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Funding Support for UK African Studies Conferences and Workshops

1. The ASAUK is glad to announce the Royal African Society's generous decision to provide £1000 per annum, for two years in the first instance, for the support of conferences and workshops etc in African studies, held in the UK. This sum is additional to the support that the ASAUK is able to give from time to time. Both funds are administered by the Council of the ASAUK, to which application may be made (to Lindsay Allen at SOAS) by conference organizers. The ASAUK hopes to be able to support two or more such meetings per annum, especially in years alternate to its Biennial Conference.

2. The main priorities in allocating RAS grants and/or ASAUK support will be to assist in the preparatory administration of the conference or workshop (etc) and in the travel and accommodation costs of participants from relevant African institutions.

3. The successful candidates for support will be those who most impress the ASAUK Council with:

- a) the scholarly interest of their proposed proceedings;
- b) their efforts to secure the participation of doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars;
- c) their efforts to secure the participation of scholars from African universities or other appropriate research institutions and/or to share research projects and data with colleagues in Africa;
- d) the prospects for publication in some form.

4. The deadlines for applications to the ASAUK will be 30 November and 15 April annually.

5. Proposals should be no longer than two sides of A4, inclusive of an outline budget that indicates, among other heads of expenditure, the sums estimated for the two priorities mentioned in paragraph 2. Other anticipated sources of revenue should be given.

6. Organisers of events supported by RAS grants and/or ASAUK funds will be required to render a brief account of their stewardship to the next succeeding ASAUK Council meeting (by letter to Lindsay Allen) and to make due acknowledgment in any subsequent publication.

Evans-Pritchard Lectureship, All Souls College, Oxford

All Souls College has received a generous benefaction to establish an annual Lectureship in memory of Sir Edward Evans-Pritchard, Professor of Social Anthropology and Fellow of All Souls (1946-1970) and in the disciplines (social anthropology, classical studies,

modern history, oriental studies) and the geographical areas (Africa, the Middle East, the Mediterranean) that most occupied him. It is likely that, for this first year 1999-2000, the Lecturer will be a social anthropologist, but that should not deter scholars in other fields, who might, for instance, be elected for a subsequent year.

The benefactor is keen that the lectures should provide an empirical analysis of social relations, and should be based on field work or on indigenous primary materials. The electors are enjoined, if possible, to appoint a younger scholar rather than to grant a further accolade to an established person: the Lecturership should confirm a rising star rather than reassure a declining one. The Lecturer should give four to six lectures within one term, either once a week or more frequently: the Lecturer is not required to reside in Oxford, and the position may be combined with others elsewhere. It is expected that the lectures will normally be published, and a successful candidate will be asked to undertake to deliver a typescript within six months after the end of the Lecturership. The Lecturer will receive a stipend of £3000 and reasonable travel expenses, Common Table rights in College, and free accommodation for the period of the lectures. There is no application form. Candidates should write a letter to the Warden setting out their proposed course of lectures and enclosing a list of their publications. They should also ask two referees to write directly to the Warden; these letters to arrive, please, by 30th January 1999. The address is: The Warden, All Souls College, Oxford OX1 4AL.

Co-ordinating Council of Area Studies Associations

The Co-ordinating Council of Area Studies Associations is updating their Area Studies Database of Expertise. Anyone who is not currently logged on the database, but would like to be included, should send the Secretary of the CCASA, Dr Pundeli M Glavanis, their details so that records can be updated. To do this you need to complete a questionnaire which can be supplied through Dr Glavanis (e-mail: Pundeli.Glavanis@man.ac.uk). The database can be accessed via the internet at: http://nt2.ec.man.ac.uk/area_studies.

Sudan Studies Society of the UK Website

The Sudan Studies Society of the United Kingdom (SSSUK) has established its own website at <http://www.dlindley.dircon.co.uk/ssuk/index.html>. The website contains information on how to join, forthcoming meetings and forthcoming publications.

