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## *James Currey Given ASA Award*

***UK Publisher Hono(u)red by Yanks***

ASAUK members James Currey (in white hat) and Lynn Taylor celebrate at post-award knees-up in a Nashville honky-tonk

James Currey, founder of James Currey Publishers, a vice-president of the RAS and council member of ASAUK, was given a Special Achievement Award at the 43rd annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Nashville, Tennessee on 17 November 2000. The award, the first time the association has so honoured a non-academic, was given in recognition of his 'outstanding service to African studies as a publisher of African studies texts' for some forty years, first at Oxford University Press, Cape Town, then at Heinemann, and finally with his own imprint. Several generations of African authors supported his nomination for the award, including Chinua Achebe, Ngugi wa Thiongo, Ali Mazrui and Ato Quayson.

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting*
*Held at Cambridge, September 2000*

PRESENT: Rita Abrahamsen, Charles Armour, Maria Aquilar, Karin Barber, Deryke Belshaw, Dimitri van dan Bersselaar, Fiona Johnson Chalamanda, Alan Cousins, James Currey, Debby Gaitskell, Savina Geerinckx, Cherry Gertzel,Wambui we Goru, Obi Igwara, Simon Heap, Thomas Jaye, Douglas H. JohnsonJohnson, Ben Knighton, Malte Lubker, Joann McGregor, Mel McNulty, David Maxwell, Stephanie Newell, Margery Povall, Parick Peacey, Gina Porter, Michael Shackleton, Aidan Southall, Patrick shanahan, Rachel Spronk, Elaine Unterhalter, Paul Williams, A. Zack-Williams

1. MINUTES of the 36th Annual General Meeting held at Coventry, 16 September, 1999 - these were approved, and the President signed them.

2. MATTERS ARISING
- there were no matters arising.

3. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

*a. Summary of the Year*

This has been active and busy year for the Association, as is usual in a Biennial Conference year.

The year started out with a re-negotiation of the Association's financial arrangements with RAS. It seems that the new situation is working well.

The Association sponsored a number of conferences and symposia, using funds provided by RAS as well as funds provided by the Association (5% of our accumulated surpluses per annum have been allocated for this purpose since last year). The amount provided by the RAS was generously increased to £2000 this year. The events to which funds were allocated included: (1) a day-symposium on Malawi at Stirling University in April, (2) British Zimbabwe Society Study Day in June, (3) Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh conference, *'First peoples or marginalised minorities?'* in May, (4) CSAS, University of Birmingham *conference 'Social histories of reading'* in July, (5) University of Liverpool conference, *'Africa : diaspora cultures and the Black establishment in the millennium'* in August, (6) Cambridge University conference on the *'Power of the word'* in November.

In all, nearly £3000 were thus distributed to assist other organizations to run events in African Studies. The new procedures seem to operating smoothly. The Council agreed in May to encourage groups or University departments in receipt of funds to make a formal acknowledgement of the sponsorship of ASAUK or RAS in their advertising or programmes, in order to raise the profile of both organizations.

The merger with the Committee on University Studies of Africa (formerly the Standing Committee on University Studies of Africa) has proceeded slowly this year but is gradually consolidating. The Vice-President of the ASAUK Council has taken over as the Chairperson of CUSA. Starting in December, the Deputy Chairperson will take up a position as the one of the co-opted members of the ASAUK Council.

However, despite all these positive aspects, I am disturbed to report that there has been a significant drop in membership, from 503 in 1998, to 491 in 1999 to 478 this year. This is not good news for the Association. The most disturbing aspect of this drop in membership is the fact our student membership has more than halved in the last year (dripping from 43 in 1999 to 21 this year). The Association has a lot to offer post graduate students but this fact must be conveyed to potential entrants to the field by their

supervisors. If the current membership does not make an effort to recruit new members by introducing colleagues and post graduate students to the Association, then there is little the Council can do by way of advertising and recruitment. Once again I wish to plead with the membership to be more active in recruitment. Revised Membership Forms are available in the ASAUK/RAS office. Lindsay Allan will be happy to send you some if you ring or email her.

