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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the IAI*

The IAI extends a warm welcome to its new Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Professor Jacob Ade Ajayi, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, and Mgr. Tshibangu Tshishiku, Rector of the National University of Zaïre and President of the International Congress of African Studies. At the same time, membership of the IAI Executive Council has been expanded to include scholars from thirteen African and eight non-African nations. The IAI wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Sir Arthur Smith, Chairman from 1966 to 1975, and to Professor K. Onwuka Dike, Vice-Chairman from 1963 to 1975. Professor Dike continues to serve the IAI as a Life Member of the Executive Council.

### *Membership of the IAI*

As it expands its research and publishing role, the IAI needs the support of all its members, for whom it is providing an increased service. From 1976, the 50th anniversary of the IAI, all members will receive, post-free, a total of twelve publications a year: four quarterly numbers of *Africa*, plus four quarterly numbers of the *International African Bibliography*, plus four numbers of the new quarterly *IAI Notes and News* (see announcement facing this page). Entitlement to these twelve publications for a total annual subscription of only £8.50 for individuals (US \$ 22 or FF 90) or £12 for institutions (US \$ 32 or FF 128), is possible only because of the large membership of the IAI, and the anticipated increase in membership during the coming year. In addition to the above, members will continue to benefit from a discount on all other IAI publications.

Members will appreciate that subscriptions have already been kept artificially low in recent years, at the expense of the IAI's modest reserves: despite rapid inflation of costs, subscription rates in non-British currencies were actually lower for 1975 than for 1972! The IAI now depends on the continued support of its members for the success of its new programme of research and publication (see Director's statement in *Africa* 44, No. 4, repeated in French in *Africa* 45, No. 1). A full report on the progress of this programme will be included in the first number of *IAI Notes and News* in 1976, as part of the Director's report for the period mid-1974 to end-1975.

In particular, individual and institutional members are requested to submit announcements and reports of current research, teaching, and publication activities in the field of African studies, for free inclusion in *IAI Notes and News*, as well as manuscripts of articles for *Africa*. It is desirable that *Africa* should reflect a wider range of disciplines and nationalities, and include more articles in French, within its general framework of the study of African cultures and societies.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

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