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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The past quarter has had more than its share of sad news. Two colleagues died unexpectedly and business will not go on as usual. The Spring meeting at Syracuse was canceled because of the death of Meseratch Zecharias, our host. John Howell's death deprives us of his leadership with CRL projects and electronic publishing.

I first met Meseratch during the 1973 ASA meeting in Syracuse, while visiting a classmate from the University of Wisconsin. While her other duties limited our contacts until the 1990s, she impressed me as a positive and thoughtful person. John Howell said we first met in the late 1960s, when he was in the African language and literature program in Madison. That memory is vague; but no one could miss his presence and contributions with ALC over the past 15 years. One of my few achievements as chair of CAMP in 1988-90 was to recruit the University of Iowa as a member and John as the new chair. I will miss his wide range of interests, his persistence, and his ability to stay on good terms with everyone. Further details are on page 2.

Helene Baumann, Phyllis Bischof, Joseph Caruso, Moore Crossey, Karen Fung, Nancy Schmidt, Mette Shayne, and others have contributed to this issue.

## ACRONYMS

ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)  
ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)  
ALC - Africana Librarians Council (formerly Archives-Libraries  
Committee) of ASA  
APNET - African Publishers' Network  
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

Canceled: ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting (Syracuse)  
 Nov. 11, 1997, Columbus - ALC 40th Anniversary Conference  
 Nov. 12-15, 1997, Columbus - ASA 40th Annual Meeting  
 Apr. 3-4, 1998, Gainesville - ALC/CAMP Spring Mtg.  
 Oct. 28-31, 1998, Chicago - ASA Annual Meeting  
 Spring 1999, Washington, DC - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting  
 Nov. 11-14, 1999, Philadelphia - ASA Annual Meeting  
 Spring 2000, Los Angeles - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting  
 Fall 2000, ?Nashville - ASA Annual Meeting

### MESERATCH ZECHARIAS

Meseratch Zecharias, of Syracuse University (SU), died on Feb. 10, 1996, at her home. She was 51. She is survived by: her daughters, Fana Tareke, and Seble Tareke; son, Sehul Tareke; her separated husband, Gebru Tareke; her mother, Maria of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; one brother; and three sisters.

At the time of her death, Zecharias had begun to make major contributions to the Africana Librarians Council (ALC). In 1995-96, she served as a Member-at-large of the ALC Executive. In May, she was to host the Spring 1997 meetings of the ALC and CAMP.

As a librarian and a community leader, Zecharias' accomplishments were numerous. Her impact on others was evident both locally and overseas. In Syracuse, she was active in the Lutheran Synod of Upstate New York, the Black and Latino Faculty and Professional Staff Association at Syracuse University (SU), and the Pan African Association of Central New York. Zecharias joined the SU Library in 1972 as a claims and replacement clerk. She continued working at the library as a technical associate in Area Studies through 1976. In 1978, she was a graduate assistant in SU's Gerontology Program. Zecharias rejoined the library staff in 1979 as a part-time reference librarian. She was named Assistant Librarian in 1981, Senior Assistant Librarian in 1983 and Associate Librarian in 1988. For the last three years, she held a joint appointment with SU Libraries and SU's Department of African American Studies, serving as Librarian at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

She received several degrees from SU: a bachelor's degree in library science and international relations (1975), an MLS degree (1976) and a master's degree in international relations (1980). Before joining SU, Zecharias was deputy reference librarian at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library at Haile Sellassie I University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (1968-72); and supervisor of the U.S. Information Service's Dire Dawn Reading Room in Addis Ababa. She earned a diploma in library science at Haile Sellassie I University in 1968.

"Meseru", as her friends knew her, was a passionate advocate for Africana studies in the U.S. and an active supporter of Asmara University in Eritrea. Her passing is a great loss.

Donations for the Meseratch Zecharias Memorial Fund may be made out to Syracuse University; and sent to the SU Development Office, c/o Andrea Latchem, 820 Comstock Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210.

