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AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION UK Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth Annual General Meeting

Held at the Manor Conference Centre, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Wednesday 11 September 2002, 12 noon.

Present: Douglas Rimmer, Insa Nolte, Martin Hill, Reg Cline-Cole, Nigel Eltringham, Karin Barber, Nici Nelson Douglas Johnson, Richard Hodder-Williams, Tim Shaw, Liz Gunner, Agnes Hay, Oladipo Agboluaje, Blanche Macauley, Amy E. Joof, Doris Hollander, Martin Page, J.Y.D. Peel, Simon Heap, Victor Ayeni, Ben Knighton, Tony Binns, Kees Maxey, Akin Oyetade, Gina Porter, Ben Page, Martin Kenyon, Rachel Flanary, Delce Fatunla, Deborah Gaitskell, Rachel Brewer, Lalage Bown, Brian Wernham, Shula Marks, John Owen, Jacqueline Owen, Alfred Zack-Williams.

Apologies: Petula Peters, Ola Uduku, Rita Abrahamsen.

1. WELCOME AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

President welcomed all present to the annual meeting after which she introduced the Vice President, Treasurer & Hon Secretary. President noted that the next Vice-President would be Graham Furniss.

Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held at the Greenbank Building University of Central Lancashire 15 September 2000 were accepted without amendments and were signed by the President.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of the Year

The year since Preston has been a very busy one for members. Despite the chaos created by September 11 for delegates to the conference, which meant that a large number of delegates, particularly from North America were unable to attend, yet the consensus was that the Human Rights Conference was a resounding success. Apart from the usual seminars and regular meetings, Council members have been busy preparing for the biennial conference. The Vice President and other colleagues have been busy reading dissertations for the Audrey Richards Prize. The Preston meeting saw the Distinguished Africanist Awards being presented for the first time to John Fage, Douglas Rimmer and Basil Davidson.

The Newsletter continues to grow in stature as an important medium for reaching members and others interested in African affairs. Douglas Johnson, the unflagging editor continues to plead for ASAUk members 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*.

Still on the theme of improving communication, members will have noticed that ASAUk's website has now been set up. We would like to thank all those who worked hard to ensure the realisation of this goal, in particular David Maxwell, Reginald Cline-Cole, Charles Gore and the man who actually created the site, Lawrence Flint. We urge members to visit the Website, at www.asauk.net.

The ASAUk e-mail list, now maintained by Lindsay Allan in the ASAUk/RAS office, continues to grow and provides a convenient, fast and cheap means of communicating with the bulk of the membership. Members who change their e-mail addresses or who have not yet given us their address should please give the information to Lindsay in order to ensure the smooth operation of the list.

4. MEMBERSHIP

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
ASAUk Members (UK)	41	40	36
ASAUk Members Overseas	9	9	8
Joint Members (UK)	324	336	339
Joint Members (Overseas)	74	75	79
Student Members (joint UK)	21	42	36
Students Members (Joint Overseas)	0	11	15
Honorary Life Members (UK)	4	4	4
Corporate Members (UK)	0	0	0
Corporate Members (Overseas)	1	1	1
Associate Members	478	518	545

This year membership has gone up by 27.

5. THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2000-2001

Officers

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

Council Members

Retiring in 2002	Dr Martin Hill, Dr David Maxwell, Dr Helen Thomas, Dr Ola Uduku.
Retiring in 2003	Dr Charles Gore, Dr Tim Allen, Dr M. McNulty, Dr Elizabeth Watson, Dr Reginald Cline-Cole, Prof Graham Furniss, Prof Alfred Zack-Williams
Retiring 2004	Dr Mario Aguilar, Dr Angela Browne, Mr James Currey*, Prof Richard Hodder-Williams, Dr Douglas Johnson, Prof David Killingray, Dr Insa Nolte, Dr Gina Porter, Dr Mel McNulty

*Indicates a co-opted member of Council

6. ADMINISTRATION

Council will 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 Coventry, Leeds and Central Lancashire.