The Officers of the Council have done their usual task of monitoring the various national funding or policy organizations who have an influence on Area Studies in general and African Studies in particular. This task entails responding to requests for information or providing advice or comment when appropriate. John Lonsdale reported to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the document for which is being tabled at the Annual Meeting. Suggestions for Area Study experts on the panels of the Arts and Humanities Research Board have ben forwarded to the AHRB. Council officers attended the Coordinating Council of Area Studies meeting with the Arts and Humanities Research Board at the British Academy in May. The new head of ESRC was in attendance. The main focus of the meeting was the perception of the academic community that funding for Area Studies has diminished.

The Council has agreed to launch a proposal for a Distinquished Africanist Award. This idea was moted by Karin Barber. She and John Lonsdale, with the advice of the Council have submitted a document outlining the proposal to the AGM.

*b. Membership*

| | | | |
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| ASAUK MembersMembers (Overseas) | 12 | 11 | 9 |
| Joint Members (UK) | 323 | 305 | 324 |
| Joint Members (Overseas) | 64 | 67 | 74 |
| Student members (Joint UK) | 47 | 43 | 21 |
| Student Members (Joint Overseas) | 47 | 5 | 0 |
| Honorary Life members | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Corporate Members (UK) | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Corporate Members (Overseas) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Associate Members | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 503 | 91 | 478 |

*c. The Council for the year 1999-2000*

Officers

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| President | Dr. John Lonsdale |
| Vice-President | Dr. Karin Barber |
| Hon. Secretary | Dr. Nici Nelson |
| Hon. Treasurer | Prof. Richard Hodder-Williams |

Council Members

Retiring in 2000 Dr. Tanya Bowyer-Bower, Mr. James Currey*, Dr. Graham Furniss*, Dr.Louise de la Gorgendière, Dr. Douglas H. Johnson*, Prof. David Killingray*, Dr. Alfred Zack-Williams

Retiring in 2001 Dr. Mario Aguilar, Dr. Angela Browne, Dr. Stephanie Newell, Prof. Ato Quayson

Retiring in 2002 Dr.Reginald Cline-Cole (for a second term), Dr. Martin Hill, Dr. David Maxwell, Dr. Helen Thomas, Dr. Ola Ukuku

*indicates a co-opted member of Council

*d. Administration*

I am pleased to report that administration ran smoothly this year. Lindsay Allan was her usual cheerful and efficient self. She has made an irreplaceable contribution to the preparations for the Biennial Conference, especially in the the production and distribution of the programme, the handling the bookings and in the final Registration on the first day. As usual the Association owes a grateful vote to her of thanks for all her enthusiastic help and advice.

*e. Symposia and Conferences*

The year started well with ASAUK and the Centre for African Studies of Coventry University jointly sponsoring a symposium on *'The dimensions of vulnerability'*. This proved to be a stimulating day, well attended.

As is usual in a Conference year, the majority of the Council and members of the Association efforts were directed towards the successful accomplishment of the Biennial Conference.

However, as stated above, the Association is pleased to have been able to assist in the organization of other symposia and conferences in other institutions and organizations. ASAUK is grateful for the generous subvention of £2000 provided by RAS for this purpose.

*f. Relations with Other Bodies*

Royal African Society As always, relations between the two associations are mutually useful, pleasant and beneficial. We continue to have joint members on each other's Councils. The Secretary of the ASAUK is a member of RAS Speakers and Publications sub-committee. RAS generously provides a sum of £2000 annually for conferences in the field of African Studies. The monies are intended to assist organizations running conferences and ASAUK is responsible for its distribution. A process is now in place to take bids, make selections and administer the money. As indicated in last year s Annual Report, the financial relationship between the two organizations has been re-thought and we hope it is working satisfactorally for both parties. The agreed level of payment will be retained for 3 years, and reviewed in mid-year 2002.