International Network for the Availability of Scientific Information

The International Network for the Availability of Scientific Information (INASP) announces *INASP Links & Resources, 'Access to information'*, new features on the INASP website. The INASP website (<http://www.oneworld.org/inasp/>) has a new INASP links section (<http://www.oneworld.org/inasp/links/index.html>) to provide a quick access guide to selected websites and internet resources of special interest to the library and information science communities, and to scientists and publishers in developing countries. It is designed to assist organizations involved in electronic networks for development, and those who are thinking of moving to an electronic environment for scholarly communication. Sections provide links to websites and resources on information and communication development, electronic networks and ICT in developing countries, organisations, professional associations and NGOs, and resources dealing with electronic publishing and computer-based scholarly communication. A resources section provides access to some of the best and richest internet sites on development studies and the major gateway sites for African, Asian and Latin American studies. For more information: Carol Priestley, Director, INASP, PO Box 2564, London W5 1ZD; tel: +44-(0)181-997 3274;

fax: +44-(0)181-810 9795; email: inasp@gn.apc.org. Or contact Hans M. Zell at inasp@gn.apc.org or hzell@dial.pipex.com; Hans Zell Publishing Consultants, 11 Richmond Road, PO Box 56, Oxford OX1 2SJ UK; tel: +44-(0)1865-511428; fax: +44-(0)1865-311534; email: hzell@dial.pipex.com; website: <http://www.hanszell.co.uk/>.

Meetings, Lectures and Events

ASAUK Council: the next meeting of the ASAUK Council will be Monday 10 May, 4 pm, at SOAS.

African Studies Centre, Cambridge University: Research seminar series on 'Southern Africa', Mondays at 5 pm, beginning 18 January, ending 8 March, at the Committee Room, Social & Political Sciences Faculty, New Museums Site, Free School Lane, Cambridge. All welcome.

Faculty of Cultural, Legal & Social Studies, University of Central Lancashire, Preston: continues its 'Words on Wednesday' staff/student seminars. All seminars will be held at Livesey House, Room 101 at 2pm. Tony Maduagu will give a '*Preliminary report on structural adjustment and coping strategies in Nigeria*' on 10 March, and Lousie De La Gorgendière will speak on '*The interface between "traditional" leaders, civil society and state in Ghana*' on 24 March.

ASAUK Biennial Conference, 11th-13th September 2000

Call for Panel Organisers: The ASAUK's next Biennial Conference, entitled '*Africa: past, present and future*', will be held at Trinity College, Cambridge. The ASAUK Council calls on all who wish to organise discussion panels to contact either Nici Nelson on n.nelson@gold.ac.uk or John Lonsdale on jml1001@cam.ac.uk.

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. Organisers are invited to keep the Newsletter up-to-date with any changes or additions to earlier notices.

UNITED KINGDOM

12-14 April: The Public Administration and Development Jubilee Conference, '*The last 50 years and the next 50 years*', celebrates the 50th anniversary of Public Administration and Development (PAD) and its predecessors. Organised by the Journal's editorial team and the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM), it will take place at St. Anne's College, Oxford, in collaboration with the International Development Centre, Queen Elizabeth House and the UK Development Studies Association. Selected conference themes include: landmarks in development and conceptual thought, features of development experience, leading issues in governance, local government reform, conflict resolution and management, the expanding role of voluntary self-help organisations, state and market corporatism and privatisation strategies, corruption and ethics, civil service reform, the changing role of international technical cooperation, the impact of science and technology on public administration innovations. Please register your interest in attending or presenting a paper by post, fax or email: Dr. Paul Collins, Editor, *PAD Journal*, c/o MTSD, Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX (fax: +44-(0)171-747-6335; email: cf.walters@commonwealth.int).

