NOTES AND NEWS

SCOLMA NEWS

The first SCOLMA Seminar of the academic year was given by Ruth Craggs. Ruth is currently researching the Library of the Royal Commonwealth Society in preparation for a PhD. The seminar was held at lunchtime on Thursday 20th October, at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.

The SCOLMA website has been updated. Although basically the same in format, the content now gives more information about the organisation, and a clearer presentation. The web address remains the same, at
http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/scolma/

INSTITUTIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

The **Centre for African Studies,** School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), has announced that Christopher Cramer has become the new Chair of the Centre. Dr Cramer teaches at the Department of Development Studies at SOAS, and his research interests include rural labour markets, and the countries Mozambique, South Africa and Ethiopia.

Work will be underway at the **Archives d'Outre-Mer,** Aix-en-Provence, to make accessible records from the 1940's and 1950's. The project will include records relating to the Madagacscar insurrection of 1947. More information on these records will be available in a future issue of ARD.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Noma Award for Publishing in Africa
The 2005 winner of the Noma award has been announced as: *La mémoire amputée*, Werewere-Liking, pub Nouvelles Editions Ivoiriennes, Adidjan, 2004. The Noma jury described the book as, *'a truly remarkable achievement, illustrating the potential of African literature to renew and regenerate its forms ... this is a deeply felt presentation of the female condition in Africa; and a celebration of women as the country's memory, and feminine patriotism and wisdom as central to the question for the self-determination of Africa'*. The award will be presented during the first Cape Town Book Fair, 17- 20 June 2006.

A Special Commendation was also given for three titles:
Oliver Tambo: beyond the Engeli mountains, Luli Callinicos, David Philip Publishers, Cape Town, 2004

Constitutional democracy in Africa Vol.s 1- 5, Ben Nwabueze, Spectrum Books, Ibadan, 2004

Memoirs, Ahmed Kathrada, Zebra Press, Cape Town, 2004

Association of Southern African Indexers and Bibliographers (ASAIB) Award for Best Bibliography

The 2004-05 award has been presented to Abdul Bemath for *The Mazruiana Collection Revisited: Ali A Mazrui debating the African condition.*

Conover-Porter Award for Africana Bibliography or Reference Work

Nominations are invited for the 14th Conover-Porter award for excellence in Africana bibliography or reference work. The award includes a prize of $300. Eligible works include reference works, bibliographies, and bibliographic essays published during 2003- 05. Nominations close on 1st January 2006. More details can be found on the website of the Africana Librarians Council at: http://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/afs/alc/conport2.html

ON THE WEB

African Writers Series

ProQuest have begun digitising and making available texts from Heinemann's African Writers Series. The first tranche of materials to be available online will include 65 volumes of fiction, poetry, drama and non-fiction prose. Authors represented include: Steve Biko, Buchi Emecheta, Jack Mapanje, and Veronique Tadjo. More details, and information on ordering access to the collection, can be found on ProQuest's website, at:
http://www.proquest.co.uk

Africa Online Digital Library

http://www.aodl.org/

The online digital library encourages individuals and organisations to build up and publish digital and/or digitised collections for public access. The Africa Online Digital Library has been developed by MATRIX (the Centre for Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences Online, Michigan State University), working in cooperation with the Africa Studies Centre at the same institution. The website includes documents on best practice and standards in creating online content, alongside galleries already created. This resource has been running for some time, and collections are generally extensive collections of photographs, although there are also some audio interviews, and text-based resources. So far, the content largely relates to West Africa in general, and Senegal in particular. Galleries include photographs from Phil Curtin's fieldwork; images from L'Institut Fondemental d'Afrique Noire (IFAN), Dakar; an exhibition on Sufi arts in Senegal; and documents on the history of the Futa Jalon.

Recent messages on the H-Africa net discussion list have suggested using this resource to build up historical maps of Africa.

AfriMAP
http://www.afrimap.org/

Website for the Africa Governance Monitoring and Advocacy Project, funded by the George Soros Open Society Institute. The project aims to support the activities of local civil society organisations. Initial research is being carried out in Ghana, Mozambique, Senegal, and South Africa, and the first reports are expected shortly. The website includes a searchable library of reports from civil society and research organisations.

BiblioDoc.Francophonie Portail
http://bibliodoc.francophonie.org/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=2

Portal for Library Resources in and relating to la Francophonie. Links are organised by country, with sections on libraries, professional organisations, educational materials, and electronic resources.

Wikipedia - Africa pages
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa

Hans Zell has very kindly allowed us to reproduce his note on the relevance of Wikipedia for Africa studies. This has been a resource that has been growing in profile and size (and diversity of opinion on its usefulness). Terry Barringer, editor of ARD, is planning to write a longer piece on this theme, and would be grateful for any comments on its usefulness to researchers and students. Contact details for Terry Barringer can be found on the inside front cover of this journal.

