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*ASAUK 2000  
AFRICA: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE  
African Studies Association of the U.K. Biennial Conference  
Trinity College, Cambridge, 11-13 September 2000*

Convenor: Dr. John Lonsdale

Secretary: Dr. Nici Nelson

The Association's Biennial Conference will be held at Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 11th to 13th of September.

At the start of a new Millennium, the theme could scarcely be more inclusive: 'Africa; past, Present and Future'. Africa's knowable past becomes longer each year, its present less well understood by western publics, its future subject to gloomy predictions. On all these fronts, students of Africa must face challenges of understanding, communication and persuasion.

Panels will be offered on a wide range of multi-disciplinary topics rooted in the past, existing in the present and potentially affecting the future: African nationalism, changing kinship and family, evolving research agendas, the problematic role of donor agencies, human rights, environmental issues, the state and democracy, women's welfare, conflict resolution, urban religion, African literatures, traditional rulers and the state, past oral traditions and future democracies, discourses on the HIV-AIDS epidemic, street children, arts and popular culture, ethnic conflict, citizenship.

*Post graduate students qualify for a Concessional Rate to attend the conference as long as their supervisors request one from Nici Nelson, the Honorary Secretary. Booking forms and programmes are available upon request. All queries should be addressed to Lindsay Allan at the School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh St., Russell Square, London WC1 0XG; email: ras@soas.ac.uk.*

**AGENDA: THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
*to be held at the Biennial Conference, 'Africa: Past, Present and Future'  
Trinity College Cambridge, Wednesday, 13 September, 2000, at 12 noon*

1. Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting held at the University of Coventry on the 16 September, 1999.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Report by Honorary Secretary, Nici Nelson to report (document tabled).
4. Report by Honorary Treasurer, Richard Hodder Williams to report (document tabled).
5. President's Report, John Lonsdale to report.
6. Election of officers and Council Members (see Annex 1).
7. Proposal for an ASAUK Distinguished Africanist Award, Karin Barber and John Lonsdale to report (document tabled).

8. Report to the FCO on the State of African Affairs John Lonsdale to report (document tabled: *See ASAUK NEWSLETTER No. 19*).
9. Subscription Fee: an error acknowledged.
10. Committee for University Studies of Africa, Karin Barber to report.
11. ASAUK Newsletter, Douglas Johnson to report.
12. Support for African Academics seeking asylum in the UK.
13. African Scholars Travel Fund, Nici Nelson to report.
14. Any Other Business.

## ANNEX 1

### Nomination of members for election as officers and as members of the Council of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom

Members are asked to bear in mind Standing Order no 1 (18 April 1966 amended 23 February 1979) reproduced below:

#### *Standing Order No 1: Nomination of Members for Election to the Council*

1. Not less than three weeks in advance of the day of the Annual General Meeting, the Honorary Secretary shall invite nominations for Members for election to fill the vacancies occurring on the Council at the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.
2. For a nomination to be valid, it should be in writing, bear the signature of not less than two Members as nominators and also the signature of the Member nominated to confirm that he would be willing to serve if elected, and be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary before the start of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.
3. The Council shall have the duty, after considering the nominations submitted, to make such further nomination as may seem to it needful to secure a due balance of disciplinary and regional interests on the Council.

In accordance with this Standing Order, the Honorary Secretary now invites nominations for election to the Council at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 13 September 2000 at 12.00 noon at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Members are asked to note the present composition of the Council as set out below. There are five vacancies for 2000-2001.

#### Officers & Council of the Association for the Coming Year (2000-2001)

##### *Officers:*

President:	Dr Karin Barber
Vice-President:	to be elected
Hon Secretary:	to be elected
Hon Treasurer:	Prof Richard Hodder-Williams

##### *Council Members:*

*Retiring in 2000:* Dr Tanya Bowyer-Bower, Dr Reginald Cline-Cole, Mr James Currey\*, Dr Louise de la Gorgendiere, Prof Graham Furniss, Prof Richard Hodder-Williams\*, Dr Douglas Johnson\*, Prof David Killingray\*, Dr David Simon\*, Dr Alfred Zack-Williams

*\*indicates a co-opted member of Council*

*Retiring in 2001:* Dr Mario Aguilar, Dr Angela Browne, Ms Stephanie Newell, Dr Ato Quayson



*Retiring in 2002:* Dr Martin Hill, Dr David Maxwell, Dr Helen Thomas, Dr Ola Uduku

*NB* Please note that at the 1995 Annual General Meeting it was resolved that Council Members were eligible to serve two terms consecutively.

