

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 française 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 prodigués 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.)