15 May: '*African readerships*', one day conference at Robinson College, University of Cambridge. International creative writers, academics and postgraduate researchers will

explore such issues as: who reads popular and literary writing by Africans and those of African descent?. How do categories such as gender, class ethnicity and nationality affect what and how writings by Africans are read?. How do such questions modify current postcolonial and reception theories? Conference fee is £18.50 or £9.00 (student rate) includes lunch. Contact: The Administrator, African Studies Centre, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RQ; tel/fax: 01223 334396; email: african-studies@lists.cam.ac.uk. For more details see: www.african.cam.ac.uk

26-27 May: The next Edinburgh CAS international conference is on '*Africa, Islam and development*'. The Centre will be inviting to Edinburgh a range of distinguished speakers from Africa, Europe, the Middle East and North America to discuss a series of inter-related concerns about Islam and its contemporary connections with politics, society and development. Included amongst present themes are: Islam, cultural integrity and global forces; Islam and the critique of the state; Islam, NGOs and local development; Islam and the cross-cutting issues of current aid policies (gender, environment, partnership and human rights); Islamic education as basic education; Islam and the enterprise culture. There will be a particular interest in looking at these and many other issues in a series of countries, including South Africa, Somalia, Eritrea, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Kenya and Algeria - to mention just a few. The Organising Committee for the Conference consists of: Professor Kenneth King (CAS); Professor Yasir Suleiman (Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies); Professor David Kerr (CSCNWW, New College); Dr. Paul Nugent (History); and Mr. Stephen Kerr (Education & African Studies). Enquiries and further details from: Pravina King, Administrator, The Centre of African Studies, The University of Edinburgh, 7 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LW; tel: +44-(0)131-650-3878; fax: +44-(0)131-650-6535; email: African_Studies@ed.ac.uk; website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/~centas/cas.html>.

16 September: The ASAU Biennial Symposium will be hosted by the African Studies Centre, Coventry University, on the theme of '*Dimensions of vulnerability*'. Paper proposals are invited on the following themes: Conflict, war and vulnerability; Farmers' vulnerability; Health and vulnerability; Disasters and vulnerability; Economic vulnerability; the Great Lakes region; Politics, policy and vulnerability. Contact Angela Browne, School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, Coventry University, Priory St, Coventry CV1 5FB; email: a.browne@coventry.ac.uk.

INTERNATIONAL

7-8 April: The Development Society of Southern Africa (DSSA) is pleased to announce a call for paper proposals for its forthcoming bi-annual conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, on the theme '*The Southern African Development Scenario: Challenges for the New Millennium*'. Papers will be presented on the following topics: Regional Cooperation in Southern Africa; Media and Communication for Development; Good Governance; Strengthening Civil Society; Health and Population; Preservation of Culture and Heritage; Local Government as a Development Catalyst; Business and Development; Conflict and Crime - Impact on Development; Globalisation. People interested in attending the conference should address all enquiries to: Adene Pringle Conference and Seminar Planning, P O Box 2163, 2125 Randburg, South Africa; tel: (+27) 11-787-8690; fax: (+27) 11-789-5021; email: adene@icon.co.za

15-18 April: The African Language Teachers Association (ALTA) will hold their 3rd Annual International Conference at Howard University, Washington DC, on the theme, '*Facing the winds of change: the teaching and learning of African languages in the new millennium*'. Contact Dr. Lioba Moshi, Conference Chair, University of Georgia, Department of Comparative Literature, Athens, GA 30602; email: moshi@arches.uga.edu; website: www.councilnet.org/pages/Cnet_Members_ALTA.html.

4-6 June: Annual Sudan Studies Association conference on '*Sudan: dilemmas and prospects*', to be held at Tufts University, Cambridge MA, USA. Proposals for papers should be submitted by 1 February to Ann Lesch, Political Science Department, Villanova

University, 800 Lancaster Ave, Villanova, PA 19085, USA; fax: +1-610-519-7487; email: alesch@email.vill.edu.