### JOHN BRUCE HOWELL

John Bruce Howell, International Studies (and Africana) Bibliographer of the University of Iowa Libraries, died unexpectedly, after a

brief hospital stay, on February 28, 1997. He was 55. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Dr. Howell was a national leader in Africana librarianship, being especially active in ALC and serving as chair of CAMP since 1990. He was the author of many bibliographies, ranging from several works on Eastern Africa produced for the Library of Congress in the 1970s to the more recent *Rural Health in Kenya* (1989). He was co-author of the *Index to the African Studies Review/Bulletin and the ASA Review of Books, 1958-1990* (1991) and was nearing completion on a subsequent volume. He recently co-authored *Guides, Collections, and Ancillary Materials to African Archival Resources in the United States* (1996). He was also the founder and editor of the new "Electronic Journal of Africana Bibliography" on the World Wide Web.

Howell received a B.A. from Columbia University in 1965, an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1966, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 1984. He held several positions in the African Section of the Library of Congress between 1969 and 1980, before earning his Ph.D. at Illinois and assuming duties at Iowa in 1985. At Iowa, he helped to establish important and vibrant institutional relations with Ibadan University, Nigeria, and with many institutions in southern Africa.

John Howell was enormously kind, generous, and helpful to his many friends and colleagues in librarianship and to countless researchers. His knowledge of the world of archives and publishing in Africa and other parts of the developing world was greatly respected; his advice on such matters was much sought after. His sudden passing is a terrible loss for African and International Studies.

Donations can be sent to: (1) an Africana memorial gift fund for the University of Iowa Libraries (c/o The University of Iowa Foundation, Alumni Center, Iowa City, IA 52242); and (2) a memorial fund for the Preucil School (524 North Johnson St., Iowa City, IA 52245), a music school for stringed instruments from preschool to high school.

### W. DAVID ROZKUSZKA

W. David Rozkuszka, a documents librarian at Stanford University, died on Jan. 10, 1997. He worked at Stanford University's libraries from 1967 to 1994, serving as director of the Jonsson Library of Government Documents, and most recently as international documents librarian and African and Middle Eastern bibliographer. See *American Libraries*, March 1997, p. 76.

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

Nov. 11, 1997, Columbus, Ohio

Theme: Africana Librarianship in the 21st Century:

Treasuring the Past and Building the Future.

**List of Confirmed Participants:**

Keynote speaker: Kay Raseroka, University of Botswana

Panels:

Collection Development: David Easterbrook (Chair), Northwestern; Anaba A. Alemna, University of Ghana; Colin Darch, University of the Western Cape; Beverly A. Gray, LC; John Pinfold, University of Oxford.

Cooperation: Phyllis Bischof (Chair), University of California, Berkeley; Ismail Abdullahi, Clark Atlanta University; Birgitta Bergdahl, Uppsala University; Saliou Mbaye, Direction des Archives du Senegal; Regina Shakakata, World Health Organization, Lusaka

Reference/Bibliographic Instruction: Gretchen Walsh (Chair), Boston University; Gboyega Banjo, Nigerian Library Association; Al Kagan, University of Illinois

Evening Program: Reminiscences of the Past and Predictions of the Future: Nancy Schmidt (Chair), Indiana University; Dan Britz, Northwestern University; John McIlwaine, University of London; Hans Panofsky, retired Northwestern University; Michele Pickover, University of the Witwatersrand; Yvette Scheven, retired University of Illinois.

For more details, contact: Nancy Jeanne Schmidt <schmidtn@indiana.edu>, Indiana University Library, Bloomington, IN 47405.

The 40th Anniversary Planning Committee is pleased to announce the award of a grant for \$25,000 from the **Rockefeller Foundation**. This grant will be used for travel and expenses of foreign participants and for other expenses connected with the conference. The Committee is exploring supplementary funding from several sources.

**ASA's International Visitor Program** has provided funding to bring Kay Raseroka, the keynote speaker to the conference. The application for funding was a joint effort of ASA's ALC and Women's Caucus and the five institutions that Kay will visit before the conference: University of Pennsylvania, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northwestern University, Duke University and Hampshire College (on behalf of the Africa Studies Council, Five Colleges). Kay will be the speaker for the Women's Caucus lunch and her activities at the 5 institutions mentioned above are being coordinated by Elisa Forgey, Al Kagan, David Easterbrook, Helene Baumann and Frank Holmquist.

