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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE AFRICAN HORN

A symposium convened by the Institute of African Research and Studies, University of Cairo, 12613 Giza, Cairo, was held on 5–10 January 1985. Seventy-seven papers were presented on a wide range of topics, half by Egyptian scholars and half by scholars from France, Ethiopia, the USA, Somalia, Djibouti, Jordan, West Germany, Sweden, Uganda, the United Kingdom, Kenya, Canada and Italy and by some exiles. The seminar met as a whole for the morning sessions and divided into four groups for the afternoon session: (a) Politics and economics, (b) Geography and natural resources, (c) History and (d) Anthropology, languages and culture. Further information can be obtained from Professor M. A. Seoudy, Chairman and Dean of the Institute. The Institute aims to hold a second international symposium in 1987.