28-30 September: The Scientific Council on Problems of African Countries, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences and Russian Association of Africanists will be convening the 8th All-Russia Conference of Africanists, in Moscow, on 'Africa at the threshold of the third millennium'. Panels will be held on African economy: past lessons and future hopes; Contradiction of socio-political modernisation; Middle East and North Africa: Islam and reforms in transitional society; Africa and CIS in world energy and natural resource economy of the 21st century; Africa towards the end of the 20th century as seen by historians; Personality, ethos and culture at social turning-points; Regionalism and federalism in a multi-ethnic state: Africa and CIS, a comparative analysis; Southern Africa; Men, women and children in Africa: new images and roles; Literature studies; Linguistics; Africa in the global community; North and South at the threshold of a new era. The working language is Russian, with simultaneous translations into English and French during plenary sessions and relevant assistance will be provided in the individual sections. Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses in addition to a conference fee of US \$200. Applications together with a two page abstract and short CV must be received by 1 March 1999 and can be sent by email, mail or fax. Contact: Conference Organizing Committee, Institute for African Studies, 30/1 Spiridonovka str., Moscow, 103001, Russia; tel: 7 (095) 290 6385, 290 2752; fax: 7 (095) 202-07-86; email: dir@inafr.msk.su.

*Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting
held at SOAS, Wednesday 16 September 1998*

PRESENT: JDY Peel (President), John Lonsdale (Vice-President), Melissa Leach (Treasurer), Nici Nelson (Secretary), Tim Allen, Gareth Austin, Victor Ayeni, Karen Barber, Deryke Belshaw, David Brewin, Lalage Bown, Angela Browne James Currey, Paulo Farias, Christopher Fyfe, Deborah Gaitskill, Suzette Heald, Richard Hodder-Williams, D H Johnson, Ben Knighton, Martin Lynn, Colin Murray, Innocent Okoro, Akin Oyetade, Michael Twaddle, Ola Uduku, Paul Spencer, Kaye Whiteman, John Wiseman, John Owen, A B Zack-Williams

1. *Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth AGM*

Held at SOAS on 11 September 1997. An amendment to the Minutes was suggested by Nici Nelson. A section of the Report by Honorary Treasurer read 'our income was down'. This was amended to read 'our expenditure was up'. This was more accurate. The Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

2. *Matters Arising*

It was noted by the President that we have resigned our membership of the European Council of African Studies.

3. *Report of Honorary Secretary*

Summary of the year 1997-98

The year that has passed has been an active one for the Association. In September, 1997 the Association co-sponsored a symposium, *Creative Writing in African Languages* with the CSAS in Birmingham and the Centre for African Studies of the University of London. In April the Association co-sponsored and provided economic support for a conference

entitled *Globalizing Africa: Towards the Millennium* at the University of Central Lancashire. Naturally a large part of the year was devoted to organizing the Biennial Conference entitled *Comparisons and Transitions* which, at the time of writing, promises to be one of the most exciting and well attended ASAUk event in recent years.

More progress has been made on the issue of promoting electronic communication for the Association. At the May Council meeting, it was agreed that we would go ahead with creating an ASAUk Web Site finding a consultant who would create a site for a modest fee. We look forward to announcing the details in the near future in the Newsletter.

As Secretary I naturally continue to monitor the membership of the Association. At last year's AGM I urged the current membership to redouble their efforts to recruit new members. I am pleased to note this year that the membership numbers crept back up over 500 (503 to be exact). In 1995 the membership reached a high of 513, slipping to 508 in 1996 and to 497 last year. These are not major shifts in numbers, but it is important that we try to maintain the level at 500 members. It is also noticeable that the greatest drop has been in student memberships which must be a matter of concern. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that members of the Association must dedicate themselves to recruiting non-members (both staff and students) in their respective associations and departments of the UK Universities. This will go some way to encourage and support an emerging generation of people interested in studying and working in Africa.

<u>Membership</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
ASAUk Members (UK)	49	44
ASAUk Members (Overseas)	14	12
Joint Members (UK)	304	323
Joint Members (Overseas)	61	64
Student members (Joint UK)	50	47
Student Members (Joint Overseas)	8	47
Honorary Life members	4	4
Corporate Members (UK)	0	0
Corporate Members (Overseas)	1	1
Associate Members	6	6
TOTAL	497	503

Council

Officers for 1997-98

President Dr. John Peel
 Vice-President Dr. John Lonsdale
 Hon. Secretary Dr. Nici Nelson has agreed to stand again
 Hon. Treasurer Dr. Melissa Leach has agreed to stand again

**The Council would like to give their wholehearted congratulations to John Peel for his vigorous and skilful leadership of the organization over these last two years and for his leadership in organizing the Biennial conference.