> "Wikipedia is a searchable free-content encyclopedia that anyone can edit. It was started in 2001, and currently (August 2005) contains almost 700,000 articles. Articles are written collaboratively by many of its readers and users. "Free content" is considered to be "any kind of functional work, artwork, or other creative content upon which no legal restriction has been placed that significantly interferes with people's freedom to use, understand, redistribute, improve, and share the content." Anyone can edit or "improve" entries in the encyclopedia, and there are hundreds of hourly changes all of which are recorded on the page history for each entry, including the pages relating to Africa and African topics. Click on to "Discussion" for any entry to follow comments and debates about the evolving content on any page. From the main Africa pages you can access quite substantial articles, a well as summaries about geography, history, politics, demographics, languages, culture, religion, and other topics, for example entries on colonialism, the slave trade, human rights, AIDS, ethnic groups, language groups, etc.

as well as a fairly substantial number of entries for African authors, with extensively cross-linked biographical profiles. However, irritatingly, some of these are in fact blind entries indicating, for example, "Wikipedia does not yet have a page called Ayi Kwei Armah." There are also pages for each country in Africa, which on the whole seem to be well compiled, fairly accurate, and up-to-date. However, the external links section for both the main Africa and individual country pages are poor for the most part. Wikipedia is an innovative and exciting concept in freely accessible online resources, but the information it offers for some entries - which can be simplistic, uninformed, inadequately documented, contentious, or anarchistic! - must be used with caution." [13/08/05]

PUBLISHING & THE BOOKTRADE

The first **Cape Town Book** Fair will be held on 17th - 20th June 2006. The fair is the result of a collaboration between the Publishers' Association of South Africa and the Frankfurt Book Fair. Alongside exhibitors, seminars and presentations, there will be a Book Festival to include schools, libraries, and new writers. More details about the Book Fair can be found at:
http://www.capetownbookfair.co.za

Hans Zell Publishing have announced that the 4th revised edition of the acclaimed *African Studies Companion: a guide to information services* will be published on 31 March 2006, 832 pp. Online access bundled with print. £148. (For a review of the previous edition see ARD 93, 2003, pp75-76)

The new edition contains almost 1,000 entirely new entries, a directory of African (and African American) Studies Teaching and Research Centres, a Directory of the African Press and a guide to 'using Google for African studies research'.

New publications from the (ADEA) Association for the Development of Education in Africa include:

Sampa, Francis K, *Zambia's primary reading programme (PRP): improving access and quality in basic schools*, African experiences - Country case studies series (ADEA Secretariat), 2005, ISBN 92-9178-055-3

Perlman, Harriet, *Crossing borders. Adapting educational materials for other countries: the Soul City Choose Life project*, Perspectives on African book development No. 14 (Working Group on Books and Learning Materials), ISBN 19-0183-018-7

JOURNALS

The *Lagos Journal of Library and Information Science* is amongst the newest additions to the African Journals Online database, albeit with only Vol 1 Issue 1 (2003) added so far.

Kwani? held its UK launch in October. This is the first overseas launch for the journal, which has been published in Kenya for nearly three years. The journal carries works of journalism, fiction, poetry, photographs, travel writing etc. The journal is one of the best-selling in Kenya. Plans for 2005-06 include publishing a quarterly magazine, and several books. Although partly under construction, more information can be found at: http://www.kwani.org/

New Titles

The Spectator, is a new English-language weekly newspaper published in Lesotho
(*source: Summary of events in Lesotho,* Vol 12 Pt 3, 2005, compiled by David Ambrose)

The Commonwealth Today, is an online magazine produced by the Commonwealth Secretariat. The first issue was produced in November 2005, in time for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta. The magazine aims to be a forum for discussion on development, and seeks to include comment from authors and organisations outside of official Commonwealth agencies. The first issue focuses on ICT and development, with three articles looking at governance, society and education in Africa. · *Commonwealth Today* can be downloaded from:
http://www.thecommonwealth.org/Templates/Internal.asp?NodeID=147571

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Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African-American Experience, Gates, Henry Louis & Appiah, Kwame Anthony (eds.)
Second Edition, five volumes, Oxford University Press USA, 2005, ISBN 0195170555 Hardback GBP350.00
The new edition contains 1000 new entries, to include coverage of African kingdoms, and expand information on the African diaspora in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Bibliographies have been included for most articles.

Directory of Africanists in Australasia and the Pacific, Counsel, Graeme & Pelling, Wayne (eds.),

Sixth Edition, 117pp, African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), 2005, ISBN 0-9594621-5-5. AUD $10, plus AUD $2.55 postage within Australia. Email g.counsel@umpa.unimelb.edu.au to order and for international postage rates.

