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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is the first issue since no. 93 (Jan. 1998). The regular quarterly schedule was disrupted by my preoccupation with my wife's failing health. She died on August 9th, and I appreciate my readers patience and expressions of concern.

The bulk of this issue carries minutes from the Spring meeting in Gainesville, Florida, plus some further details on the Fall 1997 meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Details from the recently completed ASA meeting in Chicago will appear in the January 1999 issue. Librarians who contributed to this issue include: Joe Caruso, Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, Karen Fung, Deborah LaFond, Elizabeth Plantz, Mette Shayne, Elisabeth Sinnott, and David Tuffs.

The past months have seen many changes. There were two retirements, several new Africana librarians, numerous meetings, and a lot of discussion about union lists and periodical indexes. A personal highlight was a 3-week trip to Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and Eritrea in January-February.

ACRONYMS

ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)
ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)
ALC - Africana Librarians Council (formerly Archives-Librarians
 Committee) of ASA
ARL - Association of Research Libraries
ASA - African Studies Association (U.S.)
CAMP - Cooperative Africana Microform Project (CRL)
CRL - Center for Research Libraries (Chicago)
IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations
LC - Library of Congress
MELA - Middle East Librarians Association
MSU - Michigan State University
SCOLMA - Standing Conf. on Library Materials on Africa
U. - University
UCLA - University of California, Los Angeles

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL / CAMP NEWS

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

April 29-May 1, 1999, Washington, DC - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 Nov. 11-14, 1999, Philadelphia - ASA Annual Meeting
 April 6-8, 2000, Los Angeles - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 Fall 2000, Nashville - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2001, Houston - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2002, Washington, DC, or Detroit - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2003, Minneapolis - ASA Annual Meeting - ASA Annual Meeting

ALC BUSINESS MEETING

Gainesville, Florida, April 3, 1998

[Abbreviated by editor from minutes by Deborah LaFond, Secretary.]

Present: Helene Baumann (Duke U), Julianne Beall (LC), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Phyllis Bischof (UC Berkeley), Joe Caruso (Columbia U), Jill Coelho (Harvard), Moore Crossey (Yale), Greg Finnegan (Harvard), Beverly Gray, (LC), Karen Fung (Stanford), Miki Goral (UCLA), David Hogarth (Hogarth Books), Dennis Hyde (U. of Pennsylvania), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Deborah LaFond (SUNY Albany), Louise Leonard (U. of Florida), Peter Malanchuk, (U. of Florida), Pamphil D. Mwaimu (Dar-es Salaam U.), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Loumona Petroff (Boston U), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U), Dan Reboussin (U. of Florida), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U), Elisabeth Sinnott (NYU), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U), David Tuffs, (Michigan State University), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U), David Westley (Boston U), Joanne Zellers (LC).

1. Vice-Chair Zellers called the meeting to order. The chair (David Easterbrook) could not attend because of a major Africana event at Northwestern University.

2. Minutes from ALC meeting in Columbus were approved.

3. Future Meetings: Plans for Fall 1998, Spring 1999 and Spring 2000 discussed.

4. Nominations and Elections Committee: Finnegan will prepare a slate for the fall meeting.

5. Brief Reports

ALC Cataloguing Committee (Plantz) [see minutes]

ALC Bibliography Committee [see minutes]

1998 Conover Porter Award (Caruso): A list of nominations was distributed at the Bibliography Committee meeting. Getting reviews on the nominated publications continue to prove difficult.

ASA Book Donations (Walsh): Annual competition for limited funds; working with Ogedengbe, Schmidt, & Bell-Gam.

ASA Board: Caruso shared follow-up from 1997 meeting. ASA has decided to hold off on moving publications to commercial publishers.

6. LC Report (Zellers):

This past year there have been more programs, luncheons, workshops and outreach to Africanists in the area. Dr. Billington asked bibliographers to select the best 4-5 books published in the past year for each country.

The proposed Web page will be available on April 15. First draft of Business Meeting minutes should be sent to ALC listserv. Corrected draft will be sent to list with a deadline for corrections. After the deadline, the corrected minutes should be sent to Zellers to mount on Web page. The statement "draft not yet approved by membership" will appear on minutes.

There is no change in the status of publishing area handbooks. Those that are actually published are put on the Web, but there is camera-ready copy for 2-3 handbooks which are not on the web. Members discussed a letter recommending continued publication.

7. **ARL Global Resources Project Report** (Baumann): A draft, prepared with help from Walsh and Zellers, was distributed. Text from the email message follow:

The Africana Librarians Council (ALC) and the Cooperative Africana Microforms Project (CAMP) of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) propose creation of a searchable electronic union list of African newspaper holdings to be placed on a website, accessible to researchers world-wide. This union list will include newspapers published in Sub-Saharan Africa in all formats (paper, microform and electronic), in all languages. Initially this list will consolidate holdings information for collections in the U. S., but will expand to include or link to holdings and union lists in Africa, Europe and the rest of the world.

While this essential database of African newspaper holdings is underway, we will explore two other vital aspects of providing access to this important body of research material: preservation of inherently ephemeral and fragile material, and digital access to the content of African newspaper.

The final product will be: a centralized electronic finding aid for African newspapers held in U. S. libraries and elsewhere; preservation of research material notorious for its fragility; unprecedented access to the content of newspapers, enabling research of African political and social events to be conducted with far greater ease than ever before possible.

Motion to mount ULAN (Union List of African Newspapers) in a database format as opposed to Web/HTML document was voted on and approved.

Walsh offered to create a pilot project with Boston University's holdings to evaluate the design. Members agreed that a pilot project ought to be incorporated into the ARL proposal.

8. **Electronic Resources Task Force Report** (Caruso):

The Task force met for the first time and would like to continue as a focus, discussion group on e-mail. They emphasized the need to develop a project to coordinate the indexing of African studies material. Discussion included cooperative indexing, the NISC databases, coverage and record problems in the databases, and what the group could do to encourage/presure publishers to develop a comprehensive database for Africanists.

EJAB Electronic Journal: Caruso encouraged members to seek manuscripts for electronic publishing and will keep channels open with the University of Iowa who has agreed to act as a Web host for the journal.

9. Title VI Librarians Report (Walsh): [see separate report below]

10. **Nairobi Meeting on African Dissertations** (Lauer): (Email report on the African Theses and Dissertations Planning Meeting, held in the Nairobi Hilton on 27-28 January 1998.) The meeting was organized by Lisbeth Levey (email: l.levy@fordfound.org) of the Project for Information Access and Connectivity (PIAC), which is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. Participants included 13 librarians/academics from various institutions (Tade Akin Aina (CODESRIA), Ayorinde Ajayi (Population Council-Nairobi), Mary-Materu Behitsa (University of Dar es Salaam Library), Margaret Crampton (National Inquiry Services Centre, Grahamstown, South Africa), Nancy Hafkin (UNECA), Lucilda Hunter (World Health Organization, Regional Office for Africa), Christine Kisiedi (University of Ghana), Joseph J. Lauer (MSU), William Lyakurwa (African Economics Research Consortium, Nairobi), Gillian Ngola (African Economics Research Consortium), Margaret Ngwira (University of Namibia), Akilagpa Sawyerr (Association of African Universities, Accra), Ruth A. Thomas (Library of Congress Regional Office, Nairobi)) plus 11 employees of PIAC, Ford or Rockefeller foundations (Lisbeth A. Levey, Margaret Mathai; Mary Ann Burris, Richard Fehnel, Joseph Gitari, Nicholas Menzies, Katharine Pearson; David Court, John Lynam, Cheikh Mbacke, Florence Muli-Musiime).