Due to an error in the paperwork mailed out last autumn informing members of RAS and ASAUK of the agreed subscription rise, the membership were requested to pay subscription fees of L34 for Joint membership instead of the agreed amount of L33. Since the error was not spotted by anyone on either Council until several months into 2000 when almost all members had paid the higher amount, it was decided by both organizations to simplify administration. The AGM of RAS has already voted to regularise the higher sum. Since, it was agreed last year that for administrative convenience, subscription fees should be the same for both societies, the Council is tabling a proposal to the AGM to agree to the rise in Subscription fees for the future and to agree to the overpayment for 2000.

The Coordinating Council of Area Studies Associations Our membership and participation in this coordinating body continues to be useful. It allows the Association to keep a finger on the pulse of HFCE initiatives and the developments in the pending Research Assessment exercise. We continue to monitor HFCE initiatives and to respond on behalf of African Studies. As was stated above the Association participated in the meeting sponsored by CCASA with the Arts and Humanities Research Board in May.

The Standing Committee on University Studies of Africa The Committee has changed its name to the Committee for University Studies of Africa and has merged with ASAUK. It has been divided into 5 regions, which will elect regional representatives. It

is hoped in the near future that there will be regional meetings. There will be one meeting of the whole SCUSA annually. Since the merger with the ASAUK, the Chairperson of CUSA is the Vice-President of ASAUK and the Deputy Chairperson/Secretary of CUSA is an ex-official member of the ASAUK Council, as one of the co-opted members. It is hoped that in this way the good work of SCUSA will continue unimpaired. The re-organization is taking longer than it was forseen last year when the Council reported to the AGM about the merger. However, it is hoped that the process will be completed soon, since SCUSA has particular educational functions to fulfill which are important and should not be allowed to lapse.

The International African Institute We remain an institutional member of the Institute.

Standing Conference on Library Materials in Africa The Council has a co-opted member, Prof. David Killingray, who is our representative on SCOLMA Council in order the ensure an exchange of information between our two organization.

## 4. REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1999

1. Attached are the annual accounts for the ASAUK, prepared from our books by Messrs. Uppal and Warr. They cover the period from 1 January to 31 december 1999. Below is a summary of the principal figures as compared with the previous year:

2. 1999 was not a biennial conference year and so the levels of income and expenditure are both relatively low.

3. Net income comprises receipts from workshops and from subscriptions, minus our affiliation fees to the Royal African Society, the cost of conferences/workshops, and expenditures for the year on postage and stationery, accountancy, the ASAUK *Newsletter* and a small level of bank charges. The contribution provided by the Royal African Society towards the support of conferences and workshops is not included.

4. Your Committee has endeavoured to sustain the real value of the accumulated fund, while investing any surplus on supporting workshops and African scholars participating actively in those workshops.

5. No additions were made to the African Scholars' Trust Fund during 1999. The Fund still holds £585 carried over from 1997. The Association, supported by grants from the Royal African Society, was able to fund a number of African scholars without recourse to this special Fund. We are most grateful to the Royal African Society for its generous support of the Association's activities.

6. The financial and administrative arrangements between the ASAUK and the Royal African Society were revised during 1999. The Reports of the President and the Honorary Secretary set out what has been agreed. The end result will be that the accumulated fund of the Association is unlikely to grow as fast as it has in the past, but the commitment from the Royal African Society to support Conferences and Colloquia will benefit the Association more than commensurately.

7. The strength of the Association financially depends upon the number of its members and it is a matter of some concern, therefore, that the number of members appears to be reducing.

8. As usual, thanks must be go to Lindsay Allen for her continued enthusiasm and commitment to the administrative and financial affairs of the Association which allows our activities to be funded so smoothly and efficiently.