### CAMP CHAIR

The CAMP Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Dan Britz has been chosen to fill out John Howell's term on the Executive Committee. He was also asked and has agreed to serve as CAMP's Chair in John's place.

## OTHER LIBRARY NEWS

### NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

#### CALENDAR

##### ALA:

June 26-July 3, 1997, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.  
Jan. 9-15, 1998, New Orleans - Midwinter Meeting  
June 25-July 2, 1998, Washington, DC - ALA Annual Conf.  
Jan. 22-28, 1999, Philadelphia - Midwinter Meeting  
Apr. 9-12, 1999, Detroit - ACRL National Conf.  
1999, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.  
2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting  
2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.

### AFRICAN NEWSPAPER UNION LIST AND PRESERVATION PROJECT: PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO ARL

ALC and CAMP are proposing to develop a web-based, searchable union list of African newspaper holdings, in all formats (paper, microform and electronic), in all languages, organized by country. The proposed second step, led by Northwestern University, would be to expand preservation microfilming and explore digitization as a means of both preservation and access.

Our focus would be the papers from Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, regardless of date or language. We would start with the holdings in the United States, to be expanded by holdings from Africa and other countries as time and funding allow. The new project would combine the currently received titles (already compiled and updated annually by Mette Shayne; see <<http://www.library.nwu.edu/africana/resources/96crlnews.html>>) with holdings of newspapers that have ceased. It is expected that the web site will be available from African institutions. And that links can be created to updated lists produced in South Africa and elsewhere.

Plan of action: A temporary staff person, paid by the grant, housed at CRL, would combine the existing holdings lists from CAMP and the Library of Congress with Mette Shayne's List; then augment it with the holdings of the major collections (Northwestern, Hoover, Yale, Boston, UCLA, Berkeley, Iowa, Columbia, etc.).

Funding sought and other contributions:

From ARL: \$18,600 for salary for one staff person, housed at CRL, for 12 months part-time;

From CAMP: support preservation filming at a level to be determined;

From ALC member institutions: staff time to collate the holdings information and ship papers.

Future support of the project: Funds will be needed to support microfilming and digitizing.

For more details, contact: Helene Baumann (Duke University; tel. 919 660-5847; <[hsb@mail.lib.duke.edu](mailto:hsb@mail.lib.duke.edu)>).

#### IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 31-Sept. 5, 1997, Copenhagen  
Aug. 1998, Amsterdam  
Aug. 1999, Bangkok

#### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The **International Relations Office**, in cooperation with Conference Services has developed cost effective travel packages in an effort to increase the number of international attendees at ALA conferences, beginning with San Francisco in June 1997. The package consists of:

- 4 nights accommodation;
- 4 American breakfasts;

- local taxes;
  - transfers from the hotel/airport;
  - ESA Voyages/Eurowest assistance at each hotel; and
  - registration at the conference and a one-year ALA membership.
- For the most part, it will be cheaper for the attendees to book their travel through their local travel agents so airfare is generally not a part of the package.

For more details, contact Carol Erickson <cerickso@ala.org>.

**ALA delegation**, led by President-elect Barbara J. Ford, is being organized to attend the Zimbabwe International Book Fair, August 2-9, 1997.

#### ALA/USIA LIBRARY FELLOWS PROGRAM, 1997-98

ALA seeks applicants for the eleventh and most likely the final year of the Library Fellows Program. The Program, funded by the United States Information Agency (USIA) and administered by ALA, will place U.S. citizens abroad beginning in August 1997. ALA is recruiting for 18 project assignments, subject to availability of funds. These include:

- Botswana (Gaborone): 8 months. Library Education Fellowship involving the development of a Center of Information Management at the Center of Information Management at the Dept. of Library & Information Studies of the University of Botswana.
- Tunisia (Tunis): Higher Institute for Library Science. 4 months. Library Education, Automation, and Information Storage & Retrieval Fellowship involving training staff on the use of the Internet and access to online databases, and teaching two intensive automation and information storage & retrieval classes. Fluent French and/or Arabic required.
- Uganda (Kampala): Parliament of Uganda, East Africa School of Information Science, and University Library. 8 months. Law Librarianship and Information Storage & Retrieval Fellowship involving the development of an effective legislative service for the Parliament of Uganda.