7. 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 increase total funding for general conference activities from £2000 to £2500, and to add an extra £500 in Biennial Conference years specifically to support the participation of African members. Events supported include:

Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh: 'A new approach to African development? Internal and external visions', May 22-23, 2002 £600.

Zimbabwe Research Day, June 15 2002. £400 to support participation of Dr Josephine Nhohngo-Simbanegavi.

£800 awarded to Mr J. M. Vianney Rangira (Association des Veuves du Genocide Agahzo) to facilitate his participation at the Biennial Conference.

£500 awarded to Ms Hannah Le Roux, University of Witwatersrand, to enable her to attend the conference.

The Mary Kingsley Zochonis Lecture awarded to Ms Ennie Chipembere, of the University of the University of Zambia.

8. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Royal African Society

Relationship between the two associations continues to be mutually supportive, co-operative and cordial. Council would like to express its gratitude to the Royal African Society for its financial support.

Standing Committees on University Studies of Africa (CUSA) has now merged with ASUK.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer presented his report along side an auditor's report. He noted that the Income and Expenditure Account suggests that the Association ended the year with a 'profit' of £850, which increased the Association's assets to £35,403. However, this figure is misleading.

The Association pays the Royal African Society a fee of £1,700 plus capitation fee depending on the size of the Association's membership, which in 2001, resulted in four payments of £1091, the last payment being made in January 2002 and therefore appears in the Balance Sheet under 'current liabilities'. In effect, the Association made a loss of £241 in the year. The assets of the Association include Lindsay Allen's computer are slightly less than £35,000 are available to the Association.

Furthermore the Treasurer noted that the Incomes & Expenditure Account:

- Does not include the generous contribution from the Royal African Society towards the support for conferences and workshops, incomes for which Council is extremely grateful to the RAS, and it has been promised at an enhanced rate for 2003
- The increase in 'sundry expenses' is accounted for almost entirely by the distinguished Africanist Awards (£440) and this is like to be a continuing expenditure
- The increase in the cost of the Newsletter is due to its increase in both bulk and circulation, and this level of expenditure is expected to continue.

The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that our expenditure in 2001 exceeded our income and is likely to do so in 2002, unless the Conference accounts are much more positive than in either of the last two occasions. With low interest rates and membership not climbing steeply, we may not be able to commit more funds without digging into our reserves or increase subscription

The Treasurer promised to bring to the spring Council meeting a range of options for its consideration. We may need to re-open discussion with the RAS in the spring if we are planning to increase our activities in the non-journal areas. The Treasurer extended his sincere thanks to Lindsay Allen for her work and careful keeping of the accounts.

A question was raised from the floor on the absence of Corporate Membership. It was suggest that help could sought from the RAS in this regards.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Karin Barber stated that her 'report' had been her Address given earlier

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

One to retire on 2003 David Maxwell, Ola Uduku, Martin Hill, Giles Mohan, Dimitri Van Breselaar

12. NEWSLETTER

Report given by the editor and received with acclaim.

13. CUSA

The Vice President gave a report of the meeting with CUSA. It has now being incorporated into ASAUk, and CUSA's representatives are to send information to ASAUk, if programmes are closed or staff being fired. All members are the eyes and ears of the African Studies, to report to ASAUk.

14. AOB

ASAUk Website has already being mention in the Secretary's report. The outgoing President re-emphasise the need for a website, as well as pointing to some of the teething problems. These will be rectified once the builder returns from fieldwork trip in Zambia. It is hoped that the Website to be used by members as discussion group. Council expects to appoint to its rank a web- aficionado, who will regularly up date the Web page. For the time being, Insa Nolte has kindly agreed to look after it on a temporary basis.

It was suggested that the website could be a potential source of income generation, if we can persuade publishers to advertise on our website.

On the Email List, Karin spoke about the need to update email list, and pleaded with members to inform the Secretariat as soon as their email addresses change. Email list valuable mode of communication. We have links with African studies centre. Have we given thought of IGA, get publishers to advertise on the website for a fee.