Richard Hodder-Williams
10 September 2000

## Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 1999

| | 1999 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Subscriptions received | 5,881 | | 6,062 | |
| Less: Royal African Society affiliation fees | 3,193 | | 3,128 | |
| | | **2,688** | | **2,934** |
| Conference/workshop receipts | 90 | | 15,782 | |
| Less: conference/workshop expenses | 877 | | 12,580 | |
| | | **(787)** | | **3,202** |
| Interest received | 1,917 | | 2,306 | |
| | | **3,818** | | **8,442** |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 367 | | 182 | |
| Sundry expenses | 312 | | 84 | |
| Audit and accountancy | 646 | | 617 | |
| Bank charges | | | 69 | |
| ASAUK *Newsletter* | 782 | | 676 | |
| Donations | 800 | | 740 | |
| | | **2,907** | | **2,368** |
| NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR | | 911 | | 6,074 |

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1999

| | 1999 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash in Bank and in hand | 533 | | 1,767 | |
| Investments | 36,458 | | 36,251 | |
| Other debtors | | | 415 | |
| | | **36,991** | | **38,433** |
| CURRENT LIABILITES | | | | |
| Sundry creditors | 2,529 | | 4,882 | |
| | | **2,529** | | **4,882** |
| | | 34,462 | | 33,551 |
| Financed by | | | | |
| ACCUMULATED FUND | | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 1999 | 32,966 | | 26,892 | |
| African Scholars Trust Fund at 1 January 1999 | 585 | | 585 | |
| Net income for the year | 911 | | 6,074 | |
| | | 34,462 | | 33,551 |

## 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Officers:

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| Dr. Karin Barber | President |
| Dr. Nici Nelson | Vice President |
| Prof. Richard Hodder-Williams | Treasurer |
| Dr. Alfred Zack Williams | Secretary |

New Council Members:

Dr. Tim Allen (UCL)
Dr. Charles Gore (Birkbeck)
Dr. Mel McNulty (FCO)
Dr. Elizabeth Watson (Cambridge)

There was a query from Prof. Owens about why there were no scientists or health experts on the Council when it was accepted that these were critical areas for African research. There was a debate on how to improve the recruitment. Suggestions included, calling ourselves people who study Africa rather than Africanists; making a breakdown of membership by expertise and publishing this in the Newsletter

## 6. DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD

Dr. John Lonsdale spoke to the idea. The AGM was asked to give its blessing to this decision of the Council to recognise distinguished members of the profession. He explained that in order to start the award, 3 would be awarded at the next AGM (2001) and 3 in the following (2002). After that, there would be one or two such awards made only in the Biennial Conference years.

The membership was invited to send nominations to the President, Karin Barber by the end of January 2001 with a short explanation of why the nomination was being made and a CV where possible.

## 7. FCO REPORT

This had been written at the behest of FCO by John Lonsdale after he had consulted various colleagues. We do not have unrealistic hopes that the document will have a major impact. However, it is hope that there might be some move on providing a language learning year for students wishing to do research in Africa or other non-European regions.

## 8. SUBSCRIPTION FEE

It was reported to the membership that an error was made last January and an incorrect subscription announcement had been sent out. In it the subscription fee had been wrongly stated as £34 instead of £33. However, the problems of refunding one pound to the members who paid the incorrect amount, and the need to stay in sync with the RAS has made the Council decide to keep the fee of £34. Apologies were tendered to the membership.

## 9. COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STUDIES OF AFRICA

Karin Barber made a brief report on the transformation of the Standing Committee on University Studies of Africa into the committee on University Studies of Africa. There

has been some difficulties in setting up the new structure. It is hoped that in the next year this will be completed.

10. ASAUK NEWSLETTER

Douglas Johnson urged the membership both to read the Newsletter and to contribute for inclusion as many things related to African studies as possible.

11. SUPPORT FOR ACADEMICS SEEKING ASYLUM

J. Lonsdale reported that the membership should be aware that there are academics from Africa here in the UK seeking asylum. Anyone who is interested in providing help should consult Prof. Shula Marks.

12. AFRICAN SCHOLARS TRAVEL FUND

The membership was reminded that the Fund needs contributions from the membership if it is to continue to operate as a means to bring African scholars from the continent to the UK.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Martin Hill spoke to the need for the Association to pay more heed to issues of Human Rights, an on-going problem in the continent of Africa. A Working Party will be formed in the next year which will include members of the Council and any other interested parties from the membership. The possible activities of the Working Party could include sessions on human rights or support for academics in trouble with dictatorial regimes.
- Prof. Owens announced the Canadian Association of African Studies meeting sometime in May-June 2001, Laval University Montreal.

