
Letter from the Editors

Dear Members:

Once again we want to thank in this public way Ed Bustin and Jane Martin for their superb organization of our 26th Annual Meeting. We wish also to thank Boston University and its African Studies Center for their willingness to host our meeting. Particular appreciation goes to Dr. Mayfield, University Provost and Vice President for External Programs, and to John Harris, Director of the African Studies Center. B.U. only made it look easy; the Program Committee worked assiduously over the last year to make this Meeting as thoughtful and provocative as it was.

We are aware that some members did not receive a copy of the December *News*, which contained the final program, until after the start of the Meeting. We apologize for this lateness, and for whatever inconveniences it caused. 1984 will find us returning to the earlier practice of printing the final program in the Summer issue of the *News*. We hope that you will note our new feature in this issue, "Without Comment", and contribute whatever startling images you come across.

1984 looks like an auspicious year for the ASA. In the spring, members will be asked to vote in a special referendum on a number of revisions proposed by the Board of Directors in order to bring our actual and anticipated practices as an Association in line with the language of our by-laws. In October, the ASA completes a year of world class activities in the Olympiad City by holding its 27th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. We remind you that paper proposals are due by April 15; because of our return to an October date, this deadline must be met. Please contact Professor Carol Thompson as soon as possible with your paper and panel proposals. Crossroads Press is also expecting a significant year, with new publications in its Traditional Medicine series by Patterson and Hartwig, the first titles appearing in its Primary Sources in African History, *A Sociolinguistic Profile of Urban Centers in Cameroon*, edited by Koenig, Chia and Povey, DeWilde's important and timely new work, *Agriculture, Marketing and Pricing in Sub-Saharan Africa* and Jean Gosebrink's long awaited, *African Studies Information Resources Directory Project*.

We hope that the ASA, in its committee work, its publications, its Annual Meetings, will continue to serve your interests, and enjoy your support.

Best wishes,
The Editors

RESEARCH IN AFRICA: ACCESS REPORTS

Many persons have responded to the "Research In Africa: Access Report" form which was enclosed with the registration materials for the 1983 Annual Meeting, and for these we thank you. These reports will be kept on file at the ASA Secretariat for the use of any scholars who may find them useful. In order to obtain a copy of an access report, please furnish us the name of the country and discipline desired. These reports will be furnished at no charge to the requestor, and the reporter will be anonymous. We will furnish the most recent report available to us. Those reports currently on file cover the following nations