Members congratulated the organisers for a very successful conference in particular, the diversity of theme sand topics. However, need to have one or two freestanding panels, for papers, which do not fit in with the themes. It was pointed out that we are still short on natural scientists attending the conference, though a physician attended this year and its is hoped that this will encourage others to attend.

Concerns were expressed about the fate of Rhodes House and the destruction of the Commonwealth Institute. Sympathies were expressed to the relatives and friends of both of Dr Obi Igwara and Prof. John Fage who died during the year.

A formal vote of thanks to officers, members of CWAS and numerous other helpers who worked to make the conference a great success. Special thanks to Pat Jensen, Lindsay Allen, Kate Collier, Douglas Browne & sister.

Careers in Africa

Global Career Company, the international recruitment consultancy that specialises in the Africa region, will be hosting the 'Careers in Africa' recruitment summit on 10 & 11 May in London.

At the summit you will find up to 20 multinational corporations looking to recruit graduates and professionals into their panAfrican operations, across a wide variety of functions.

Once we receive your application, your details will be matched against the company profiles and you will be selected to attend accordingly. If you receive an invitation you can potentially receive up to 20 pre-scheduled interviews with participating companies.

At the summit you can expect:

- To meet and interview with leading multinational corporations over two days
- Pre-scheduled interviews with companies that have selected you prior to the summit
- A unique opportunity to network with other African graduates and professionals
- A variety of company presentations for you to find out more about your potential employers
- An excellent chance of receiving at least one job offer

Applications are welcome from candidates that possess:

- Fluency in English, French or Portuguese
- Work authorisation for at least one African country
- At least an undergraduate degree (or the equivalent)

Apply online at: www.careersinafrica.com before the deadline of 7 April.

Careers in Africa Sponsors include: Coca-Cola, Stanbic Africa, Unilever, Rand Merchant Bank. Companies recruiting across Africa include: ABI, Barclays, Citibank, Flour Mills of Nigeria, PricewaterhouseCoopers, South African Breweries, Unilever, Accenture, bp, Coca-Cola, Mars, SABCO, Stanbic Africa,

Woolworths, Anglovaal, Cadbury Schweppes, Ernst & Young, MSI Cellular, Shell, TotalFinaElf

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

20-21 May: 'New research in the Great Lakes Region Workshop', Edinburgh. The aim of this workshop is to bring together young doctoral researchers working on the Great Lakes Region (GLR) for an exchange of experience, ideas and future directions. Panel themes are Socio-Economic Development Strategies & Political Development, Human Rights & Justice, Identity, Local and National Governance, Forced Migration. For further information contact Jude Murison (j.murison@warwick.ac.uk) or Rachel Hayman (R.C.Hayman@sms.ed.ac.uk).

INTERNATIONAL

29 June-4 July: 13th Annual Conference of the Pan African Anthropological Association, 'Anthropology and the contemporary global trends', at the University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Anthropologists as well as other social scientists should make a concerted effort to understand the underlying historical and cultural motivations that contribute to ethnic and religious conflicts so that they may assist in humankind's understanding of its existence and the need for cooperation in the global village. There is a challenge for social scientists to explore the following themes: Indigenous Knowledge Systems; Aids/HIV and Health Inequalities in Africa; Gender and Development Issues; Sport, Culture and Tourism; The teaching of Anthropology and its future in the 21st century; Ethnicity and Racism issues; Perspectives on NEPAD and AU; Poverty and Human Rights; Research Ethics and Methodologies. Contact: PAN AFRICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (PAAA), University of Port Elizabeth, PO Box 1600, Port Elizabeth, 6000, South Africa; tel: 27 41 504 2185; fax: 27 41 504 7425; email: ANADLB@upe.ac.za.

H-Net Africa

H-Net is an international interdisciplinary organization of scholars and teachers dedicated to developing the enormous educational potential of the Internet and the World Wide Web. Its edited lists and web sites publish peer-reviewed essays, multimedia materials, and discussion for colleagues and the interested public.