Council Members

Retiring in 1998: Mr. James Currey*, Dr. Graham Furniss, Prof Richard Hodder-Williams*, Dr. Douglas Johnson*, Ms. Stephanie Newell, Dr. David Simon*, Dr. David Throup

*indicates a co-opted member of Council

Retiring in 1999: Dr. Tim Allen, Dr. Reginald Cline-Cole, Dr. Richard Crook, Dr. Martin Lynn, Dr. Ian Scones

Retiring in 2000: Dr. Tanya Bowyer-Bower, Louise de La Gorgendiere, Alfred Zack-Williams

NB. The 1996 Annual General Meeting resolved that Council Members were eligible to serve two terms consecutively.

Administration

Administration ran its usual smooth course this year. Lindsay Allan, as always deserves many kudos for running the business of the Association effortlessly and ever-cheerfully. We noted in our Report last year that her work load has increased in the last few years with the institutionalization of a bi-biennial RAS conference in the years between the ASAUK Biennial conferences. This means, effectively she has to run a large conference every year. In addition there are increasing numbers of evening events which, thanks to Lindsay's efficiency, always include the opportunity for a drink beforehand. The Council of the ASAUK would like to acknowledge the central role played by Lindsay Allan in the effective running of the ASAUK and the RAS. We would like to thank Lindsay for all the work she did on the organization of this Conference and wish her a quick recovery from her recent surgery.

Conference and Symposia

*12-13 September Creative Writing in African Languages held at SOAS. Graham Furniss (SOAS) and Karin Barber (CWAS) organized an interesting and unusual event which attracted a good attendance. The organizers raised a great deal of money from a variety of sources to bring African writers together. As we all know, this is a difficult exercise and the organizers are to be congratulated.

*24-26 April Globalizing Africa held at University of Central Lancashire. This conference was co-sponsored by ASAUK and UCL. ASAUK provided a sum of money to help sponsor a paper giver to come from Africa. The conference organizer, Alfred Zack-Williams assembled a large and exciting number of panels. The event was very well attended, with 200 participants taking part.

*14-16 September Biennial Conference: Comparisons and Transitions held at SOAS. The conference organizer, John Peel, with the help of the Council, has succeeded in bringing together approximately 70 paper givers in 28 panels. At the time of writing more than 250 people are registered to attend and undoubtedly on the day there will be additional attenders. With the active cooperation of the African Centre, Ms. Shakura Nduhukire, Programme Organizer for the Arts, arranged an interesting cultural performance on Monday night featuring poetry and music by African Artists.

Relations with other Professional 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. Relations between the two associations have been further cemented by an agreement between them that the RAS makes available £1000 a year for conferences in the field of African Studies. The idea is that these will be small grants to act as seed corn money. It has been decided that the allocation of this money will be done by ASAUK. ASAUK would be the vehicle responsible for organizing the distribution of the money. This will entail setting up a process to take bids, make selections and administering the money. The Newsletter will advertise the availability of the funds. A working party has been set up to draw up the guidelines for this process.

*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.

*The Standing Committee on University Studies of Africa. There was a full discussion at the May AGM on the issue of whether or not SCUSA and ASAUk should merge, since it was felt by the President, Prof. William Beinart, and the Secretary, David Simon, that there is a significant overlap in their responsibilities. There was substantial but not unanimous support for this merger to build a fruitful collaboration between the two associations. The Secretary of SCUSA, David Simon, is a co-opted member of the Council.

*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, Dr. David Killingley, who is our representative on SCOLMA council in order to ensure an exchange of information between our two organizations.

- In the discussion which followed Lalage Bown brought out the point that RAS is having its centenary celebrations next year.

