally-known professors in Eritrea, Dr Alexander Naty and Dr Abdulkader Saleh Mohammad, were dismissed from the University of Asmara on 15 October 2003 without explanation, after attending, with university permission, the International Conference of Ethiopian Studies in Hamburg in July 2003. They had no right of appeal against summary dismissal by University President Dr Woldeab Yisak, evidently on the instructions of the security service which had interrogated them both and which reports to the Eritrean President Issayas Afewerki – the University's Chancellor. Sadly, Professor Alexander Naty died of cerebral malaria on 9 December 2003, soon after his dismissal, at the age of 46 years. He leaves a widow and 7-year old daughter living in Asmara. There have been several petitions for the re-instatement of Professor Alexander Naty (prior to his decease) and of Professor Abdulkader Saleh Mohammad, by the international academic community, including many scholars who had worked with them at the University of Asmara and elsewhere. Neither the government nor the university president have replied to these appeals.

The ASAUK seeks to support the human and academic rights of African academics. ASAUK members are invited to write to the Eritrean authorities on the basis of collegial support for these two academics whose human and academic rights have been violated, requesting the reinstatement of Professor Abdulkader Saleh Mohamed, and the posthumous restoration of Professor Alexander Naty's university standing and family benefits: His Excellency President Issayas Afewerki, Office of the President, P O Box 257, Asmara Eritrea; Dr Woldeab Yisak, President of the University, University of Asmara, P O Box 1220, Asmara, Eritrea. Enquiries to Dr Martin Hill (mjdhill@aol.com), member of ASAUK Council

Bird Watch...Final Instalment (perhaps)

From Our Special Correspondent

Uncertainty about the future Rhodes House Library may at last be resolved, following the Rhodes Trust's announcement last Autumn that John Rowett, Secretary to the Trust and Warden of Rhodes House, will be leaving in September to take up the post of Secretary General of the Commonwealth Universities Association, and the further announcement in January this year of the appointment of Sir Colin Lucas, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and a Rhodes Trustee, as his successor. Those who have dealt with Colin Lucas over the Library have found him both sympathetic and courteous. He is widely respected within the University community. We may now look forward hopefully to a resolution of outstanding issues surrounding the library, not the least of which is the security of the collection itself.

Meetings, Lectures and Events

27 May: Dr John Lonsdale will deliver the annual Oxford Africa Lecture on *'Kenyatta and the nation'*, in the Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, Oxford, as part of *'The political economy of Kenya: past & present'* workshop (see Newsletter 9/34, and 'Conferences Future', below, for details).

Conferences Future. . .

Conference listings may appear twice: one short and one long, the second notice appearing in the nearest quarterly number prior to the conference date. Organizers are invited to keep the Newsletter up-to-date with any changes or additions to earlier notices.

United Kingdom

19-20 May: *'States, borders and nations: negotiating citizenship in Africa'*, Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh. Contact the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, 21 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD, Scotland. Tel. +44 (0)131 650 3878; Fax: +44 (0)131 650 6535; Email: African.Studies@ed.ac.uk.

27-8 May: *'The political economy of Kenya: past & present'*, a workshop to be held at St Antony's College, Oxford. Contact: david.anderson@sant.ox.ac.uk; Dr David M. Anderson, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF.

11 June: The Fifth Annual *'Researching Africa'* Day Workshop, Fellows' Dining Room, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The annual 'Researching Africa' day workshop aims to provide an opportunity to meet with fellow researchers, to exchange information and experiences and to discuss research strategies and practices in doing fieldwork in Africa in an informal academic setting. Postgraduate students who have recently conducted research in African countries are invited to give brief presentations on their research experiences, which are followed by lively discussion. The workshop is a multi-disciplinary venture and open for researchers in various disciplines working on Africa. Panels will be arranged on the following four themes with an emphasis on the practical aspect of research (other issues can be included if appropriate): *Reflecting on research methodologies; Negotiating the politics; How the practicalities shape the material; The personal side of fieldwork.* For further information, or to register early, contact: Chizuko Sato (Chizuko.sato@sant.ox.ac.uk), or Lindsay Whitfield (Lindsay.whitfield@sant.ox.ac.uk).

