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MONSIEUR SAMBA N'DIAYE est entré à l'IFAN en 1963 comme responsable du laboratoire d'ethnographie, qui dépend du département de Sociologie. Il procède actuellement à une enquête sur la culture matérielle des Serer, au Sénégal central et a déjà acquis et étudié un matériel ethnographique relatif aux techniques d'acquisition: pêche, chasse, cueillette, élevage et agriculture.

Committee on African Studies in Canada

THE Committee on African Studies in Canada (see *Africa*, July 1963, p. 266), established at the end of 1962 and temporarily affiliated with the Social Science and Humanities Research Councils of Canada, has appointed a special Sub-committee for the Development of an Africanist Study and Research Centre for Canada. It is hoped to co-ordinate and consolidate the scattered resources of the country in order (a) to encourage the study of Africa by many disciplines at the undergraduate (pre-B.A.) level in Canadian universities, and (b) to develop at one or two places in the country a staff and facilities for advanced research and study of Africa. Co-operation and complementary if not completely co-ordinated development are hoped for among both the English-speaking and the French-speaking universities in Canada. The Chairman of the Committee is Dr. D. L. Wiedner, Department of History, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Wiedner is also the Editor of the biannual *Bulletin* of the Committee which is published in English and French. The first issue appeared in November 1963.

Istituto per le Civiltà Primitive, Università di Roma

A COURSE on African studies, 'Civiltà Indigene dell'Africa', is now included as an optional subject in the syllabus of the Scuola di Perfezionamento in Scienze Etnologiche post-graduate programme of Rome University. A certificate is awarded at the end of the second year. The Scuola is attached to the Institute, but its staff is drawn from the University of Rome as a whole. The Director of the Institute, Professor Grottanelli, has done field research among the Nzema of south-western Ghana in 1954, 1961-2, and 1963, on the second occasion assisted by Dr. E. Cerulli and Signor S. Natonek. It is expected that research in this

area will be resumed in 1964. Dr. Piero Matthey, also of the Institute, is at present engaged in fieldwork among the Sara of the République du Tchad, in collaboration with the Institut National Tchadien pour les Sciences Humaines, with the help of a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

Conference on African Law, Venice, October 1963

THE Fondazione Giorgio Cini and the Société Africaine de Culture organized a conference in Venice from 3 to 5 October 1963 on African traditional law and its development. Among the resolutions passed by the conference was the recommendation that African countries should undertake a systematic survey and restatement of customary law and attempt to standardize their new laws in the appropriate fields. It was urged that the major Foundations should contribute to this task and that Unesco should provide the countries concerned with technical and material aid for this purpose.

International African Seminar on the Roles of Elites in Contemporary Africa

THE International African Institute is organizing a seminar on the Emergence of New Social Classes and the Roles of Elites in Contemporary Africa, to be held from Tuesday 14 July to Thursday 23 July 1964 at the University of Ibadan by courtesy of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Dike. The chairman will be Dr. Peter Lloyd of the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan. This will be the second in a new series of international African Seminars arranged with the aid of a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Papers and discussions at the seminar will include consideration of the following themes: the definition of new social categories, their statuses, attitudes, and influence; their relations to traditional associations, to kinsfolk in other categories, and to the community of origin; family patterns; styles of living; new associations; the significance of wealth and education in new political and economic relations; changes in value patterns; the relevance of concepts of social class, elites, &c., for the analysis of modern African societies.

'Zeitschrift für Ethnologie': special West African number

Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, vol. 88, no. 2, 1963, is devoted to articles on West African topics which have been compiled by Dr. Jürgen Zwernemann. The contents are as follows:

Der Gottesname Nyambi im Lichte alter west-afrikanischer Reiseberichte	Walter Hirschberg
Zur traditionellen Architektur der westafrikanischen Neger: Der Bauvorgang in den westlichen Guinealändern und in Westsudan	Herta Haselberger
Die Masken der Guéré im Rahmen der Kunst des oberen Cavally-Gebietes	Hans Himmelheber
Adangme Varianten zum Thema: Himmelsheil, Himmelsmenschen	Hugo Huber
Historische Überlieferungen und Gesellschaftsordnung in Kpandu (Ost-Ghana)	Richard Mohr
Zur Frage megalithischer Elemente bei den Kurumba (Ober-Volta, Westafrika)	Annemarie Schweeger-Hefel
Die drei heiligen Lanzen der Kouroumba von Louroum (Haute-Volta)	Wilhelm Staude
Feldtypen und Speichertypen bei den Kasena in Obervolta	Jürgen Zwernemann