Nici Nelson
10 September 1998

4. *Report of Honorary Treasurer*

See attached report which shows a healthy economic state.

5. *President's Report*

John Peel promised to deal with the complaints over accommodation. He asked, has the size of the conference reached its limits? Any suggestions for how to create more time and space would be welcome. There was a discussion of why the Conference failed to give out all the conference papers ahead of time. This was agreed upon by ASAUk to save time, energy, costs and trees. There then ensued a debate about the extent to which we had the human resources to produce a booklet of abstracts for distribution. It was noted that it was necessary for the Council to be more than usually pro-active in recruiting other disciplines such as education and science and health. From the floor there came a request that African members in the UK be more actively involved in the organizing of the conference. The president assured the AGM that they were ever-enthusiastic to recruit African members. It was also noted that the Council next year would have 3 African British members. Any African member who wished to volunteer to help was most welcome to do so. JDY Peel flagged that there were currently negotiations underway to discuss a merger between ASAUk and SCUSA. There will be draft guidelines provided for the possible merger. This would facilitate SCUSA decision making process about what to do in the future. It was noted that there is a need to provide more money to bring African scholars to Conferences.

6. *Council and Officers*

Karen Barber has agreed to stand as Vice President for the next two years. John Lonsdale becomes President. Both Nici Nelson and Melissa Leach have agreed to stay on for another year.

Three new members were nominated and presented to the AGM for election to council: Angela Browne, Coventry, Geography; Mario Aguilar, St Andrews, Anthropology; Ato Quayson, Cambridge, Director of Cambridge African Studies Centre.

7. *ASAUK Newsletter*

Douglas Johnson made his annual plea for people to read the Newsletter and submit items for it.

8. *Any Other Business*

- The winners of the Audrey Richards Prize were announced: the winner is John Merton from Cambridge, the runners up are Andrea Cornwall (SOAS) and Frederick Rohde (Edinburgh). The formal presentation of the Audrey Richards prize will be public reception in May on the same day as the RAS AGM.

- A member of the AGM expressed the membership's appreciation for all the hard work of the council and the President.

African Studies Association of the UK Report of the Honorary Treasurer for the Year Ending 31 December 1997

1. Attached are the annual accounts for the ASAUK, prepared from our books by Messrs. Uppal and Warr. Below is a summary of the principal figures for 1997 as compared with the previous year:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Gross income	2,321	4,730
Expenditure	2,045	1,708
NET INCOME	276	3,022
Current assets	26,431	29,188
Current liabilities	1,976	1,711
NET CURRENT ASSETS	24,455	27,477

The accounts thus show a continued strong situation for the Association's finances, with an excess of income over expenditure during 1997 resulting in an increase in current assets.

2. 1997 was a non-conference year, so levels of income and expenditure are both somewhat lower than would be expected in a year when the biennial conference is held. Net income comprises receipts from subscriptions and symposia, minus our affiliation fees to the Royal African Society, symposia expenses, and expenditures for the year on postage and stationery, accountancy, the ASAUK newsletter and a small level of bank charges.

3. Symposia and day workshops yielded an excess of income over expenditure in 1997, as they did in 1996 – a reversal of the situation a few years ago when they tended to make a loss.

4. The general issue of support to events outside the Association has risen to the fore during the year. This was stimulated both by the support the ASAUK made to the 'Globalizing Africa' conference held at Lancashire in April 1998, and by a request from the Royal African Society to administer funds which the RAS wishes to allocate to the activities of other organisations. A set of criteria and procedures by which the Association will allocate such RAS or ASAUK funds to support outside events is to be agreed by a sub-group within Council.

5. No additions were made to the African Scholars' Trust Fund during 1997, the usual locus for depositing sundry donations and gifts made to the association. Nevertheless the fund still holds £585 carried over from 1996, and these funds are available for assistance to African scholars travelling to the biennial conference.

6. Very many thanks go to Lindsay Allan for her continued hard work in running the everyday administrative and financial affairs of the ASAUK so smoothly and efficiently.

