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The former Library of the I.A.I. is now housed in the Social Science Wing of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester, which bought the bulk of it in the early 1970s. The collection consists of c.2,500 books, about 100 incomplete runs of periodicals (as well as some complete ones and some single issues) and over 3,000 pamphlets and censuses.

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Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS), Nairobi

CAFS is an institution of the International Planned Parenthood Federation based in Nairobi, Kenya, providing short but intensive training courses in population, family planning and family life education aimed at integrating these activities into socioeconomic development programmes in sub-Saharan Africa.

Over the years there has been increasing recognition of the relationship between population and family planning policies and the progress of socioeconomic development, culminating during the World Population Conference (Bucharest, 1974) in a call for the integration of family planning and family life education into broader development strategies.

Other key international meetings such as the World Food Conference (Rome, 1974), the International Women's Conference (Mexico, 1975), and the IPPF Conference on Family Welfare and Development in Africa (Nigeria, 1976) have also stressed the importance of family planning as an integral part of efforts to maximize food resources, upgrade the status of women and improve the quality of family life.

Despite increasing recognition on the part of many African governments of the need to incorporate family planning in a broad range of health, community and extension services, the necessary conditions for such integration do not always exist. A major constraint is the lack of trained manpower among development personnel with the

knowledge and expertise required to introduce family planning and family life education in the context of their own development programmes.

The Centre For African Family Studies has therefore been established to assist in the provision of this knowledge and expertise through orientation and training in the concept and practice of population, family planning and family life education as they relate to the development process and the necessary research, evaluation and resource development activities to support this endeavour.

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International Congress of African Studies (ICAS)

From the ICAS Newsletter, March 1981:

1. *Appointment of Secretary-general*

After consultation with many learned societies in Nigeria, Professor Abiola Irele of the Department of Modern Languages, University of Ibadan has been appointed Secretary-general for the fifth session of the ICAS, with Dr. M. A. Johnson as Interim Secretary.

2. *Meeting of the Bureau:*

In his efforts to convene a meeting of the Bureau, the President, Professor J. F. Ade Ajayi solicited the assistance of UNESCO who eventually agreed to finance the meeting as part of a workshop on "Education and historiography in Africa" scheduled for October, 1981 in Lome, Togo. This meeting would enable the Bureau to work out the details of the fifth ICAS and give guidelines to the local organising committee. Further information about the meeting will be circulated as soon as possible.

3. *Preparation for the ICAS:*

a) *Zaire:*

A centre for African studies was founded within the National University of Zaire in 1979 under the presidency of the Rector Mgr. Tshibangu Tshishiku, also one of the vice-presidents of the ICAS. The objective of the Centre is to promote African studies in Zaire and facilitate the country's participation in the activities of the ICAS.

b) *Nigeria:*

Similarly, a National Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences was inaugurated on April 25th, 1980 in Nigeria with Professor J. F. Ade Ajayi and Dr. Wale Oyemakinde, both of the Department of History at the University of Ibadan as President and Secretary-general respectively. The