5-7 July: *'"Traditional" accountability and "modern governance"'*, the University of Durham. This will be a small conference of around 50 people, with all the sessions held in plenary. Further queries should be directed to the conference organisers: Tim Kelsall (tim.kelsall@ncl.ac.uk) and Justin Willis (justin.willis@durham.ac.uk) (the date was mistakenly given as August in the last number of the Newsletter).

12-13 July: *'Can faiths make peace? Holy wars and the resolution of religious conflicts from historical and contemporary perspectives'*. This conference will examine religious conflict in history and current times, comparing experiences of different religions, periods and parts of the world. The particular focus will be on efforts which have been made by individuals, communities and religious groups to find resolutions to conflict, and to replace hostility with toleration and mutual respect. Themes which will be examined include: nationalism and religious conflict, revolution and religious wars, the impact of secularization, ethnicity and religion, conflict over holy places, making the peace, keeping the peace. Proposals for presentations lasting about 20 minutes on any of these themes should be sent by 23 April 2004 to: Dr. P. Broadhead, Dept. of History Goldsmiths College, New Cross, London SE14 6NW; tel: +44 (0)20 79197492; fax: +44 (0)20 79197398; email: hsa01pb@gold.ac.uk.

3-5 November 2005: Call for papers: *'Reaching the margins: the colonial and post-colonial lives of the book, 1765-2005'*. The Colonial and Postcolonial and Book History research groups of the Open University, in association with the Institute of English Studies in the University of London, invite papers for the above international conference to be held at the IES in Senate House, London between Thursday 3 and Saturday 5 November 2005. Keynote speakers will be: John Sutherland, Harish Trivedi, Sydney Shep. The primary focus will be on Asia, Africa and Australasia. Highlighted themes will include: Publishing and the colonial system; Publishing Commonwealth Literature; Missionary publishing houses; Censorship and copyright; Distribution and the transport network; Imperial archives and current research; British publishers in the Empire; Postcolonial publishing opportunities; Local publishing; Globalisation, print and the nation state. Among other invited speakers are Simon Gikandi, Chukwuemeka Ike, James Currey, Jacob Ajayi, Henry Chakava, John Spiers, Caroline Davis, James Gibbs, Walter Bgoya and Graham Shaw. A major exhibition of printed and manuscript material loaned from publishers' archives and research libraries is planned to coincide with the conference. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted by 1 March 2005 to R.Fraser@open.ac.uk, and M.E.Hammond@open.ac.uk. Further information may be obtained from ies@sas.ac.uk

. . .Conferences Past

10 September 2003: ASAUK symposium: *'Flights, rights, survival strategies and transnationalism – refugees from the Horn of Africa'*. The aim of this informal and lively symposium was to raise the profile of refugee and forced migration studies by presenting new research and discussing theoretical and practical issues with a human rights perspective. It attracted over 50 ASA members, academics, NGOs and refugees, and was chaired by David Turton, former director of the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University. The first session was on refugee issues and research. The second session, chaired by Professor Ioan Lewis (LSE Emeritus), contained research papers on Somali and Eritrean refugees in Africa, complemented by a further session on refugees from the Horn in the UK. The concluding discussion noted the need to defend refugee rights based on the UN Convention, which are currently under threat in the UK. New thinking is required on the context of globalisation and refugee transnationalism (perhaps also the effects of the war against terror), and the changing relationship between refugee flows and international migration. *Martin Hill*

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

The Newsletter depends on supervisors and successful candidates to supply us with details of new theses.

Timothy Lovering, 'Authority and Identity: Malawian Soldiers in Britain's Colonial Army, 1891-1964', Ph.D. thesis, Department of History, University of Stirling, December 2002. (supervisor, John McCracken).

Agnes Rennick, 'Church and Medicine: The Role of Medical Missionaries in Malawi 1875-1914', Ph.D. thesis, Department of History, University of Stirling, March 2004 (supervisor, John McCracken).

Anne Samson, 'Britain, South Africa and the East Africa Campaign: the Vision Comes of Age', Royal Holloway College, University of London, 2003.

Richard Vokes, 'The Kanungu Fire: Power, Patronage and Exchange in South-western Uganda', D.Phil thesis, Social Anthropology, Oxford University, March 2004 (supervisor, Wendy James).