Nici Nelson
Honorary Secretary

***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

2 Feb: a one-day conference, *'Chieftaincy in West Africa'*, Centre for West African Studies (CWAS), University of Birmingham. To register and to suggest a topic for discussion or a paper (preferrably before 20 January 2001), please contact: Insa Nolte, CWAS; tel.: 0121-472 5906; email: Insa.Nolte@excite.co.uk.

9 March: *'Engaging with Law in Africa'*, 10am-5pm at SOAS, University of London (see *Newsletter* no. 21). Contact: Anne Griffiths, Old College South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL; tel: +44 (0)131 650-2057; fax: +44 (0)131 662-4902; home tel/fax +44 (0)131 332-1250.

17 March: The Department of Art and Archaeology (SOAS) and the Institute of Archaeology, (UCL) in association with the Centre of African Studies (London), is organising a workshop entitled 'Safeguarding Africa's past: problems with cultural resource management, legislation and the portable antiquities trade in Africa' (title and date to be confirmed).

30-1 March: *'Development policy in Africa: public & private perspectives'*, Keble College, Oxford, organized by the Centre for the Study of African Economies (see *Newsletter* no. 21). Enquiries should have the mark/subject '2001 CSAE Conference' and be addressed to Sandra Mallinson: fax +44-(0)1865 281-447; email: csae.enquiries@economics.ox.ac.uk; CSAE, Department of Economics, Oxford University, Manor Rd, Oxford OX1 3UL, UK.

5 April: The Britain Tanzania Society in association with the Centre of African Studies is organising a meeting entitled *'Women's rights and women's progress in Tanzania'* to be held in Rooms B202 and B212, Brunei Gallery, SOAS. Contact Roy Galbraith on roygal@aol.com

23-24 May: *'Africa's young majority: meanings, victims, actors'*, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh. This conference will address three principal issues: (1) How the meanings of youth itself have shifted over time. There is a real sense in which established conceptions of childhood appear misplaced in a world of child soldiers, working children and street kids. Equally, it is open to question whether the notional barrier between youth and seniority has much validity in contemporary Africa where social fluidity is very obvious. (2) The impact of Africa's contemporary malaise upon the young. Particular attention will be paid to health problems associated with AIDS, the worlds of work and to the young in conflict situations. (3) The role of the youth in shaping national debates and giving expression to new ways of seeing. Particular attention will be paid to the role of urban youth in shaping political outcomes on the streets; the emergence of vibrant youth cultures drawing equally on external and internal influences; the role of youth in the advance of religious movements; and the world of sport as an escape route but also as a vector for youth aspirations. The conference will aim to provide a forum for the most current research, across a wide range of disciplines. Contacts: P.King@ed.ac.uk; Paul.Nugent@ed.ac.uk; The Centre of African Studies, Univ. of Edinburgh, 7 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh Eh8 9LW, Scotland, UK; tel: +44 (0)131 650 3878; fax: +44 (0)131 6506535.

27 June: *'Empowering the powerless: gender, class and race in modern missionary initiatives'*, Institute of Commonwealth Studies. This day will focus particularly on the history of Biblewomen, the 'native agency' of British working-class women or Asian and African female converts used in Christian mission from the 1860s through the 20th century. The aim is to explore the female inter-racial and cross-class interaction embodied in the deployment of Biblewomen, who were invariably trained and supervised by middle class, white, Western women. The diaries or reports which Biblewomen wrote are potentially a rich historical source of their own right. We hope to hear from scholars working on Biblewomen in Asia, Africa and Victorian Britain. Relevant paper proposals on other non-ordained, non-clergy mission agency, male or female, would be welcomed. Further details from Lori Williamson (University of Wolverhampton), and Deborah Gaitskell (ICS) (tel: 020 8444 9024; email: 106215.610@compuserve.com).