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific was formed in 1978 and published its first directory in the following year. This sixth edition contains over 300 entries, mostly university academics but also ambassadors and High Commissioners, officials, NGO workers, businessmen and one librarian (Peter Limb, albeit now based in Michigan, who will need no introduction to ARD readers).

The entries vary from the basic to the very full. In addition to the usual post/phone/email information, they may have details of African experience, Current research, "Other African related activities" (The Secretary of AFSAAP and compiler of this directory is revealed as a "DJ on public radio") and publications. The list of publications may be very lengthy (two runs to 5½ pages each) but some of the most distinguished scholars have some of the shortest entries.

There are indices by Place of Residence (over 40 are based outside Australasia/Pacific), Regional Specialisation and by Disciplinary Specialisation. There is a list of Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Consular officials and another of Non-Government Organisations.

The Journal of Commonwealth Literature, Vol. 40 Pt 4, 2005, contains the Annual Bibliography of Commonwealth Literature, with sections on South Africa (pp 195- 234), and Central and East Africa (pp 253- 65)

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> Mphinyane, S T, 'NEPAD and the digital divide: silent marginalised minorities in the age of ICT: the case of Botswana', pp 152 - 162
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Furniss, G, 'Higher Education in Africa: the Commission for Africa', *Review of African Political Economy,* No. 104/5, 2005, pp 446- 449

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Uganda

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Zimbabwe

Westminster Papers in Communication and Culture have released a special issue on the media and Zimbabwe. Articles include press freedom, political reporting, and patriotic journalism in Zimbabwe, as well as articles about. reporting on Zimbabwe in Europe. The special issue is available as hard-copy, or online from:
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Sierra Leone

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Recent exhbitions, seminars and events in London have included:

28th October, workshop on **Publishing in Somali**, Centre of African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies. Organiser: Dr Martin Orwin (email: mo1@soas.ac.uk)

Amalgamation of Northern and Southern Nigeria into Independent Nigeria. An exhibition of rare books and documents from the past 200 years at the Royal Commonwealth Society 3rd October to 11th November. This exhibition had been organised by the Nigerian High Commission and the Royal Commonwealth Society for Black History Month 2005.

African Visions 2005: New Writing in Africa - A Tour of African Writers 9th - 17th October 2005.
During October, four African writers (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Alex Agyei-Agyiri, Lindsey Collen, and Binyavanga Wainaina) toured literary festivals across England. The tour was organised by the Africa Centre, and supported by the British Library, BBC, and the Arts Council England. More details about the tour, and the writers involved, can be found on the Africa Centre website, at:
http://www.africacentre.org.uk/africanvisions2005.htm

African Visions 2005: Think Africa - A Festival of African Literature, Culture and Politics
British Library, London, 15ᵗʰ - 16ᵗʰ October 2005
This two-day event was organised by the Africa Centre in association with the British Library, and was supported by the Arts Council England. Sessions covered new writings, theatre in Nigeria, publishing for children, announcement of the winner of the 2005 Noma award (see *Awards and Prizes*, above). The conference ended with the UK launch of Kwani?, an online journal for new writing in Kenya founded by Binyavanga Wainaina.

African Publishing and Writing
British Library, London, 17ᵗʰ October 2005
See the last issue of *ARD* for a fuller description of this conference. The day was well-attended, and it is hoped that some of the presentations given will appear in future issues of *ARD*.

Congrès biennal de l'Association Sénégalaise des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes
Dakar, 11- 12ᵗʰ November 2005
This conference was organised on the theme, 'decentralisation, good governance and access to information'. Sub-themes included: the role of information in decision-making for good governance; citizenship and the right to information; and preparing for electronic administration.

Forthcoming Conferences:

Liverpool and Empire 1700- 1970
Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool, 21ˢᵗ April 2006
This is the third annual conference of the Centre for Liverpool and Merseyside Studies, John Moores University. The conference will focus on the impact on Liverpool of its role as the "second city of the British Empire". The closing date for submission of papers was 30ᵗʰ November, and more information about the conference is available at:
http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/home/ahzsh1/Empire/index.htm

Transcultural Modernities: Narrating Africa in Europe, Frankfurt University, 1- 3ʳᵈ June 2006
Organised by the European Network for Euro-African Studies Project. This conference will examine the writings of Africans living in Europe, with a focus on considerations of topics such as home, migration, and diaspora. The call for papers closes on 1ˢᵗ December 2005, and further details may be found at:
http://web.uni-frankfurt.de/fb10/ieas/abt/nelk/euro-afric/