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Listings of recently published or forthcoming books by ASAUK/RAS members. Members are invited to send in details, including number of pages, ISBN numbers, price and publication date (where known).

James Barber, *Mandela's World: The International Dimensions of South Africa's Political Revolution, 1990-99*, Oxford, James Currey, 224pp. ISBN: 0-85255-877-5 (cloth) £45.00; 0-85255-876-7 (paper) £14.95 (January 2004).

Melissa Thackway, *Africa Shoots Back: Alternative Perspectives in Sub-Saharan Francophone African Film*, Oxford, James Currey, 240pp. ISBN 0-85255-577 (cloth) £45.00; 0-85255-576-8 (paper) £16.95 (October 2003).

Gardner Thompson, *Governing Uganda: British Colonial Rule and Its Legacy*, Kampala, Fountain Publishers (available in the UK from the African Books Collective) 366pp. ISBN 9970 02 394 2 (paper) £22.95 (June 2003).

Tom Young (ed.), *Readings in African Politics*, Oxford: James Currey (in association with the International African Institute) 252pp. ISBN: 0-85255-257-2 (paper) £14.95 (October 2003).

Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

McGill University: Maureen Malowany, Deputy Director and Senior Research Fellow at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, is leaving to take up a position at McGill University in Montreal.

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

British Institute of Eastern Africa 2004-2005

Research Grants: The Institute awards at its absolute discretion grants to assist scholars undertaking original research in Eastern Africa broadly defined, in any field of the humanities and social sciences with some emphasis on archaeology, African history, anthropology and related subjects. Grants are normally awarded as contributions towards actual research costs and do not include institutional overheads or any stipendiary element for applicants. The Director (B.I.E.A., P.O. Box 30710, GPO, Nairobi, Kenya, or pjlane@insightkenya.com), is at all times happy to advise potential applicants. The following grants may be available: *Major Research Grants*, where the sum requested exceeds £1000 sterling; *Minor Research Grants*, where the sum requested does not exceed £1000 sterling. Over the year 2004-5, the Institute intends to give priority to research in relevant fields (including archaeology, history, historical anthropology and historical geography) which focuses on Political Authority, Sacred Space, and Commemoration in Eastern Africa. In addition, the Institute will also give priority to research which focuses on Eritrea, Malawi, Mozambique, southern and coastal Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Further information regarding the range of topics under these themes is available from the Director. All applications for Major Research Grants, available only for post-doctoral research, must be submitted on an application form which is available from either the Director, or the London Secretary, Mrs. Jeanie Moyo, BIEA, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH (biea@britac.ac.uk). Completed forms must reach the

Director by 30 November 2004. Applications for Minor Research Grants, on the same form, must reach the Director by 30 May or 30 November 2004, and notification of the results may be expected within two months of these dates. As with Major Grants, it is the applicant's responsibility to send a copy of his/her application to the nominated referee and to ensure that references are received by the Director before this date.

Graduate attachments: The British Institute exists for research into the later archaeology, history, languages and cultures of Eastern Africa. Each year the Institute arranges attachments for a limited number of recent graduates, who have good degrees and are interested in familiarising themselves with current research in the region. Preference is normally given to applicants from British and Eastern African universities. These attachments normally run for periods of between four and six months. Those selected participate in one or more of the Institute's projects, under the supervision of the Director, the Assistant Director or a project director. These range from archaeological surveys and excavations to oral-historical fieldwork, and may sometimes extend to archival research or the collection of linguistic, ethnographic and/or demographic data. Opportunities may be provided for some independent work to enable students to gain additional experience and to select subjects for subsequent thesis research. For those selected from outside the region the Institute usually provides a return air-fare and basic medical insurance and covers subsistence at the Institute's Nairobi base and in the field. Interested applicants – whether recently graduated, or expecting to graduate in 2003 – should write to the Director (enclosing a c.v. and the names of referees) at either of the addresses below by 1 May 2004. For more informal enquiries, contact The Director (Dr Paul Lane) at: pjlane@insightkenya.com. Contact: BIEA, PO Box 30710 GPO Nairobi, Kenya; or BIEA London Office, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH, UK.

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