DEADLINE for applications: May 1, 1997

For more information, see *American Libraries*, March 1997; or <<http://www.ala.org>>; or call Carol Erickson or April Brinkmeyer (312-380-3200/800-545-2433, ext. 3200/3201).

1996-97 fellows include:

- Carol Elliott (Univ. of Arizona); 10 months at the Judicial Service in Accra, Ghana.
- Marie Pavie (Univ. of Utah); 6 months at the National Library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Annual Meeting, Baltimore, July 19-24, 1997, includes following program: Covering the Waterfront—Africa: A Role for American Law Librarians in Developing Library Services in Africa.

In 1994 the United States Information Agency provided funding to support the American Bar Association's efforts to encourage closer ties between U.S. and African law schools. Since the program began, several U.S. law librarians have traveled to Africa to conduct needs assessments of African law school libraries and to share their expertise in areas ranging from collection development to automation. The speakers will discuss the African Law Initiative, opportunities for AALL members, and their individual experiences.

#### SEMINAR ON ACCESSING INFORMATION RESOURCES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: NATIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL

11-13 September 1996, Jan Smuts House, University of the Witwatersrand

The Seminar on Accessing Information Resources in Southern Africa (SAIRSA) was organized by the Association of Southern African Indexers and Bibliographers (ASAIIB), the SAILIS Committee for Bibliographic Control (CBC), the State Library, Pretoria, and the Subdirector Meta-Information, Dept of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology. The aim of the seminar was to promote national and collaborative programs of bibliographic control in support of economic and social development in the SADC (Southern African Development Community) region. The seminar was sponsored by IFLA ALP (Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World Programme) and the IDRC (International Development Research Centre) Regional Office for Southern Africa.

The seminar was attended by about 50 participants, including delegates from eleven of the twelve SADC countries, and observers.

The recommendations from the seminar were disseminated under the name "Gauteng declaration of the Seminar on Accessing Information Resources in Southern Africa." Its recommendations included:

- a formal role for SADC in support of bibliographic control;
- appropriate and effective legislation for legal deposit;
- arrangements for depositing the results of research in a particular country;
- repatriation or provision of copies of lost materials;
- emphasis on bibliographic control first at the national level;
- promote library associations and national information policies.

#### PROGRAMS

AAAS's (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Sub-Saharan African Program stopped its distribution of journals to African libraries at the end of 1996. In a September 1996 letter to a donating publisher, three factors were cited as behind AAAS's decision to not seek a renewal grant from Ford Foundation and Carnegie Corporation of New York:

- 1) funding sources did not envisage an indefinite project when it started in 1987;
- 2) several publishers have become reluctant to donate journals; and
- 3) CD-ROMs and other electronic access have provided realistic alternatives and coping strategies for African libraries.

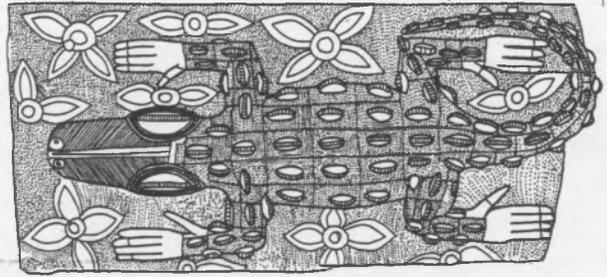
**The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs** at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for two positions in a four-month professional development program for librarians from outside the United States. This program will begin in January 1998. Applicants from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and South America (regions that have not been well-represented in previous years of the program) are especially encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by September 1, 1997. Information about the program and the application form may be found at: <<http://alexia.lis.uiuc.edu/~mortensn/program/descr.html>> or The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, Room 246J Library, 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801.

## OTHER PERSONNEL NEWS

(See also ALC News section.)

**Sanford Berman**, head cataloger at the Hennepin County (Minn.) Library, has been awarded the 1996 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award by the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Onuma Ezera** (Head, Africana Library, Michigan State University) began a long term medical leave of absence on April 1, 1997.



## RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

## BOOK REVIEWS

by Phyllis B. Bischof (University of California, Berkeley)

Chakava, Henry. *Publishing in Africa: One Man's Perspective*. [Chestnut Hill, Mass.: Bellagio Publishing Network; Research and Information Center in assn. with the Boston College Center for International Higher Education, 182 pp., 1996. (Bellagio Studies in Publishing: 6) ISBN 0964607816 \$21.50/£11.95.

For anyone who cares about African publishing, reading the Bellagio Studies is de rigueur. The present volume traces the thinking and documents the experience of Henry Chakava, whom Chinua Achebe cites as "one of the most pivotal indigenous publishers in Africa." The book is chockfull of wisdom acquired over some four decades of Chakava's thoughtful, enormously fruitful engagement in the field. Eight essays, most written from 1985 to 1995, and five appendixes range over the landscape. Ten pieces originally published as chapters in books or in journals such as *Logos* or the *African Publishing Review* are reprinted herein without revision; several appendixes are essays forthcoming at the time of publication, and bring up-to-date such topics as "An Indigenous African Book Publishing Industry," and "Reading Promotion." Included are such jewels as a description of Chakava's relationship with Ngugi over many years, with such details as the time when Chakava made available to Ngugi a desk at his office where Ngugi could write in peace. "International Copyright and Africa: The Unequal Exchange," discusses in accessible language the complexities and implications of changes in this arena, particularly those relative to the new so-called information age.

A fine essay summarizes the work of the African Publishers' Network (APNET) and offers a succinct overview of the accomplishments of this group, an umbrella organization of national associations from over twenty countries, founded in 1991 subsequent to a conference in Bellagio, Italy. Its widely circulated newsletter, *African Publishing Review*, informs and facilitates further interactions among African publishers, and circulates outside the continent as well. Especially valuable is Appendix 4, "The World Bank and African Publishing." Chakava challenges the World Bank to cease financing the purchase of textbooks from multinationals and to begin support of mid-to-long term policy approaches to strengthen African publishers. While the Bank insists on dealing with governments only, as opposed to a group like APNET, nonetheless, representative from APNET have met with Bank officials, and the resulting dialogue has improved understanding on the parts of both. The Network has also worked to identify training programs and to standardize them. Finally, it has founded

an African Publishing and Resources Center in Harare, to which Hans Zell has generously donated his unparalleled archive on African publishing assembled over 30 years. Not least of the achievements of the Bellagio Group, of course, is the publication of this excellent, highly informative series.

*The Challenge of the Market: Privatization and Publishing in Africa*, ed. by Philip G. Altbach. [Chestnut Hill, Mass.: Bellagio Publishing Network; Research and Information Center in assn. with the Boston College Center for International Higher Education; African Books Collective [distributor], 1996. 114 pp. (Bellagio Studies in Publishing: 7) ISBN 0964607824 \$19.50/£11.

Given current international trends toward privatization in publishing, this collection of essays by savvy observers and practitioners of African publishing could not be more timely or more welcome. Reading through these essays is undoubtedly as instructive as taking a survey trip through the various countries most discussed—Ghana, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Zambia, and Côte d'Ivoire—and enriched by a visit to the contrasting region of Central Asia. Ubiquitous needs one finds on this tour include national publishing policies, or utilization of them [in rare instances in which they exist], knowledge of market economies, distribution systems for the sale of books outside major cities. The contrast with Central Asia is particularly striking in regard to the status of literacy and libraries in that region, until recently a part of the former USSR. In that region exists a vibrant reading culture with a proliferation of books and treasured libraries, an opposite condition to that of Africa. At the same time, all regions cited undergo major change as they move from state-owned or managed economies to privatize their economies.

Themes throughout the continent include the great preponderance of textbook publishing in market share (as much as 90% for Côte d'Ivoire, as against 15% for a country like France). Governments need to enact national plans to create a more predictable environments in which publishing can progress. For complex activities like publishing, policies, guidelines, and rules tend to regularize planning, investment, and carry-through. The transition from state or parastatal publishing in economies which possess little capital for any investment—let alone for activities little understood, like publishing—can be smoothed by a number of governmental policies such as abolition of import duties on raw materials and technology required by publishers, subsidy of training of needed professionals, provision of low-interest loans, the requirement of a certain percentage of indigenous ownership, etc. Making clear the role of publishing as a vital component of the development process overall is one

contribution of this book. It is also clear, however, that much work remains to be done in convincing various governments of the value TO THEM and their societies of support to the book and publishing industries.

