

Notes and news

Conference on African Linguistics

The fourteenth Annual Conference on African Linguistics was held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 7–10 April 1983. Enquiries should be addressed to Linda Hunt, Department of African Languages and Literature, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 866 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706, USA.

Centre d'Etudes des Plurilinguismes: Emprunts au français et néologie dans les langues africaines

Les buts du projet présenté par le Centre d'Etudes des Plurilinguismes et la RCP 080-559 du CNRS consistent en:

- 1 Une étude sur les emprunts faits au français par les langues nationales et les grands véhiculaires africains, incluant un questionnaire sur leurs fonctions, leurs motivations et leur base sociolinguistiques;
- 2 Une étude des créations néologiques et des efforts prodigues aux différents niveaux de proposition et de décision pour mettre en place des terminologies adéquates et une élaboration lexicale utilisable au plan pédagogique.

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LATIN AFRICA

The first number of *Latin Africa* appeared in November 1982, giving the names, addresses and research interests of people in the UK working on non-anglophone Africa in history and the social sciences. Copies available from Dr W. G. Clarence-Smith, Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HP.

African Language Resource Project

The African Studies Center at Michigan State University has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the production of a handbook of human, institutional and material resources for the teaching and learning of African languages. Because of the existence of over 2000 languages now being spoken in Africa, this investigation has been restricted to the 82 highest priority languages established in a four-tier ranking by the 1979 meeting of Africanist linguists and area specialists representing the major African studies centers in the U.S. (See Wiley, David and David Dwyer, compilers, *African Language Instruction in the United States: Directions and Priorities for the 1980s*, East Lansing, Michigan: Michigan State University, African Studies Center, 1980.)

As a first step in this project we are assembling for each of the languages listed below a list of individuals throughout the world who are actively engaged in scholarly studies in the language, whether teaching, linguistic research, preparing learning materials or producing literature.

All scholars interested in being included or who have recommendations for inclusion should write to David Dwyer, Language Resource Project Director, or Kay Irish, Administrative Assistant, c/o African Studies Center, Room 100 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, 48824. Please include the following: name and title (where relevant), correspondence address, language(s) appearing on the list for which the scholar has experience. Those responding will then be contacted for further information.

Group A Languages (Highest Priority)

Akan (Twi/Asante/Akuapem/Fante), Amharic, Arabic, Chewa/Nyanja, Fula (Fulfulde/Peulh/Fulani), Hausa, Igbo, Kongo, Malagasy, Mandingo (Bambara/Mandinka/Dyula), Ngala (Lingala), Oromo (Galla), Ruanda/Rundi (Kirwanda/Kirundi), Sango, Shona, Somali, Sotho/Tswana (Ndebele), Swahili, Tigrinya, Umbundu, Wolof, Xhosa/Zulu/Swazi, Yoruba.

Group B Languages (Second Priority)

Anyi/Baule, Bamileke, Bemba, Berber (Tamazight/Tamacheq/Kabylle), Chokwe/Lunda, Efik/Ibibio, Ewe/Mina/Fon, Ganda (Luganda), Gbaya, Kalenjin (Nandi/Kipsigis), Kamba (Kikamba), Kanuri, Kikuyu, Krio/Pidgin (Cluster), Luba (Chiluba), Luhya, Luo (Acholi/Lango), Makua (includes Lomwe), Mbundu (Kimbundu), Mende/Bandi/Loko, Mongo/Nkundo, More/Mossi, Nubian, Senoufo, Songhai, Sukuma/Nyamwezi, Tiv, Tsonga (Shitsonga/Ronga or Shironga/Tswa or Shitswa), Yao/Makonde (Bulu), Zande (Azande).

Group C Languages (Third Priority)

Dinka (Agar/Bor/Padang), Edo (Bini), Gogo (Chigogo), Gurage, Hehe, Idoma, Igbira, Ijo, Kpelle, Kru/Bassa, Lozi (Silozi), Maasai, Mauritian Creole, Meru, Nama (Damara), Nuer, Nupe, Nyakusa, Nyoro, Sara, Serere/Sine (Serer), Sidamo, Soninke, Suppire, Susu, Temne, Tumbuka (Chitumbuka), Turkana/Teso, Venda.

Group D Languages (Lowest Priority)

All remaining languages.

Bibliographie des travaux en langue française sur l'Afrique au Sud du Sahara

La *Bibliographie des travaux en langue française sur l'Afrique au Sud du Sahara* est une publication annuelle réalisée par le Centre d'études africaines de l'Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales avec la collaboration de cinq organismes parisiens: le Secrétariat de la Société des africanistes, la Bibliothèque nationale, la Bibliothèque du Musée de l'homme, la Fondation nationale des sciences politiques et l'Institut des langues et civilisations orientales.

Elle s'adresse aux chercheurs, bibliothécaires, documentalistes etc . . . désireux de trouver les références des publications (ouvrages, articles et contributions aux ouvrages collectifs) relatives aux sciences humaines et sociales, parues en langue

française, au cours d'une seule année, quel que soit le lieu d'édition. Contenu de chaque volume:

Plan de classification par matières

Liste des périodiques consultés

Titres des publications parues dans l'année, classés en deux parties:

- a) Afrique en général, avec subdivision par matières suivant le plan de classification;
- b) Les grandes zones géographiques (Afrique occidentale, centrale, orientale, australe, et de l'Océan indien), subdivisées par pays.

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INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN INSTITUTE: SEMINAR

The Professionalisation of African Medicine

A seminar on the theme of 'The Professionalisation of African Medicine' will be held during the third week of September 1983. The National Institute of Development Research and Documentation of the University of Botswana have generously offered to be the hosts.

The seminar will be funded by Voluntary and Christian Service and the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries (SAREC).

Professor Gordon Chavunduka of the University of Zimbabwe and Dr Murray Last of University College London will be Chairmen.

Further information can be obtained from:

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The Executive Council of the IAI will meet in Botswana during the same week.