27-30 May: The Annual Conference of the *Canadian Association of African Studies* is holding its annual conference at Laval University, Quebec. The Canadian Conference is smaller,more personal, than its American counterpart and,coupled with the beauty of old Quebec city, a short bus ride from the University, you will experience a quite different type of conference. Further information can be obtained from the website www.caas.ca. Membership of CAAS is required to attend. This can be acquired easily through the Association's other website www.caas.umontreal.ca

July 20-1: *Second International Conference & Exhibition on Traditional Medicine in Ghana* will be hosted by the Ministry of Health of Ghana and Africa First LLC on, under the theme: 'Intergrating Traditional Medicine Into Orthodox Medicine' as a continuation of the process of dialogue and education between practitioners of modern and traditional medicine. There will be pre/post conference tours to hospitals and other interesting sites. The 10 day program lasts from July 15 to 24, 2001, at a cost of $2,150.00 per person from London Heathrow; or $2,450.00 per person round trip Baltimore-Washington/Accra/ Baltimore-Washington on Ghana Airways; cost includes round trip airport transfer with assistance, hotel on double occupancy, 3 meals daily, pre/post conference tours, conference participation. Interested parties from from Europe and neighbouring states should please contact Pronito International, Waptours, Postfach 17, Michaelskreuzstr. 15, 6037 Root, Switzerland; tel: 41 79 340 2975; fax: 41 41 450 2043; email: akwamoapronitowap@csi.com. Balance is due on April 30, 2001. Those from the USA and Canada should contact Africa First LLC, 517 Asbury Street #11, Saint Paul, MN 55104 USA; tel: 651-646-4721; fax: 651-644-3235: email: africafirst@yahoo.com.

July 2002: The Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg Branch) in cooperation with the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Cultural Anthropology of the Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow) is organizing in July 2002 in St. Petersburg the *Second International Conference 'Hierarchy and power in the history of civilizations'*. The immediate objective of the Second Conference is to discuss: civilizational and evolutionary (including formation) models of socio-political development; interaction of the socio-political and cultural-mental groups of factors in the processes of social evolution; cultural and socio-biological foundations and factors of dominance in human societies; socio-political evolution of the East: models and tendencies; evolutionary position of the state among the forms of socio-political organization; democratic and non-democratic forms of socio-political organization at different levels of cultural complexity; political center and regions: interrelations within the frameworks of different models of socio-political organization; schools and trends in the study of the 'hierarchy and power' problematique. The Organizing Committee will be glad to consider any panel proposals (within 500 words) received by September 1, 2001. The deadline for paper submission (an abstract within 300 words) is December 1, 2001. Prospective participants should send full name, title, institutional affiliation, full mail and email addresses, and fax number. Organizers will send the list of documents necessary for us to support your visa application process in the Russian Consulate or Embassy in your country. The registration fee ($100 which includes the culture program, conference book of abstracts, reception, coffee-breaks, &c.) payment, is to be paid on the spot. Accommodation is about $35 per night (single room in a three star hotel). Estimated meal and other daily expenses are c. $15. Contact: Dr. Serguei A. Frantsouzoff, Institute of Oriental Studies (St. Petersburg Branch), 18 Dvortsovaya nab,

191186 St. Petersburg, Russia; tel: +7-812-315-84-90; fax: +7-812-312 14 65; email: invost@mail.convey.ru.

### *...Conferences Past*

6th Portuguese-Afro-Brazilian Congress of Social Sciences was held in the Faculty of Letters of the University of Oporto, on 4-9 September 2000, on the theme: *'Social sciences in the Portuguese-speaking countries: balances and challenges'*, promoted by the Centre of African Studies of the University of Oporto and the Faculty of Letters of the University of Oporto, and coordinated by Prof. A. C. Goncalves, member of ASAUK. Approximately 500 scientists gathered from Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, S. Tome and Principe and Timor Loro Sae. The congress was organised in 3 major conferences, 9 thematic panels, 9 work groups and a round table on Gilberto Freyre. Three main challenges or interdisciplinary axis of reflection traversed the themes of this Congress: The first one was the confrontation of cultural changes in a individualised and globalised world that enhances social ruptures; the second was the management, as wide as possible, of democratic diversity; the recognition of others, the alterity in a community of laws and cultural orientations; and also the building of citizenship that secures the autonomy and the respect for the differences in view of such overwhelming phenomenon as bureaucratisation and cultural and media industries that could restrain fundamental rights and principles of equality. The third challenge is the reinforcement of new forms of solidarity in the Portuguese-speaking countries, mainly in the fight against exclusion, racism and xenophobia; and, likewise, in the continual effort for innovation and creativity in the analysis of national, local or ethnic cultures, implementing models of cooperation, participation and co-production, with dominant characteristics of the endogenous development of each of these countries. During this Congress, the Association of Portuguese-Speaking Social and Human Sciences was created.