## **ANNEX2**

### Statute 6 of the Statutes of the Association: 'Amendment of Statutes'

These Statutes may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Members of the Association present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

Any proposal for an amendment of the Statutes shall be in writing and shall either:

- (i) be submitted by the Council, or
- (ii) be supported by the signatures of at least 10 Members of the Association, and be submitted not less than 28 days before the date of the General Meeting at which it is sought to move the amendment.

Any such proposed amendment shall be circulated to Members not less than 14 days before the date of the General Meeting at which it is sought to move the amendment.

### *Irish Africanists Organize*

A meeting of Africanists in Ireland held on 31 May 2000 at Trinity College Dublin and organised by Dr David Dickson and Dr Martin Lynn, agreed to set up an African Studies Association of Ireland. A committee was elected. An inaugural Conference in Dublin is being arranged for the autumn. Anyone interested in further details should contact Martin Lynn at [m.lynn@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.lynn@qub.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. Organizers are invited to keep the Newsletter up-to-date with any changes or additions to earlier notices.*

18-21 August: 'Africa 2000', University of Liverpool ( see *ASUK Newsletter No. 19*). Visit <http://www.liv.ac.uk/abe/africa2000/main.html>.

30 Aug-1 Sept: 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sudan Studies: '*Sudan: past, present & future*', University of Durham. (See *ASUK Newsletter No. 19*). Contact: Sudan Conference, Department of History, 43, North Bailey, Durham DH1 3EX; tel: +44-(0)191-374-2437; fax: +44-(0)191-374-4754; email: [Justin.Willis@durham.ac.uk](mailto:Justin.Willis@durham.ac.uk); conference website: [www.durham.ac.uk/History](http://www.durham.ac.uk/History).

6-9 Sept: '*Missions, nationalism and the end of empire*' organized by Currents in World Christianity and supported by The Pew Charitable Trust, at Queen's College, Cambridge. The theme will cover the complex relations between Christian missions and imperialism. Contact: Project Office, Currents in World Christianity, tel/fax: +44-(0)1223-741090; webpage: <http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/carts/cwc>.

### *The Penelope & Ralph Tanner Collection*

The British Empire and Commonwealth Museum has acquired a major archive of diaries, papers, letters, audio tapes and photographs which present a comprehensive picture of the life of a colonial administrator and researcher and his wife in Tanganyika from 1945-1960. Besides diaries, personal and professional letters and papers, the archive also includes approximately 350 hours of taped interviews including: Uganda life stories (at least one

third in Swahili), Missionaries-Uganda 1960s, Prison research-Mombassa 1960s, Guyana-religion 1970s, Zambia-missionaries 1970s, Zimbabwe-religion 1970s, European stories-Uganda 1960s. The museum is seeking researchers to work on this important material. Contact: Dr. Gareth Griffiths, Museum Director, or Mary Ingoldby, Oral History Co-ordinator, The British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, Clock Tower Yard, Temple Meads, Bristol BS1 6QH; tel: +44-(0)117-925-4980; email: oral.history@empiremuseum.co.uk.

### *Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities*

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

Claire C. Mercer 'Power, participation and development on Mount Kilimanjaro: the non-governmental sector and the state in Tanzania', PhD Department of Geography, University of Liverpool (1999).

### *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).*

Jocelyn Alexander, JoAnn McGregor, Terence Ranger, *Violence & Memory: One Hundred Years in the 'Dark Forests' of Matabeleland* (Oxford: James Currey) 320pp. ISBN 0-85255-692-6, £40 (cloth); 0-85255-642-X, £16.94 (paper) (June 2000).

Paul Collins (ed.), *Applying Public Administration in Development: Guideposts to the Future* (Chichester: John Wiley & Sons) 320pp. ISBN 0471-87736-0, £60 (cloth) (March 2000).

Alan Forward "You Have Been Allocated Uganda". *Letters from a District Officer*. Poyntington Publishing Company, The Lindens, Poyntington, Dorset DT9 4LF. 176pp, 40 colour photos. ISBN 0-9536697-0-X (cloth), £18.00 including postage in the UK. See [www.clearsited.co.uk/ugandabook](http://www.clearsited.co.uk/ugandabook) for more details.

#### **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, ASAUK Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or e-mail: 106155.3441@compuserve.com (please send as text, not as attachments). *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 ASAUK.

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