There were 17 presentations during 5 sessions which explored various aspects of the problem of making African research more widely known while also contributing to capacity-building. Topics included lists of theses already compiled, regional collections of African theses (e.g., Codesria gets a copy of the theses produced with its funding), problems and costs of databases created individually or cooperatively, and the possibility of a paying market (for either a database or hardcopy). There were also general sessions that designed the feasibility study and discussed what should be expected in a pilot project.

Besides the general endorsement of a feasibility study and pilot project, the following were agreed to: Mary Materu-Behitsa will assist Liz Levey with site visits as part of the feasibility study. Northern Africa is included within the scope of the project. The issue of copies was deferred to later. The AAU (Association of African Universities) will play a major role. It is expected that institutions in the developed world will provide the funds through subscriptions after the initial grant. The database might include more than a basic citation. For the final product, the emphasis was on CD-ROM and online access. It is essential that African librarians contributing to the database be paid.

11. **ALC Directory and Listserv:**

Finnegan will continue to update the ALC directory. Currently there are 84 entries. Not everyone on the e-mail list is on the printed directory. Finnegan will also continue to be the moderator of the ALC listserv.

Tuffs offered to have MSU design an automated listserv for ALC. Zellers asked Greg and Dave to develop a proposal that includes "listserv groundrules" and report at the next meeting.

12. **Announcements:**

LaFond noted an interest in SUNY universities to consider working with the National Summit on Africa.

Any proposed changes to the bylaws should be sent to Easterbrook.

ALC CATALOGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Gainesville, Florida, April 3, 1998, 9:00-10:30AM

[Abbreviated by editor from minutes by Elisabeth Sinnott.] Present: Beall, Bell-Gam, Caruso, Coelho, Crossey, Fung, Goral, Gray, Hyde, Kagan, LaFond, Leonard, Muaimu, Nanji, Petroff, Plantz, Reboussin, Shayne, Sinnott, Stamm, Tuffs, Walsh, Zellers.

1. Chair Plantz opened at 9:10, with Sinnott as secretary.
2. The minutes of the Columbus meeting were approved.
3. Dewey Decimal Classification: Beall reported on the progress of the work on the revision of the Dewey Decimal Classification area table for South Africa. She provided two handouts with comments from many South African librarians on last year's draft. The new numbers which have been proposed for Venda and Ndebele languages were endorsed by the Committee.
4. **Africana Subject Funnel**
Plantz reported that there has not been a lot of activity since last fall. It was agreed to use IEN, the code for Northwestern, for all future proposals.
The Africana Subject Funnel part of the ALC Web page was discussed. Plantz expressed her wish to have a link to and from the SACO (Subject Authority Cooperative) Program description.
Plantz thought that there were 116 headings accepted by LC last year. She now has a better picture of what is expected by LC, and she is able to catch a lot of problems before forwarding proposals to LC.
Bell-Gam mentioned Africana headings established locally at UCLA. Plantz mentioned that the Smithsonian also establishes headings locally and sends them directly to LC.
5. **Cataloging Committee on the ALC Web page:** Format and contents was discussed. Plantz suggested Ethnologue, GeoNet and Bertelsen's Web pages as links. There is some concern about pages that are no longer being updated and a desire to see documents by committee members loaded on the Web.
6. **Updating Gail Junion's article** ("A guide to reference tools for cataloging Africana," *Library Resources & Technical Services*, vol. 26. No. 2, April/June 1982, pp. 109-21): Plantz questioned the value of such a comprehensive list. Catalogers would be asked to list their favorite reference tools for cataloging Africana.
7. **Old business - DT revision:** Plantz will photocopy the DT revisions concerning the Indian Ocean and East Africa and

will send a note out. This is the third version of Caruso's original draft in addition to LC's comments. Caruso said that he still has some work to do on literary warrant. He will send out explanations to Plantz, who will seek further assistance.

8. LC report

Ann Della Porta's report on cataloging activity at LC was to be sent out on listserv.

In response to a question about South African links, Della Porta reported that they were negotiating with the University of South Africa to join NACO (Name Authority Cooperative Program) sometime in 1999 and that aside from their already established relationship with UNISA, other South African libraries are certainly candidates to join the funnel project.

ALC BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING

Gainesville, Florida, April 3, 1998, 10:45-12:45

[Abbreviated by editor from official minutes.]

Present: Baumann, Beall, Bell-Gam, Bischof, Caruso, Coelho, Crossey, Finnegan, Fung, Goral, Gray, Grosz-Ngate (U. of Florida), Hyde, Kagan, LaFond, Leonard, Malanchuk, Mwainu, Nanji, Petroff, Reboussin, Rhine, Shayne, Sinnott, Tuffs, Walsh, Westley and Zellers.

1. The meeting was called to order by Shayne, chair, with Tuffs as secretary. Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Agenda was rearranged, nos. 2 and 4 combined and no.3 moved to the end of the agenda.

2. **Indexing of journals.** Shayne presented her 38-page survey of indexing services. At ends of discussion on possibilities of cooperation, Caruso agreed to write John McIlwaine and John Pinfeld on this subject. Responses to NISC were also encouraged.

Caruso reported on behalf of the Electronic indexing task force that he had written to producers of the most important indexes, but only heard from the African Studies Abstracts editors in Leiden. They had plans to put their library catalog on the web, but not their database.

Discussion of the LC-Nairobi index followed. Zellers did not know of any discussion about putting the Nairobi index on the web. Ruth Thomas had expressed the possibility of adding indexing of journals from West Africa as an addendum to the Nairobi index.

There was continued interest in a list of unindexed journals published in Africa. [Northwestern distributed a 4-page list.] Tuffs agreed to check RLIN and OCLC for a survey of how many libraries subscribe to the major indexes (IAB, LC-Nairobi, Africa Bibliography, African Studies Abstracts, & Codesria) surveyed by Shayne.

3. **Database on African theses:** Walsh reported on Lauer's trip to Kenya and the discussion of a database of abstracts of African dissertations. The Ford Foundation and Liz Levey would want this database to become a viable commercial product which may be unrealistic with a small market. To have such a database if one cannot obtain the dissertations seems frustrating.

4. **Electronic Journal of African Bibliography.** Iowa University would like to keep this journal on the web. Caruso agreed

to write on behalf of the group to U. of Iowa to reconfirm our interest in keeping the journal alive and to keep in contact with ALC when John Howell's replacement is in place.

5. **World Bibliographical Series.** We agreed that the bibliographies serve a very useful purpose, but that there would be less interest in electronic versions instead of databases. The Chair would write the publisher with the concerns of the group.