The African Studies Association of Ireland held its inaugural conference at Trinity College, Dublin on 16 December 2000. The keynote lecture was given by Shula Marks on 'The dog that did not bark: Ethnicity and Democracy in South Africa: the case of KwaZulu Natal'. There were panels on 'Human Rights in Africa', with papers by Rosemary Byne and Rachel Murray, and on 'Ireland and Africa', with papers by Rafique Mottiar, Mary Oduka and Frank Sheridan. Some 50 founder-members of the ASAI were present. In addition a constitution for the Association was adopted and a committee elected. David Dickson of Trinity College was elected the first Chair of the Association. Further details can be had from the Secretary, Martin Lynn, at m.lynn@qub.ac.uk.

### *Websites*

The Nordic Africa Institute has launched an on-line catalogue at web site http://www.nai.uu.se/webbshop/ShopGB where all the books published by the Institute are presented. Customers may search nearly 500 titles on Africa by title, author, subject, ISBN or series. Orders may also be dispatched on-line. The topics range from rural development to refugees, and from African literature to structural adjustment as well as current developments in Africa. Most of the publications are in English, but the Institute also publishes in the Nordic languages and in French. The latest titles will be found at www.nai.uu.se under the heading 'Publications' and 'New Books'. For a hard copy of

the book catalogue email orders@nai.uu.se, or fax +46 18 56 22 90, telephone +46 18 56 22 00, or mail The Nordic Africa Institute, P.O.Box 1703, SE-751 47 Uppsala, Sweden.

Allison Drew, Department of Politics, University of York, has recently designed a web page with a variety of links entitled *'South African politics, culture & society internet resources'*: http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~ad15/SAInternetResources.htm. Her other web pages with African content are: *'Popular movements internet resources'*, http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~ad15/PopularMovementsInternetResources.htm; *'Women's movements internet resources'*, http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~ad15/Women'sMovements InternetResources.htm; *'International & regional internet resources'*; http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~ad15/International&RegionalInternetResources.htm.

### *Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities*

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

John Garber Phillips, 'Roan antelope: big business in Central Africa, 1890-1953', Ph.D., Faculty of History, University of Cambridge (2000)

### *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).*

E. Aryeetey, J. Harrigan, M. Nissanke (eds), *Economic Reforms in Ghana: The Miracle & The Mirage* (Oxford: James Currey) 384pp. ISBN 0-85255-164-9 £16.95 (paper) (September 2000)

Bruce Baker, *Escape from Domination in Africa: Political Disengagement &its Consequences* (Oxford/Trenton NJ: James Currey/African World Press) 256pp. ISBN 0-85255-837-6 £40.00 (cloth), 85255-838-4 $14.95 (paper) (December 2000)

S. Batterbury, A. Warren (eds), *The African Sahel: 25 Year Since the Great Drought*, special issue of *Global Environmental Change: Human and Policy Dimensions*. (December 2000)

K. Davis, *Death in Abeyance: Illness and Therapy Among the Tabwa of Central Africa* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press for the IAI) (2000)