Monies from NGOs and other foreign assistance have sometimes been less efficaciously used than they might have been, given the lack of long-term policy guidelines. Paul Brickhill points out that in cases of a lack of national infrastructure or capitalization, although regional solutions might prove beneficial, they have rarely been explored. Publishers might seek regional trade, which remains so low as to be essentially non-existent. An innovative strategy mentioned to this reviewer by G. Mutemari, publisher of *Development Dialogue*, is his barter offer of free advertising in his publication to an African airline, in return for transport by air of *Development Dialogue* to other African countries. The writing of national book policies, initiation of regional projects, and inter-African trade in books are all avenues which warrant further study and action—perhaps donor funded. R. Palmeiri cites (p. 91) a successful USAID initiative in the 1960s Alliance for Progress of joint ventures with local publishers in Mexico and Argentina: "...exactly what is needed now in places like the Côte d'Ivoire. ... Eventually the funding was reduced and the American publishers withdrew, leaving a more vigorous publishing industry in place."

In spite of the dire straits of so many African economies, and the acknowledged problems faced by those who seek an increase in indigenous African publishing, tangible progress has occurred. Witness the increase in Ghanaian publishers from 14 in 1991 to 52 in 1996! This volume succinctly documents present conditions of publishing and provides significant historical background for it. It also offers a host of practical policy proposals intended to ameliorate the transition to a privatization of African publishing. This reviewer hopes these proposals will help to stimulate appropriate, concerted action on the part of publishers, governments, and donor agencies.

## JOURNALS & ARTICLES

*African Research & Documentation*, no. 72 (1996) includes:

- Schmidt, Nancy J. "The Challenges of African Film Bibliography: Content and Audience," pp. 1-8. Paper presented at SCOLMA's annual conference, 21 May 1996.
- Kotze, Antoinette. "The *Index to South African Periodicals (ISAP)* on the South African Studies (SAS) CD-ROM as an Example of Database Publishing," pp. 9-15;
- Kisor, Judith, John McIlwaine & Andrew D. Roberts. "Photographs of Africa: A Preliminary Bibliography," pp. 16-39;
- Musiker, Reuben. "South African Bibliographical Notes and News,"
- Raseroka, H.K. "Acquisition of African Published Materials." The University of Botswana experience.
- Pinfold, J.R. "Acquiring Books from Southern Africa."

There are also reports on the activities of IFLA's Africa Section in Beijing; the meeting of the Joint Committee for Preservation in Africa (JICPA), held in Dakar in February 1996; and the Seminar on Accessing Information Resources in Southern Africa (Johannesburg, Sept. 1996).

Lewis, Mark. "Shelving Access to USIA Libraries Abroad." *American Libraries*, Feb. 1997, p. 49-50. Describes 1960s impact of USIA library in Ghana and protests USIA's closing of some libraries in favor of a "philosophy of remote access."

Lor, Peter Johan. "A Distant Mirror: The Story of Libraries in South Africa." *Daedalus*, 125, no. 4 (1996): 235-265. In Special issue (Books, Bricks, and Bytes) on new models for libraries and librarianship in the US and abroad. Other authors include: Peter Lyman, James H. Billington, Ann Shumelda Okerson, Kenneth E. Carpenter, Peter R. Young, Donald S. Lamm.

## REFERENCE SOURCES

### NOTES

The editors of *RILM Abstracts*, an annotated international bibliography of scholarly literature on music, seek to increase their coverage of African publications. Contact: Zdravko Blazekovic, RILM Abstracts, Dept of Music, CUNY - 33 West 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.

Kom, Ambroise. *Dictionnaire des oeuvres littéraires de langue française en Afrique au sud du Sahara*. International Scholars Publications, 1996. 2 vols., at \$150 each. Vol. 1 is a reprint of Kom's 1983 work: *Dictionnaire des oeuvres littéraires négro-africaines de langue française des origines à 1978*.

### NEW REFERENCE TITLES

*African Ethnonyms: Index to Art-producing Peoples of Africa*, by Daniel P. Biebuyck, Susan Kelliher, and Linda McRae. New York: G.K. Hall, 1996. 378 p.

Contains over 4500 names for 2000 peoples. Includes references to books published from the 1950s to 1996. Authors give preference to current usage, with the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* and the *Art and Architecture Thesaurus* also being considered, and do not attempt to list all variants. The choice of "Ngere," for the people known as Wè (or Guéré-Wobé) in Côte d'Ivoire and Kran in Liberia, shows a preference for terms used in the older art literature.

*African Universities: A Handbook for International Scholars*, comp. by Geremie Sawadogo. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996. 226pp.

*Bibliographie historique du Zaïre à l'époque coloniale (1880-1960): Travaux publiés en 1960-1996*, J.L. Vellut, dir., Fl. Loriaux and Fr. Morimont. Louvain-la-Neuve-Tervuren, 1996, 325p. 3985 items. Price: 990 Belgian Fr. + postage & handling. Orders to: Institut Africain, Service des Publications, rue Belliard 65, B-1040 Brussels (Belgium); or: Musée royal de l'Afrique centrale, Service des Publications, B-3080 Tervuren (Belgium).

Hall, David E. *African Acronyms and Abbreviations: A Handbook*. London: Mansell, 1996. 364p. ISBN 0720122759. £60.00.

## NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

### VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABC (African Books Collective, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, UK) issued a "Complete Stock List, as at Nov. 1996." Arranged by subject, with an author index. Also available at: < [http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African\\_Studies/Publications/ABC\\_Menu.html](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/Publications/ABC_Menu.html)>

Africa Book Centre (38 King St., London WC2E 8JT) issue *Book Review* no. 6 (Jan. 1997) includes reviews of books on Angola, Somalia and South Africa; plus annotated listings of new books.

African Imprint Library Services (PO Box 350, West Falmouth, MA 02574) has a new website: <<http://www.africanbooks.com>>.

Forkpa Kemah (Medical College Library, Univ. of Liberia, PO Box 9020, Monrovia, Liberia) can supply newspapers and other material from Liberia.

Gerald Rilling (1315 Ryan St., Machesney Park, IL 61115-1844; tel.: 815-654-0389) distributed a list of over 100 out of print books on East Africa.

McBlain Books (Box 5062, Hamden, CT 06518) issued Catalog 136 (North Africa and the Middle East), an indexed list of 1478 items.

St. Martin's Press, Scholarly & Reference Division (257 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10010) issued "African Studies 1996-1997" which includes Radcliffe Press titles which they distribute in North America.

### EVENTS

Foire Internationale du Livre de Dakar (FILDAK), 4-11 nov. 1997. Contact: Amadou Sy, FILDAK, BP 8166, Dakar.

Second Ghana International Book Fair, 4-10 Nov. 1998, Accra. Contact: Director General, GIBF, PO Box 111, Trade Fair Centre, La-Accra, Ghana.

Third Annual National Book Week, 21-27 April 1997. Contact: Deputy Chief Programme Officer, Nigerian Book Foundation, PO Box 1132, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Sixth Pan-African Children's Book Fair, 25-31 May 1997. Contact: Co-ordinator, PACBF, POB 61301, Nairobi, Kenya.

Zimbabwe International Book Fair, 2-9 August 1997, Harare. The theme for ZIPF97 is "Libraries". More information available at <<http://wn.apc.org/mediat4ch/zibf/>>

### LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

*Partners in African Publishing* is available on the web at <[http://www.oneworld.org/code\\_europe](http://www.oneworld.org/code_europe)>

*Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter*, no. 19 (March 1996 [sic, 1997]) includes reports by Philip G. Gltback, Katherine Salahi, Ian

Randle and Ciaran MacGlinchey, Donna Anderton, Chukwuemeka Ike, Sr. Teresa Marcazzan, S.K. Ghai; and commentary on publishing by Paul Brickhill, Ansu Momoh (Sierra Leone), Jacob Jaygbay (Senegal), Sally Taylor, and Victor Nwankwo.

Akides, Simon Adetona. "The African publisher: the cultural politics of indigenous publishing in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire." Ph.D. thesis, Ohio University, 1996.

Saro-Wiwa, Ken. "Notes of a Reluctant Publisher." *African Book Publishing Record*, v. 22 (1996): 257-9.

Zezeza, Paul Tiyambe. "A Social Contract for Books." *African Book Publishing Record*, v. 22 (1996): 251-5. Discusses needed commitments from the state, publishers, writers, educational institutions, libraries and the reading public.

### ONLINE FILES

Africa Bureau Information Center (ABIC) has full text copies of the Office of Sustainable Development's 3 newsletters, *African Voices*, *SD Abstracts*, and *SD Developments*, on USAID's web at <<http://www.info.usaid.gov/regions/afr/abic/>>.

African Studies Quarterly is an interdisciplinary, fully-refereed, publication. The inaugural issue of the journal will be published on the World Wide Web May 1, 1997. The address for the journal will be <<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/africa/asq/>>. For more information write: Editorial Committee, African Studies Quarterly, Center for African Studies, 427 Grinter Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611; or email <[asq@africa.ufl.edu](mailto:asq@africa.ufl.edu)>.

Newspapers online include:

*La Voie* (Abidjan) - <http://www.africaonline.co.ci/AfricaOnline/infos/lavoie/lavoie.html>

*La Jour* (Abidjan).

UN's ECA has finally brought up a WWW site: (<http://www.un.org/Depts/eca/>). It includes, amongst other things, the texts of Conference of Ministers documents, documents from ECA Divisions and Programs and speeches by the ECA Executive Secretary.

### SERIAL CHANGES

*African Journal of Political Science* continues the *African Journal of Political Economy*, effective June 1996. Price per issue (2 per year): \$15 for African institutions; \$20 for non-African institutions.

### NEW SERIALS

*African Journal of Languages and Linguistics*, v. 1, no. 1 (1996). \$60 for institutions; \$16, individuals. Editor: African Institution, 7532 8th St., NW, Washington, DC 20012.

*Journal of Research Methodology and African Studies*, vol. 1, no. 1 (1996). \$60 for institutions; \$16, individuals; from: African Institution, 7532 8th St., NW, Washington, DC 20012.

*EIS News* reports on the Program on Environment Information Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa, a World Bank initiative. It is currently based at CISR-Environmentek, POB 395, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. There is a web site at <<http://www.grida.no/eis-ssa/eis-ssa.htm>>.

*Zimbabwean Review* is a quarterly that started in April 1995. In a newspaper format, it carries reviews of books, films and exhibitions; plus articles on current issues, poems, and short stories. Annual subscriptions (outside Africa): £20/Z\$260 (more by air). Contact: P/ Bag A 6177, Avondale, Harare.

Tomaselli, Keyan G. *Appropriating Images: The Semiotics of Visual Anthropology*. Aarhus: Intervention Press, 1996. 332p. ISBN 87-89825-05-5. Available from: Smyrna Press, Box 021803-GPO, Brooklyn, NY 11202; and Centre for Cultural and Media Studies, University of Natal, Durban 4041, South Africa.

#### SELECTED NEW BOOKS

*Ajustement structurel et emploi au Sénégal*, sous la direction de Babacar Fall. Dakar: CODESRIA, 1997. ISBN: 2-86978-062-1.

Seyoum Hameso. *Ethnicity in Africa: Towards a Positive Approach*. London: TSC Publications, 1997. 120p. ISBN 0953020401. £11 or \$19.50 + \$2 for handling. Available from publisher at POB 12879, London W13 8SW; or author at <[hameso\\_a27@oewyn.tvu.ac.uk](mailto:hameso_a27@oewyn.tvu.ac.uk)>.

Diamond, Larry. *Prospects for Democratic Development in Africa*. Stanford: Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, Stanford University, 1997. 55p. (Essays in public policy; no. 74) \$5.00 from Hoover Institution Press, 1-800-925-2882.



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