6. **Conover-Porter Award report.** A list of the nominations for the Conover award was distributed. Baumann, Caruso and Shayne (for the current Chair of ALC) would meet later to work on the selection of the winner of this award.

7. **African Book Publishing Record.** Shayne announced that the 1997 bibliography of reference works and bibliographies recently was sent to the publisher, and that more volunteers were needed. Coelho agreed to edit next year's bibliography.

8. **Newspaper list.** Shayne agreed to update the List of African Newspapers Currently Received in American Libraries and the deadline for reporting to her is July 31st. Members should give starting date for new titles and last date for titles no longer received. Caruso volunteered to talk to New York Public Library about participating in this project, and Gray to talk to Howard University. It was agreed that Shayne would contact Afro-American listservs to announce the existence of this list on the web.

9. **Quality of Bibliographies.** The Chair distributed a letter from Scarecrow Press, responding to comments from Henige and others. For ideas for new and needed bibliographies Nancy Schmidt's list from 1995 would be revisited, and an updated list attached to this year's minutes to be available on the web.

10. **Web page.** Ideas for the Bibliography Committee web page included: minutes, link to Newspaper list, and Shayne's comparative indexing study. Other links suggested: Berkeley has a new accessions list and several bibliographies, Columbia has the directory of Africanist scholars.

11. Announcements:

Malanchuk announced the recent arrival of latest edition of *Magazines for Libraries*. The publisher seeks new editors for next edition.

Tuffs asked about interest in new edition of the *Student Africanist Handbook*.

Easterbrook sent a report from Northwestern University's 50th anniversary of the Program of African Studies and the exhibit about Herskovits. Northwestern will implement *Voyager*, a web-based online catalog this summer. It will make it possible to offer accession lists as well as make the content of the library's vertical file material searchable. The library has received from Ivor Wilks the Asante Collective Biography Project archives. The core of the collection is some 12,000 cards that document information drawn from a wide range of sources.

Walsh urged members to check their copies of her book *The Media in Africa and Africa in the Media* as many volumes had a defective index.

[Extract from Trip report by Lauer distributed in advance.] I visited 4 countries in 3 weeks. After a January 27-28 meeting in Nairobi (see report on database of African theses), there were preliminary discussions at the University of Zimbabwe and elsewhere concerning the possibility of acquiring photocopies of African theses in exchange for cash or American materials such as dissertations about Africa. In Ethiopia and Eritrea, the emphasis was on discussions with individuals who will supply the MSU Library with local publications, including publications in the Geez script.

TITLE VI AFRICANA LIBRARIANS MEETING

April 4, 1998, 2:00PM - 3:30PM

[Minutes by Caruso; shortened by editor.]

Present: Crossey, Caruso, Tuffs, Westley, Kagan, Bischof, Hyde, Goral, Petroff, Bell-Gam, Fung, Malanchuk, Walsh.
Absent: Schmidt (Indiana), Henige (Wisconsin), Ted Foster (Ohio).

Walsh, serving as "Coordinator" for the Title VI Africana Librarians, called the meeting to order and distributed several hand-outs: Agenda, "Countries Selected for Dissertation Project", "Division of Title VI Funds," "Title VI Directors and Librarians," and "Dissertation Overlap." Acting on a suggestion made by Kagan, Walsh called for volunteers to serve as Member-at-Large (Kagan volunteered) and Secretary (Caruso volunteered). A call for volunteers for all three offices (Coordinator, Member-at-Large, Secretary) will be made in Fall 1999.

There was a request for clarification on the cycle of funding and the need for voting every year on the division of funds between the "Senegal project" (the microfilming and acquisition of film copies for the CRL of "Justice indigene, sous serie 6M"—colonial court records from the National Archives of Senegal) and the "Dissertation project" (the acquisition of African dissertations by US libraries in return for American dissertations or other compensation). Walsh stated that it was for each institution to decide on its division for the coming fiscal year. CRL will be sending to each of the Title VI African Studies Centers an invoice for the "Senegal project" for the amount promised by the institution either at the November 1997 meeting of the Title VI Africana Librarians or subsequently over e-mail. In some cases, adjustments were made.

After a few brief comments, it was suggested that unspent monies be deposited with CRL for the "Dissertation project" be kept separate from the funds for the "Senegal project". Walsh agreed to verify with CRL's Rudeen if CRL would be willing to disburse funds to individual African institutions for the "Dissertation project."

The idea of creating a second copy of an African thesis for CRL was put off because of concerns over copyright. Walsh then asked for summaries from the members on the current state of negotiations between Title VI and African libraries on the "Dissertation project." Most reported only preliminary work, and none had theses in hand.

BOOK DONATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Gainesville, Florida, April 1998

The Book Donations Committee met to regroup and assess its role and future activities. The committee now comprises: Easterbrook, Harper, Kagan (Chair), LaFond, Malanchuk, Walsh (co-chair through spring 1999, ex-officio thereafter). The Committee was established in 1995 when the ASA acted on a suggestion of ALC's Book Famine Task Force to use proceeds from the Endowment Fund, up to \$3,000, to fund book donation projects for African libraries. The committee developed procedures, reviewed applications and recommended recipients of the award to the ASA Board.

CAMP BUSINESS MEETING

Gainesville, Florida, April 4, 1998

[Editor's summary from Minutes.]

The meeting was chaired by Zellers in the absence of Britz, the chairman, with Malanchuk as secretary.

Member institutions (and their representatives) present: Boston Univ. (Walsh, Westley, Petroff), Center for Research Libraries (Marlys Rudeen), Columbia Univ. (Caruso), Duke Univ. (Baumann), Harvard Univ. (Coelho, Finnegan), Library of Congress (Gray, Zellers, Beall), Michigan State Univ. (Tuffs), New York University (Sinnott), Northwestern Univ. (Shayne, Plantz, Stamm), Stanford Univ.-Hoover Institution (Fung), Univ. of California, Berkeley (Bischof, Bockie), Univ. of California, Los Angeles (Bell-Gam, Goral), Univ. of Florida (Malanchuk, Leonard), Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Kagan), Univ. of Pennsylvania (Hyde), and Yale Univ. (Crossey).

Others present: David Hogarth, Deborah LaFond (SUNY-Albany), Pamphil Mwaimu (University of Dar es Salaam).

1. Minutes were approved by the membership.

2. CAMP Budget Review (Rudeen): [see attached]

Notes: The new budget for FY 1998-99 will be \$35,000. The \$2300 budgeted for Northwestern and Michigan State microforms projects will be released to the general CAMP budget during FY 1998, since filming for both projects has been completed. CRL's contribution of \$4000 will be made in April. \$21,000 will be added to the budget in October 1998.

3. Title VI - Senegal Project Report and Foreign Dissertation Project (Caruso, Bischof, Walsh):

The CAMP has paid \$43,959 for filming (four payments, 8/96-12/97), \$2433.90 for travel and \$841 for samples and shipping for a total of \$47,234.33. The Title VI Centers provided \$58,650 (\$19,550 per year for FY1995, FY1996, and FY1997). Anticipated costs are \$5600 for a duplicate negative and positive for Dakar and \$700 for shipping.

The 140 reels of negative film received in November 1997 essentially completed the first phase. The question is now whether to continue the project in a second phase, add a second project (foreign dissertations) and divide the resources between the two programs, or move toward full support of the foreign dissertation program. The consensus was to continue dividing resources between the two programs.

4. Skioeyiya Commission Transcripts (Crossey): Crossey received an inquiry from John Seiler as to CAMP's interest in the proceedings of a commission in Bophuthatswana Northwest Province that dealt with corruption in the Homelands. There are two parts of the commission transcripts, some 1,000 papers, in CD-ROM format and 4,000 pages on three-inch disks. The issue was deferred to the fall meeting.

5. CAMP Brochure (French) - Shayne volunteered to review the draft and update the brochure and add web site URLs.

6. Eritrean Research and Documentation Center (Caruso): Letter forwarded from Tom Weissinger (Cornell) requests CAMP's help with equipment for preserving their collection of books, documents, reports, etc. Discussion followed.

In a related issue, Zellers and Gray suggested donated memberships for foreign libraries to have them become full CAMP members.

7. Status of Cooperative Studies Council (Bischof): Meeting scheduled for April 15, 1998.

8. Thesis Proposal - Hogarth offered to provide copies of Nigerian history theses with limited copying possibilities.

9. CAMP By-Laws: Kagan moved to add a vice-chair/chair-elect to the CAMP officers group and to review the current by-laws. The motion was seconded, and a by-laws committee, including Bell-Gam, Walsh and Baumann, was formed. A

nominations committee of Bischof and Fung was formed to solicit candidates for the Summer/Fall election to the Executive Committee.

10. SWAPO Documents, Peter Kativivi, Namibia Materials - Crossey asked that SWAPO materials held at Yale and in a Lutheran seminar in Dubuque, Iowa be filmed. There are two boxes of conference papers and four boxes of SWAPO documents, circular letters, and typescripts of letters and some originals. Kagan moved to film the materials, Walsh seconded, and the motion carried. Yale and CRL will coordinate the project's completion and return of materials to Windhoek.

11. Yale Materials to CRL: The Dunbar Moodie materials on South African mine workers will be transferred to CAMP (one box). Public health records of Alexander Township, South Africa, will be filmed. Materials from Conakry, Guinea, including prefecture archives, agricultural documents from district officers, and materials from the National Archives, which are mostly photocopies that have been filmed, will be sent to CAMP.

12. Other Business:

Bell-Gam suggested that any single issues of Rwandan newspapers be sent to Ruth Thomas.

UCLA has acquired materials (1900-1956) on various countries in eastern, southern, and western Africa from the White Fathers in Rome. They also acquired a Sudan linguistics collection from Roland Stevenson, covering his entire career.

CAMP PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENT (APRIL 4, 1998)

	June 97 FY 97	Dec. Qtr.	Feb. YTD	Notes:
FUND BALANCE	\$18,970.16	\$23,632.16	\$23,632.16	1. Figures do not include Grant Revenue or Grant Expenses lines.
REVENUES				2. Commitments and on order items follow.
Grant Income	\$19,550.00	-	-	3. Non-material expenses: Cataloging: \$2000; Travel: \$800.
Membership Fees (6)	\$25,000.00	\$21,205.00	\$21,205.00	4. Available Funds = (Fund Balance + Revenues) - (Expenses + Commitments).
Income from Sales	\$ 9,696.00	\$ 4,170.00	\$ 4,170.00	5. Acquisitions for Feb. YTD includes a charge for \$1389 (Niger health theses) which was mistakenly posted to SAMP in FY97.
TOTAL GEN. REVENUES (1)	\$34,696.00	\$21,205.00	\$21,205.00	6. CRL's contribution of \$4000 will be made in April.
EXPENSES				CAMP Commitments for FY98:
Grant Expenses	\$13,929.00	\$31,714.00	-	Tanzanian News \$467.50
Cost of Sales	\$ 4,127.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 109.00	Nairobi News (LC)
Acquisitions (5)	\$18,950.00	\$ 6,642.00	\$ 8,031.00	Liberian News \$510.88 (LC files)
Business Expenses	\$ 3,662.00	-	-	Northwestern mf. \$1000.00
Publications				Michigan St. U. film \$1300.00
Travel	\$ 638.00	\$ 394.00	\$ 394.00	Echos (Bamako) \$152.10
Personnel (Cataloging)	\$ 2,657.00	\$ 1,448.00	\$ 1,448.00	ASA papers \$143.00
TOTAL GEN. EXPENSES (1)	\$30,034.00	\$ 8,593.00	\$ 9,982.00	Malawi News \$3791.22
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$ 4,662.00	\$12,612.00	\$11,223.00	Karis-Gerhard Coll. \$10000.00
COMMITMENTS (2)				
Materials on Order			\$ 6,040.00	
Materials Approved			\$17,364.70	
Non-Material Expenses (3)			\$ 2,800.00	
TOTAL COMMITMENTS			\$26,204.70	
AVAILABLE FUNDS (4, 6)			\$ 8,650.46	

ALC/CAMP DURING 1997 ASA MEETING

(Columbus, Ohio, November 1997)

40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

Africana Librarianship in the 21st Century: Treasuring the Past and Building the Future: Proceedings of the 40th Anniversary Conference of the Africana Librarians Council. Nancy J. Schmidt, Editor. Bloomington: African Studies Program, Indiana University, 1998. (Monographs on Africana Librarianship No 6) ISBN 0-941934-77-2. \$8 US, \$10 overseas, price includes postage. Order from: Publications, African Studies Program, 221 Woodburn Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington IN 47405 or jecole@indiana.edu

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES PANEL:

Joseph Caruso (Columbia University) gave a presentation on "Towards an Africana Library Without Walls and Emerging Learning Styles in the Hypertext Era," at the 1997 ASA Annual Meeting. The paper was part of a larger panel "Towards Enhancing Electronic Resources about Africa," organized by the Electronic Technology Group, chaired by Ali Dinar (University of Pennsylvania).

In his presentation, Caruso pointed to trends in the teaching of reading and writing which seem to coincide with the development of the Internet and the significant role that electronic mail (e-mail) is playing in the everyday lives of library users. Caruso argues that one of the combined impacts of the Internet and current academic fashions is the over-emphasis being placed on quick and easy search results to the detriment of the quality of scholarship; especially in foreign area studies. Caruso suggests that African studies faculty and librarians need to work more closely together to restore an emphasis on basic library skills and the vital importance of building a foundation of knowledge in African studies prior to advanced levels of research and training. This effort must also encompass the use of the Internet.

As an African Studies Librarian and junior webmaster, Caruso is attempting to organize links and compile bibliographies on the Internet which remind the "e-mail centered individual" that the bulk of sources for the study of Africa are in traditional formats, i.e., conventional, linear texts. Evaluating these texts requires an accumulation of knowledge through the critical reading of historical texts and knowing how to cite them properly. Web links should be annotated and connect the reader/surfer directly to online documents, rather than just to other Web sites. See Columbia University's African Studies Internet Resources at <<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/area/Africa/>>, taking special note of: "Basic guide to research in African Studies at Columbia" and "International Conflict Resolution" under "African Studies Resources by Topic."

CAMP BUSINESS MEETING

(Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1997)

[Summary from minutes]

The meeting was convened by Dan Britz as Chair, with Jill Young Coelho as Secretary.

Member institutions (and their representatives) present: Boston Univ. (Walsh, Westley), Center for Research Libraries (Marlys Rudeen), Columbia Univ. (Caruso), Duke Univ. (Baumann), Harvard Univ. (Coelho), Indiana Univ. (Schmidt),

Library of Congress (Zellers, Thomas), Michigan State Univ. (Lauer), New York Public Library-Schomburg Center (deHeer), Northwestern Univ. (Britz, Easterbrook, Ogedengbe, Shayne), Ohio Univ. (Foster), Stanford Univ.-Hoover Institution (Fung), Univ. of California, Berkeley (Bischof, Bockie), Univ. of California, Los Angeles (Bell-Gam, Goral), Univ. of Florida (Malanchuk, Nanji), Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Kagan), Univ. of Pennsylvania (Hyde), and Yale Univ. (Crossey).

Guests present: Saliou Mbaye (Archives du Sénégal), Ken Lorentz (University of Kansas)

CAMP members not represented: Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Emory University, Hebrew University - Harry S. Truman Research Institute, La Trobe University (Australia), New York University, Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Queen's University at Kingston (Ontario), South African Library, Syracuse University, Temple University, University of Cambridge-African Studies Centre, University of Chicago, University of Kansas, University of Iowa, University of London - School of Oriental and African Studies, University of Minnesota, University of Rochester, University of Tasmania, University of Virginia, University of Western Australia, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Election - Ballots for open slots on the CAMP Executive Committee will be mailed to members. The candidates are: for Secretary, Baumann & Malanchuk; for Member-at-Large, Coelho & Fung; for Faculty Representative, John Hanson (Indiana University) & Ebere Onwudiwe (Central State University, Ohio)

I. CRL Report - (Rudeen): [Financial Report and list of commitments available from CRL.]

Grant income and expenses are not tallied with the general funds. Revenues shown are through October 1997, and reflect the loss of the University of Rochester as a member. Commitments show what CAMP will have to pay for filming. \$1500 needs to be added for Tanzanian newspapers.

The proceedings of the ASA general meeting for 1996 and forward will be available only on CD-ROM and therefore cannot be filmed. Caruso will ask the ASA board about this problem. Northwestern agreed to ask for the originals of papers and keep them as long as necessary.

II. Symposium on Access to and Preservation of Global Newspapers (Rudeen & Bischof):

The symposium was sponsored by CRL, ALC and LC and hosted by LC. The purpose of the symposium was to gather a group whose discussions would build a foundation for action on the general problem of newspapers. Librarians, bibliographers, micropublishers and faculty members each talked about their take on the problem. The decision was to form a task force to come up with specific action plans. Among the issues discussed: U.S. libraries are getting around 5% of world newspapers, and filming even fewer. Though the consensus is that filming is still the best preservation technology, digitization needs to be looked at. The NEH is willing to consider filming newspapers under its brittle books plan, and the ARL is publicizing its plan for Africa.

During discussion, Rudeen added that any proposal to digitize should always include a microfilm copy as a safety net. There are a number of ways to digitize a page. Some

critical questions to be answered include the preservation of aspects of the image like the original typeface and advertisements, and problems of copyright for scanning and Web access.

III. Title VI/CAMP Senegalese Archival Microfilming Project (Caruso):

Filming is nearly complete on the pilot project. CRL has received 140 rolls of film; 30 more rolls will conclude the pilot project, which represents two-thirds of the complete collection of colonial court records.

Discussion concluded by noting that this has been the first successful program, and CAMP would be interested in hearing from Ghana, for example, regarding materials to film and equipment available.

IV. **Malawi Newspapers** (Thomas) [new business]: Besides the funds already committed for funding Tanzanian newspapers, the LC-Nairobi office seeks CAMP funding to film the remaining Malawi newspapers. Britz asked the group to vote on the proposed allocation of \$6,000. Approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Results of the mail ballot (see attached report) - Rudeen requested feedback on the CRL method of priorities to weight votes on mail ballots.

2. **Judges' notebooks** from Nigeria - Rudeen reported that five reels had been received, but they had "vinegar syndrome", a sign of decomposition. The pages were nearly illegible, and she recommended not going forward. The \$10,000 allocated had all been spent and there was no recourse other than lessons to be learned.

3. Bamenda Project - Nothing to report.

4. **Preservation microfilming** from Northwestern and Michigan State - The question rose whether CAMP funds should be used to buy copies of film already at Northwestern and MSU, and whether CAMP should buy only the film of newspapers. In any case, Northwestern plans to film an extra copy for CAMP. Britz ended the discussion by asking that a list of newspapers being filmed be brought to the next meeting, and that monographs already in the pipeline not be eliminated.

5. **Liberian newspapers** - Rudeen requested an additional allocation of \$1500, as costs are higher than earlier estimates. Approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rivonia Trial Record - The Brenthurst Foundation has agreed to let the South African National Archives film the entire collection. Britz would inquire about a copy.

2. **Karis-Gerhart Collection** (Crossey): The collection was begun five years ago with students collecting and copying materials from various institutions. A preservation copy was made three years ago and is on deposit at Yale. More collecting has been done since, including a significant number of interviews with political figures. The filming is being done by a firm called DataPoint. There are three volumes of documents, essays, etc. A final version of the guide will be ready next spring, arranged chronologically by genre.

Schmidt moved that the CAMP Executive check out the question of the inventory and guide. If the standards are equivalent to Carter-Karis and if it can be made available in print or on the Web, the Executive will authorize the allocation of \$10,000 and inform the CAMP membership. Approved.

3. **South African Communist Party** archives: Two suitcases of materials are now held by Gale Gerhart. Britz requested that \$1500 be allocated. Approved.

4. **People's Voice** (Harare) - Schmidt requested a commitment from CAMP to continue filming. A motion was made and approved to purchase Indiana film of People's Voice through 1997.

5. ANC archives at Fort Hare - Crossey said he would find out who to contact to request permission for CAMP to buy a copy of the microfilm.

6 Other New Business:

A. Lohrentz is working on an article entitled "Africana at CRL: a Survey of Holdings and Access." Its primary focus is to point scholars beginning research careers in Africana to the CAMP collections.

B. At Britz' request, the group agreed to postpone a decision on a proposal to purchase the Rivonia trial archive films.

C. Walsh said that we cannot proceed with dissertation filming before we know what the CRL parameters are.

D. Caruso said that Columbia has two newspaper subscriptions funded by Title VI that need to be sent for filming.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The **University of Iowa** Libraries appointed Afeworki Paulos to the position of International Studies Bibliographer at the University Libraries. He will be responsible for developing collections and information resources in African Studies, South Asian Studies, and a variety of other international studies programs.

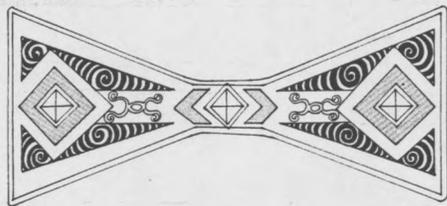
A native of Eritrea, Dr. Paulos received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Ghana, master's degrees in Educational Counseling and Public Administration from Northern Michigan University, and a 1987 Ph.D. in Political Science from the George Washington University. Dr. Paulos worked most recently at the University of Virginia, where he was a selector for African politics and history, a cataloger, and also taught political science.

The **Indiana University** Libraries has announced the appointment of Dr. Marion Frank-Wilson to the position of Librarian for African Studies, effective September 1, 1998. She comes to the IU Libraries from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, where she is completing a Master of Library and Information Science degree while also serving as a reference assistant. Her Ph.D. is in English and African Literature, with minors in Comparative Literature and African Linguistics. Her dissertation served as the basis for her book, *AIDS Education through Theater. Case Studies from Uganda* (Bayreuth: Bayreuth African Studies 35, 1995) as well as various conference papers and articles. Her extensive doctoral field research in Uganda and Nigeria was funded by a highly competitive

grant from the Friedrich-Naumann Foundation. In addition to fluency in German and English, she has a working knowledge of French, Swahili, Luganda, and Spanish.

At the Indiana University Libraries, Dr. Frank-Wilson is responsible for collecting materials related to and/or emanating from Africa, serving as the liaison to the African Studies Program and teaching a required graduate-level course, "Introduction to the Bibliography of Sub-Saharan Africa." She will also contribute to cooperative projects nationally and internationally.

With this appointment, the Indiana University Libraries also wishes to recognize the exemplary contributions of Nancy Schmidt, who devotedly nurtured their Africana collections and the needs of scholars worldwide from 1984 to August 1998.



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BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS

Academic Book Production and Distribution in Africa: Support from Nordic Countries. Fantoft, Norway (Fantoftvergen 38, N-5036): Chr. Michelsen Institute, 1997? 112p. Report from a conference at Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, 10-11 April 1997. Panels on Publishing in Africa; Book Production in Africa; Book Distribution in and Out of Africa; African Scholars in International Publishing; "Where to Go From Here." Contributors include: Walter Bgoya, Eve Horwitz Gray, Margaret Ling, Woeli Dekutsey, Robert Molteno, Helge Ronning, Kingo J. Mchombu, Mary Ray, Terence Ranger, Paul Tiyambe Zeleza.

Public Libraries in Developing Countries, edited by P.K. Mahapatra & V.K. Thomas. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1996. The Dr. B.P. Barua Festschrift volume includes:

- Hurrinag, Bilinda. "Public Libraries in Mauritius." pp. 32-35;
- Adimorah, E.N.O. "Public Libraries in Nigeria." pp. 36-58;
- Kedem, Kosi A. "Forty Year of Pro-active Public Librarianship in Ghana, 1928-1968." pp. 71-81.

The Quiet Struggle: Information and Libraries for the People of Africa, by Paul Sturges (Loughborough University) and Richard Neill (University of Botswana). 2nd ed. Mansell, 1998. 272p. ISBN: 0 7201 2293 7. \$85. First ed. in 1989. Contents: Africa's Information Environment - Information needs and responses - An alien implant - The search for relevance - A foundation for the future - New information services for the whole community - Conclusion - Index.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Howard University's Moorland-Spangard Research Center (500 Howard Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20059) advertised for a cataloger with familiarity with African-American, African or Caribbean history and culture.

University of Virginia Library announced the **Mary Alice Kraehe Memorial Fund** for Books on Africa has been endowed. Mrs. Kraehe retired in 1994 after 24 years of service and was active in ALC. She died in 1995.

John (Moore) **Crossey** retired on Aug. 31, 1998, from the **Yale University Library** after 35 years of distinguished service.

Alan Solomon, Head of the Yale Library's Research Services and Collections Department, added a part-time acting role as Africana Curator, while the search for a replacement continues. Solomon received his MA in history with an emphasis on East Africa from Syracuse University in 1974. Among his contributions to the field were a *Bibliography for the Study of African Politics*, Vol. 2, and *A Guide to the Kenya National Archives, Nyanza Province*. He has also worked at the Library of Congress (reader services, social sciences, microforms).

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

African Journal of Library, Archives and Information Science, v. 8, no.1, April 1998:

- Alemna, A.A. "An Overview of the Library and Information Research Scene in West Africa."
- Leo, Njongmeta and F. Ehikhamnor. "Health Information Needs and Services in Cameroon."
- Okocha, K. "An Analysis of the Inadequate Treatment of African Staple Crops in Literature by Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme."
- Shibanda, G. "Book Publishing and Library Partnership in Kenya."
- Ogunrombi, S. and Adio, G. "Relationship between Librarians and Book Vendors: the Nigerian Experience."

African Research and Documentation, no. 74 (1997):

- Orosz, Kenneth J. "Sources for Cameroonian Colonial History in Western Archives and Libraries."
- Musiker, Reuben. "Achievements of a South African Bibliographer."
- Adeya, Nyaki. "Access to Electronic Information in Africa."

African Research and Documentation, no. 75 (1997):

- Stuart-Mogg, David T. "The Chamare Museum, Mua Mission, Malawi."
- Sam, Joel. "National Bibliography in Ghana."
- McIlwaine, J.H. "Birds of Africa: a Guide to Reference Material."

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Libri (International Journal of Libraries and Information Services), Vol 48(1998), no 1:

- "A study of University Libraries' Home Pages in Sub-Saharan Africa," by Justin Chisenga;
- "The Role of Libraries in Somalia's Reformation," Ali D. Abdulla.

Fourie, Ina, and Shirley J. Behrens (University of South Africa). "South African Studies: a Review of NISC's Anthology CD-ROM," *S.Afr.J.Libr.Inf.Sci.*, v. 65 (1997): 116-123.

Polman, Katrien. "Evaluation of Africa-Related Internet Resources." *African Affairs*, no. 388 (July 1998): 401-8. Focus is on 4 sites:

African Studies WWW (Univ. of Pennsylvania): http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/AS.html

Index on Africa (Norwegian Council for Africa): <http://www.africaindex.africainfo.no/>

Africa South of the Sahara (Karen Fung; Stanford Univ.): <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>

African Studies Internet Resources (Joseph Caruso; Columbia Univ.): <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/area/Africa>

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

Africa Contemporary Record, vol. 23 (1990-1992) was published in 1998 with the following note by Colin Legum: Beginning with this volume, ACR will be providing two-year coverage of the continent. This format ... will continue for several volumes, eventually resuming annual coverage. ... [Work on volume 24 (April 1992-March 1994) is already underway.

Vol. 6 (Subject and Title Indexes) of *A South African Bibliography to the Year 1925* was published in 1997 (Cape Town: South African Library).

Index Islamicus on CD-ROM will cover literature from 1906 to 1996; over 190,000 records. Available for \$3445 (\$2755 before end of 1998) from University Publications of America (4520 East-west Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814).

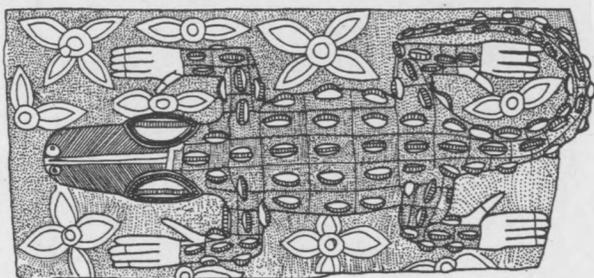
Middle East Abstracts and Index includes an odd collection of very long summaries about African topics. Part D (Maghreb-Sahel-Horn) of Vol. 20 (1997) covered following countries:

Maghreb: Algeria, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia, Western Sahara;

Sahel: Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger; but not Senegal, Burkina Faso, Gambia, CV, Nigeria;

Horn: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia.

There is broad social science and humanities coverage, but no attempt to be current or balanced. Entries for Chad are mostly a dump of USAID documents. Under Eritrea are news reports from 1990 or before.



NEW REFERENCE TITLES

For more titles, see the annual "Africana Reference Books" in *The African Book Publishing Record*, no. 2.

Bailey, Adrian J. "Internal Migration in Kenya: A Bibliography." *Africana Journal*, v. 17 (c1998): 307-331.

Gundu, G.A. "Select Bibliography of Tiv Language Studies." *Africana Journal*, v. 17 (c1998): 363-371.

Liyai, Hudson A. "Bethwell A. Ogot: A Bio-Bibliography." *Africana Journal*, v. 17 (c1998): 332-362.

Musiker, Reuben and Naomi. *Guide to South African reference books*. 6th ed. London: Mansell, 1997. 240 p. Includes extensive annotations.

Russell, Sharon A. *Guide to African Cinema*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1998. 183p.

Stanley, Janet L. (National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.) *Modern African Art: a Basic Reading List* is available at <<http://www.sil.si.edu/SILPublications/ModernAfricanArt/modern-african-art.htm>>.

Women in Publishing and the Book Trade in Africa: an Annotated Directory, compiled by the Research & Dissemination Unit of African Books Collective Ltd. 2nd rev. & expanded ed. Oxford: African Books Collective Ltd., 1997. 34p. Published for the African book communities; available outside Africa for £13.95/\$25.00.

The Mazruiana Collection: a Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of the Published Works of Ali A. Mazrui, 1962-1997, compiled by Abdul Samed Bemath. New Delhi, Sterling Publishers, 1998. xiii, 348p. \$ 8.75 ISBN 81 207 21195.

Entries are arranged in five sections (Books, Pamphlets, Major Academic Articles, Magazine Articles, and Video Recordings). The book includes four additional articles (two of which previously published), a subject and an author index.

LETTERS & OPINIONS

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ARE THEY GOOD BECAUSE THEY'RE EASY, OR EASY BECAUSE THEY'RE GOOD?

David Henige

It is proverbially said that cats have nine lives, but our feline friends might in due course be joined in their good luck by Scarecrow Press' *African Historical Dictionaries*, many of which have reached their third editions and with not enough signs of mortality. During the past few years I have had occasion to review several of these and—no surprise—have found that the best I can say about most of them is that these later editions are better than their predecessors. Well, a counterfeit \$20 bill is better than a counterfeit \$100 bill, but I would prefer not to be victimized by either.

Most readers of *ALN* have long since concluded that the *AHDs* are a mixed blessing; some might have gone further and declined to commit their declining purchasing power to acquiring them. I have not been so successful. Or rather the library system in which I work has not been so successful. Here's why:

Recently the *Historical Dictionary of the Philippines* was trashed in the *Journal of Asian Studies*—called "a disgrace" in the review's very first sentence. Does our Reference Department have it? You bet! Does our Reference Department have every edition of the *African Historical Dictionaries*? Bet black again and you'll win. When a couple of colleagues and I questioned this, we were told that it was "easy" to send students to the *HDs* for...what? Incorrect and/or inadequate information is the most likely outcome. And when we objected to this reasoning, we were politely informed that, since the Reference Department had taken budgetary responsibility for the *HDs*,

it was not really our concern. (The implied rebuke was: are you guys reference librarians anyway??).

In short, depending on how responsibilities for acquisitions budgets are distributed, it might not be possible to rid a library's collection of major infestations. Or rather—since I do not necessarily advocate that the *AHDs* not be acquired by *any* library, but only that they not be exhibited as reference works of value—it can create a difference of opinion as to the relative merits of accuracy and reliability on the one hand and ease of direction on the other. To be truthful, I was rather taken aback by the arguments of our Reference Department on this occasion. They scarcely bothered to pretend that the *HDs* are sources of reliable, up-to-date information—how could they? Worse yet, that they could not do this hardly seemed to matter to them.

I wonder how other Africanist librarians have handled/are handling this. Practically speaking, have they been more successful in promoting the de-referencing of inferior works? Do they instead feel (like our Reference Department) that their concern is to acquire, not to evaluate? Have they evaluated and found the *AHDs* up to par (if so, details please)? More generally, what is their relation to their local reference departments?

Philosophically speaking, is it presumptuous to hold that inferior materials should be identified as such by library staff? Is good always to be preferred to easy, when they are different entities? When the inevitable (and I presume frequent) conflict occurs between convenience and (to use a loaded word) responsibility, which should win? Should one of the two *always* win, regardless? If not, how should the wins and losses be allocated?

Presumably there is more to say on this matter, and not simply as it relates to the *AHDs*.

NOTES ON MATERIALS & VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

African Books Collective (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1 HU) has distributed its Spring 1998 Catalogue. It has also added 3 new members: Centre for Energy, Environment, Science and Technology, Tanzania; Africana Legacy Press (Nigeria); and Sub-Saharan Publishers (Ghana). It no longer stocks titles for the following inactive publishers: Africa Community Publishing & Development Trust (Zimbabwe), Buchu Books (South Africa), Centre for Social Research (Malawi), Environmental Development Action in the Third World (Senegal), Ghana Publishing Corp., New Horn Press (Nigeria), Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Sankore (Nigeria), Skotaville (South Africa), University of Nigeria Press, University of Maiduguri Press and University of Port Harcourt Press.

Berhanu Wedneh (187 John St., Englewood, NJ 07631) has prepared language tapes for the Gees and Amharic languages. He also offers tapes of Ethiopian Orthodox church songs and an Amharic book of poetical works.

Bernard Quartich Ltd (5—8 Lower John St., Golden Sq., London W1R 4AU). Catalogue 1251 (Africa) includes 300 antiquarian titles.

Book Aid International (39/41 Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 9NR; info@bookaid.org; www.bookaid.org) issued "Publishing Information & Training Resources, 1998-99" which is a list of titles relevant to the needs of publishers in Africa. Their latest *Partners in African publishing* newsletter is a double issue, 12-13 (Spring/Summer 1998).

Boustany's Publishing House (P.O. Box 32, Faggalah 11523, Cairo, Egypt; <http://www.boustanys.com>; bph@ritsec3.com) issued a 1998 catalogue. They are now the distributors of all publications issued by the Institut français d'archéologie orientale.

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town; cheryl@clarkes.co.za) issued *Catalogue 100*, listing 1024 mostly current titles.

Clarke's Africana and Rare Books (P.O. Box 186, Constantia (Cape Town) 7848, South Africa; tel: 0027 794 0600; fax: -0601; africana@clarkes.co.za) announces its New Catalog no. 2 at: <http://www.clarkes.co.za>.

Clarke's has been divided: the Africana & Rare Books will operate from private premises in Constantia (a suburb of Cape Town) where visitors are welcome (please phone first). The shop in Cape Town will deal with new books about Southern Africa, general second hand books and some of the more recent Africana.

Heinemann (88 Post Road West, PO Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) distributed its "African Studies 1998" catalog.

McBlain Books (PO Box 185062, Hamden, CT 06518). Catalog 141 (Sub-Saharan Africa) lists 1449 out of print titles.

Royal Botanic Gardens (Kew, Richard, Surrey TW9 3AE, UK): Dorr, Laurence J. *Plant Collectors in Madagascar and the Comoro Islands*. 1997. Books (524p.) for £58; CD-£27.60. New supplier in the US: Balogh Scientific Books, 1911 No. Duncan Rd., Champaign, IL 61821; balogh@balogh.com.

Triumph Library Supplies & Services Limited (N5B/2121 Lamidi Ajadi St. Monatan PO 27400, Agodi, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria; fax: 2344-2-2413385) distributes academic/professional titles to colleges in Nigeria and to overseas libraries. The Chief Executive, Ezekiel M. Ojo, retired in December 1997 from Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria).

BOOK AWARDS

Neustadt International Prize for Literature for 1996 went to Nuruddin Farah of Somalia.

Noma Award for Publishing in Africa:

Peter Adwok Nyaba's *The Politics of Liberation in South Sudan: an Insider's View* (Kampala: Fountain, 1997) is the 1998 winner. The \$10,000 Award will be presented at a special ceremony to be held in Africa in early 1999.

Two further books were jointly awarded Special Commendation:

Combat pour le sens: un itinéraire africain, by Paulin Hountondji (Cotonou: Les Editions du Flamboyant, 1997);

Manufacturing African Studies and Crises, by Paul Tiyambe Zeleza (Dakar: Codesria, 1997).

One further book was singled out for Honourable Mention: *Women, Presbyterianism and Patriarchy: Religious Experience of Chewa Women in Central Malawi*, by Isabel Apawo Phiri (Zomba: Christian Literature Association in Malawi, 1997).

The jury, consisting of Walter Bgoya (chair), Thandika Mkandawire, Kole Omotoso, Kay Raseroka, and Mary Jay, reviewed 107 titles from 65 publishers in 18 African countries, in 12 languages.

Toyota/Children's Literature Foundation Award for 1997, for the most outstanding picture story book, went to *Anno's Kite*, by Julie Campbell and Eva Campbell, published by Woeli Publishing Services, Accra.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Africa Book Centre's *Book Review*, no. 10 (Summer 1998) includes a note on censorship, review essays about Angola and Nigeria, and other reviews and notes about recent books available from: 38 King St., London WC2E 8JT, UK; <africabooks@dial.pipex.com>.

African Publishing Review, v. 6, no. 5 (Sept./Oct 1997) includes: "Women in Publishing: Profiles from Ghana," by Akoss Ofori-Mensah.

Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter, no. 22 (July 1998) reports on various meetings including the African Writers-Publishers seminar at Arusha, 23-26 Feb. 1998. There is also a critical commentary by James Tumuslime on the virtual absence of local publishers in the thriving Ugandan market for school books.

No. 21 (Dec. 1997) included a note by Samuel Kasankha on the revival of the University of Zambia Press (PO Box 32379, Lusaka 10101).

Book and Serial Vendors for Africa and the Middle East: Results of a Survey of ARL Libraries, edited by Karl E. Debus. Chicago: Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, ALA, 1997. 138p. (Foreign book and serial vendors directories; vol. 2)

Based on questionnaires distributed in Sept. 1993; compiled, 1994-1996.

Zell, Hans M. *A Handbook of Good Practice in Journal Publishing*, 2nd. rev. ed. London: International African Institute, 1998. xiv, 173, [53] pages. ISBN 085302085X. Covers various aspects of the work involved in the editing, producing and distributing scholarly journals. Includes bibliographical references, index, and model forms. Pilot edition of 1996 revised after use in workshops in Addis Ababa (May 1996) and Harare (July 1997). Distributed by African Books Collective, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU. £28 within the UK; \$63/£35 elsewhere outside Africa. (Free in Africa.)

WEB SITES

African Journals Online, which is managed by INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications) with initial funding from UNESCO, offers access to either the tables of contents or the full text of African journals in science, technology and medicine published since 1997. Tables of contents of seven journals in science and technology (African crop science journal; Bull. of the Chem. Soc. of Ethiopia; Discovery and innovation; Ghana jo. of agr. sci.; Insect sci. and its application; SINET; Zimbabwe vet. jo.) are available at: <http://www.oneworld.org/inasp/ajol/>. Expansion is planned and a further ten journals have been approached. Photocopies of the articles may be purchased from INASP, with profits to be remitted to the journal concerned.

The full text of three medical journals (Afr. jo. of neurological sci.; Central Afr. jo. of medicine; East Afr. medical jo.) are available as part of the Bioline service at: <<http://www.bdt.org.br/bioline/>>. Users of Bioline can subscribe to a journal or pay for the full text of individual articles.

The **African Centre for Technology Studies** has a new website at: <www.acts.or.ke> ACTS is an international inter-governmental policy research and training organization located in Nairobi. The website provides detailed information about the Centre's activities which focus on the implementation in East African countries of Agenda 21 and related conventions on biological diversity, climate change, and desertification.

The **Electronic African Bookworm** is a web navigator created by Hans Zell Publishing Consultants for use by the book professionals in Africa and by African writers and scholars, particularly those who may be new to the Web. It should also be of interest to librarians and scholars outside of Africa. It started in February 1998 with 400 links, and expanded rapidly to over 1000 links. As of Oct., it can be found at <<http://www.hanszell.co.uk/navtitle.htm>>.

A hardcopy version is available to the African book communities free of charge through the Bellagio Publishing Network Secretariat, Oxford. Email: bellpubnet@gn.apc.org.

Multilingual Books has materials to learn languages, including many African languages, which are listed at <http://www.esl.net/mbt>.

First Monday, a peer-reviewed journal on the Internet, is available at: <<http://www.firstmonday.dk/>>. Recent articles include:

- "Africa Connected," by Martin Hall. Vol. 3 No. 11 (November 2, 1998);
- "Power to the People: The Role of Electronic Media in Promoting Democracy in Africa," by Dana Ott. Vol.3 No.4 (April 6, 1998)

NEW SERIALS

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