K. Dodds, *Geopolitics in a Changing World* (Harlow: Longman) (2000)

K. Dodds & D. Atkinson (eds), *Geopolitical Traditions: A Century of Geopolitical Thought* (London: Routledge) (2000)

Rosaleen Duffy, *Killing For Conservation: Wildlife Policy in Zimbabwe* (Oxford/Bloomington/Harare: James Currey/Indiana University Press/Weaver in

association with the IAI) 224pp. ISBN 0-85255-845-7 £35.00 (cloth), 0-85255-846-5 £11.95 (paper) (December 2000)

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### *Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges*

*Centre of African Studies, University of London* Dr Paivi Hasu (Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland) is carrying out research on the work of the Leipzig Mission in Kilimanjaro 1893-1940 by examining the cultural, philosophical and theological background of that particular missionary society, the conversion of the Chagga people into Christianity during the first decades of the 20th century, and the impact of conversion of their socio-cultural order and life cycle rituals in particular.

Dr Dominique Marshall (Associate Professor, Carleton University, Canada) Dr Marshall's research seeks to understand the activity of the Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations, its contribution to the construction of the notion of universal children's rights and to the early history of international child welfare. Dr Marshall is

working on the internationalisation of child welfare and especially upon The Conference on the African Child held in Geneva in 1931 which was the founding moment of the Save the Children Fund.

Ms Rixia Pan, Research and Planning and Co-ordination, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, PR China, is an academic visitor from 22 November to 31 March 2001, researching developing strategy of African agriculture, extension food, developing crops for export and policy and measure for developing agriculture. Ms Pan's visit is partially funded by the British Academy.

### *Awards, Prizes and Fellowships*

*Centre of African Studies, University of London*: Leventis Research Co-operation Programme supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies in London and colleagues in Nigerian universities. The successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, SOAS for a period of three months. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, a 1000 word statement of current research interests and aims to be achieved during the research period in London. This programme is particularly suitable for younger academics, perhaps working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. The deadline for applications is 1 May 2001. Further information may be obtained from the Centre of African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies; tel: (+44) (0)20 7898 4370; fax: (+44) (0)20 7898 4369; email: cas@soas.ac.uk or jc7@soas.ac.uk; website: http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/home.html.

East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme is aimed at academics from Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The successful applicant(s) will visit the centre for a three month period in order to pursue research and/or course development in the broad field of African studies in the social sciences and humanities; preference will be given to academics at the early stage of their career. Contact the Centre office (as above). The closing date for applications for a choice of either the Autumn term (mid-September to mid-December) 2001 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April) 2002 is 30 April 2001.

British Council East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme (Kenya): The British Council (Kenya) has agreed to fund a further scholar under the East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme. The Centre looks forward to receiving applications from Kenyan academics/qualified practitioners (Kenyan nationals based in home country) from academic institutions or local non-governmental organisations. The subject focus of applications for the scholarship should be related to the fields of good governance OR education (primary or secondary). For further information contact the Centre office (as above). The closing date for applications for a choice of either the Autumn term (mid-September to mid-December) 2001 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April) 2002 is 30 April 2001.

*The British Institute in Eastern Africa* arranges annual 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. However, suitably qualified graduates from other countries may also apply. These attachments normally run for periods of between three 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 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 2001 – should write to the Director (enclosing a cv and the names of referees) at either BIEA, PO Box 30710, Nairobi, Kenya/BIEA London Office, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH. (preferably by 30 April 2001, although later applications are sometimes considered). Preliminary selection is undertaken during May and June, and offers are made after university finals results are announced. For more informal enquries, contact the Director (Dr Paul Lane) via e-mail at: pjlane@insightkenya.com.

*Audrey Richards Dissertation Prize* The Audrey Richards Dissertation prizes will be presented on 30 May at 6.00pm at SOAS after the Royal African Society AGM and annual lecture.

## *REMINDER*
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## *DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD*

IF YOU HAVE A NOMINATION FOR THE ASAUK DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD (see *Newsletter* no. 21 and minutes of the AGM, p.7 above) PLEASE SEND A BRIEF STATEMENT OF YOUR NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS, WITH CV TO LINDSAY ALLEN, ASAUK, SOAS, THORNHAUGH ST., RUSSELL SQ, LONDON WC1H 0XG (OR asa@soas.ac.uk)

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