The H-Net African Studies Networks began as a single discussion list, H-Africa, but has developed into a number of networks on specific topics:

- * H-Africa (general culture/history): www.h-net.edu/~africa/
- * H-AfrArts (expressive cultures): www.h-net.edu/~artsweb/
- * H-AfrLitCine (literature/cinema): www.h-net.edu/~aflitweb/
- * H-AfrResearch (humanities/soc.science research): www.h-net.edu/~afrsrch/
- * H-Afro-Am (African diaspora): www.h-net.edu/~afro-am/
- * H-AfrPol (politics): www.h-net.edu/~afropol/

- * H-AfrTeach (teaching of African studies): www.h-net.edu/~afrteach/
- * H-Luso-Africa (Lusophone African Studies Organization [LASO] official discussion list): www.h-net.edu/~lusoafri/
- * H-Hausa (language/culture/history): www.h-net.edu/~hausa/
- * H-SAfrica (South and southern African studies): www.h-net.edu/~safrica/
- * H-West-Africa (West African studies): www.h-net.edu/~wafrica/

You can also access these through the Africa section of the Library's webpages. Go to the Library's homepage, click on 'Collections and Resources', then 'Africa', then 'General', where you will find a direct link. The site gives instructions on how to subscribe (no charge).

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

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

John Lwanda, 'Politics, Culture and Medicine in Malawi: Historical Continuities and Ruptures with Special Reference to HIV/AIDS', supervised by Kenneth King, Jack Thompson and Paul Nugent at the Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh University.

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).

Patrick Chabal with David Birmingham, Joshua Forrest, Malyn Newitt, Gerhard Seibert and Elisa Silva Andrade, *A History of Postcolonial Lusophone Africa* (London: Hurst, 2002), 339pp. ISBNs: 1-85065-594-4 (cloth), 1-85065-589-8.

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, African Visiting Fellowships, 2003-04: The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and the Rhodes Chair of Race Relations are offering two African Visiting Research Fellowships for the academic year 2003-04. Applications are invited from scholars working in African Universities or research institutions.

The Fellowships will be awarded in the fields of Modern History or the Social Sciences, including Anthropology, Human Geography and Cultural Studies. The OCIS Fellowship will be awarded for the study of any aspect of Islam, or Muslim Societies, in Africa, including North Africa. The Rhodes Chair Fellowship can focus on any aspect of African Studies, but will exclude scholars from North Africa. The successful Fellows will receive a maintenance and accommodation grant of £1,000 a month, for up to nine months. Travel costs will be paid up to £800. The grant will also cover the cost of affiliation of the Rhodes Chair Fellowship to St Antony's College and of the OCIS Fellowship to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide an opportunity for scholars working in African universities to spend an extended research period at Oxford, and to enrich the study of Africa at the University. Fellows will be expected to reside in Oxford during Term, to give and contribute to seminars, and to

participate in discussion with post-graduates, possibly through a limited amount of post-graduate seminar teaching.

Applications for both Fellowships should be sent to the Academic Secretary, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, George Street, Oxford OX1 2AR by 28th February 2003. These should include a full CV with details of publications, and a short research proposal of 500 words. E-mail applications are welcome to islamic.studies@oxcis.ac.uk. Enquiries concerning the OCIS Fellowship should be addressed to islamic.studies@oxcis.ac.uk and for the Rhodes Chair Fellowship to ulli.parkinson@sant.ox.ac.uk.

Note to Contributors

The *Newsletter* solicits short reports (of around 2-300 words) on recent conferences, announcements of forthcoming conferences, symposia and workshops (giving topic, date, venue, and contact address), announcements of the awarding of grants, fellowships and prizes, news of appointments and visiting fellowships, recently completed theses, publication announcements of books by members, and brief articles or notices on matters of importance to Africanists in the UK. All items for inclusion in the *Newsletter* should be sent to Douglas H. Johnson, Editor, ASAUK Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or e-mail: 106155.3441@compuserve.com (preferably as text, not as attachments). Deadlines are 15 December (for the January Newsletter), 15 March (for April), 15 June (for July), and 15 September (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASAUK.

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