Melissa Leach
8 September 1998

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

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

Katharine Angier, 'Patterns of Protection: Women Industrial Workers in Cape Town, 1918-1939', Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London (July 1998)

Esther Moraa Mombo, 'A Historical and Cultural Analysis of the Position of Abaluyia Women in Kenyan Quaker Christianity: 1902-1979', Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, University of Edinburgh (September 1998)

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).

Jean-François Bayart, Stephen Ellis & Béatrice Hibou, *The Criminalization of the State in Africa* (Oxford & Bloomington: James Currey & Indiana University Press), 144pp. ISBN 0-85255-813-9 (cloth) £35.00; 0-85255-812-0 (paper) £9.95 (January 1999).

Patrick Chabal & Jean-Pascal Daloz, *Africa Works: Disorder as Political Instrument* (Oxford & Bloomington: James Currey & Indiana University Press), 192pp. ISBN 0-85255-819-8 (cloth) £35.00; 0-85255-814-7 (paper) £9.95 (January 1999).

Douglas H. Johnson (ed.), *British Documents on the End of Empire Series B Volume 5, Sudan* (London: The Stationary Office). *Part I 1942-1950*, 544pp (ISBN 0-11-290563-3) £95; *Part II 1951-1956*, 584pp (ISBN 0-11-290564-1) £95 (December 1998).

Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

Centre of African Studies, University of London: David M. Anderson has been appointed Chariman of the Centre for a three year period commencing 21 October 1998.

Dr James Akampumuza, Lecturer, Makerere University Business School, Makerere University will be based at the Centre for 3 months (arriving 8 January and departing on 26 March 1999), as a Commonwealth East African Visiting Scholar doing research on 'Governments' contractual process as a factor in undermining good governance in Uganda'.

IDS, Sussex: Rene Loewenson, of the Training and Research Support Centre, Zimbabwe, has taken up the second half of her Visiting Fellowship from 9 December 1998. She is doing research on 'Structuring public participation in Health Sector reform and practice'.

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology. The Amaury Talbot Prize is awarded annually to the author or authors of the work, which in the opinion of the judges, is the most valuable work of African anthropology submitted. Works relating to any region of Africa are eligible, but preference will be given in the first place to Nigeria, and in the second place to any other part of West Africa or to West Africa in general. The winner of the 1997 prize was Susan Reynolds Whyte for *Questioning Misfortune: The Pragmatics of Uncertainty in Eastern Uganda* (Cambridge University Press, Medical Anthropology series, 1997). All applications for the 1998 prize (for works published in the calendar year of 1998) should be sent, along with two copies of the book, article or work in question to the Amaury Talbot Prize Coordinator, Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London W1P 5HS. The deadline is 31 January 1999.

Insider Account of Sudan's Civil War wins 1998 Noma Award

Peter Adwok Nyaba's *The Politics of Liberation in South Sudan: An Insider's View*, published in 1997 by Fountain Publishers Ltd, Kampala, Uganda, has been named as the winner of the 1998 Noma Award for Publishing in Africa. The book was cited by the jury as 'a pioneering text, the most important book to have appeared to date about the struggle for African national liberation in the Sudan. It is a first-class inside story of the history of the civil war of the past fifteen years, told with passion and commitment. Its stature, ringing significance and contribution to knowledge make it a powerful and unique book'. The jury further considered it crucial that, within Africa, this neglected story and the author's exposition of the crisis should be widely heard and understood.

The \$10,000 Noma Award was established in 1979 by the late Shoichi Noma, formerly President of Kodansha Ltd., the major Japanese publishing house. It is awarded annually for an outstanding book from Africa, whose author is indigenous to Africa, and whose book is published by an indigenous African publisher. The 1998 award will be presented at a special ceremony to be held in Africa in early 1999.

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, 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, ASUK Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or e-mail: 106155.3441@compuserve.com. *Deadlines* are 31 December (for the January Newsletter), 25 March (for April), 25 June (for July), and 30 September (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASUK.