

Notes and news

Scandinavian Journal of the Developing Countries

This new quarterly in English is to be devoted to the economics, economic history and cultural, social and political change in the Third World, the first issue being for March 1983. Books concerning developing countries are invited for review. Four issues are intended each year. Annual subscriptions: institutions, 80 Swedish crowns (surface mail; 95 Swedish crowns for air mail); individuals 60 Swedish crowns (surface mail; 75 Swedish crowns for airmail). Further enquiries and contributions to: The Editor, Scandinavian Journal of the Developing Countries, P.O. Box 7339, 103 90 Stockholm, Sweden.

Journal of East African Research and Development

Transafrican Journal of History

Both these periodicals, formerly published by the East African Literature Bureau, ran into financial difficulties from 1976, as a result of complications arising from the collapse of the East African Community, and their publication was suspended in 1979 by the Kenya Literature Bureau. At this time several issues were still in press.

The Kenya Literature Bureau now announces its intention to restart both journals. The *Journal of East African Research and Development* will continue to deal with any aspect of the social sciences, including contemporary cultural areas such as education and music, as well as appropriate papers in the natural sciences; while the *Transafrican Journal of History* focuses especially on African, and East African history. After clearing the issues delayed from 1976–78, the original plan of two issues for each journal each year will be resumed.

Prices (for subscribers outside East Africa) are \$15.00 for each volume of two issues for the 1979, 1980 and 1981 volumes, \$18.00 for the 1982 volumes of two issues; \$28.00 for the 1983 volumes of two issues, or \$14.00 per issue. Prices are inclusive of postage by surface mail.

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Grassfields Working Group

An informal group of social anthropologists and historians met in mid-July 1982 at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, to discuss the theme of the palaces and notables' residences of the Cameroon Grassfields, their organisation, their layout and its significance, and their contents. Papers were presented by Professor Claude Tardits (EPHE, Paris), Professor C.-H. Pradelles de Latour Dejean (Strasbourg), Professor Richard Dillon (Hobart and William Smith Colleges), Dr Michael Rowlands (University College, London), Dr Jean-Pierre Warnier (Yaoundé), Dr Christraud Geary (Boston University), David Price (Oxford), and V. G. Fanso (Yaoundé) – a joint paper by himself, Dr Chem Langèè (Yaoundé) and E. M. Chilver (Oxford). A paper from Dr P. N. Nkwi (DGRST, Yaoundé) was received in his unavoidable absence. Mme V. Baeke (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Dr Eugenia Shanklin (Trenton State University) presented some findings of recent fieldwork. The discussions were attended by E. W. and Shirley Ardener (Oxford), Ian Fowler (London), Dr Valentin-Ingold (Basel), Fiona Bowie (Oxford) and M. M.

Ndobegang (Boston). It is hoped to publish revised versions of the papers, and some others. This is the second meeting of the group in Europe. The first took place at Cuisles (France) in August 1978; see *Paideuma*, 25, 1979, vii, 1–115.

International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilisations: call for papers

The twelfth Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilisations (ISCSC) will be held 26–28 May, 1983 at the SUNY State University College at Buffalo, New York. Local arrangements: Dean Vern L. Bullough, Buffalo, New York 14222.

1. Intercivilisational encounters and processes of modernisation.
2. Science and technology in intercivilisational perspective.
3. Civilisational responses to challenges of the environment.
4. Western nineteenth-century ideologies (such as communism, liberalism) and their transformation in non-Western civilisations.
5. Literature and art as civilisational keys.
6. Schooling and the transmission of civilisational values.
7. Civilisational codes and the preservation of the past.
8. The life cycle – civilisational definitions of youth and aging.
9. Natural hazards and the perception of risk.
10. Dispute settlement – mechanisms for the resolution of conflict.
11. Rituals of rebellion – acts of rebellion as system preserving violence.
12. Religion and the State in civilisational perspective.
13. Intercivilisational migration and population exchanges.
14. The State and the growth of civilisations.

Send five copies of the abstract to: Professor Burkart Holzner, Chairman, ISCSC 1983 Program Committee, Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15260, USA.

AAPRD Conference

The Association for the Advancement of Policy, Research and Development in the Third World is holding a three-and-a-half-day semi-annual conference in Washington DC, USA, on 2–4 June 1983. For further information contact Dr Mekki Mtewa, PO box 24234, Washington, DC 20024, USA.

Mozambican Studies

Mozambican Studies is the English edition of *Estudos Mocambicanos*, a biannual journal of social science, published by the Centre of African Studies in Maputo, People's Republic of Mozambique. The original Portuguese edition started at the end of 1980; three issues had been published by mid-1982. It is the intention to publish the first four issues in English translation by mid-1983. Enquiries should be addressed to *Mozambican Studies*, Da Costastraat 88, 1053, Amsterdam, Holland.

Association canadienne des études africaines

The thirteenth annual conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies will be held in Quebec from 15th to 19th May, 1983. It is anticipated that some 300 Africanists will attend.