



## NEWS ITEMS

### FUTURE MEETINGS OF SAfA

At the business meeting, a proposal from Syracuse University to host the 1998 meeting was accepted. The local organizer for this meeting will be Christopher deCorse.

### David Phillipson sends the following note:

At the SAfA conference in Poznan there was much discussion about the possibility of future meetings being held in Europe. It was recognized that for several reasons, not least the North American origins of SAfA, it may be appropriate to hold the majority of meetings on the west side of the Atlantic. It was decided that the 1998 meeting would be in Syracuse, New York. The view was, however, strongly expressed that a truly international organisation should regularly vary its place of meeting.

Having consulted colleagues in the Universities of Oxford and London, I was able to invite SAfA to hold a meeting in England, most probably in Cambridge, in either 2000 or 2002, as the membership prefers. We would hope to approach several funds in the three universities and elsewhere so as to maximise assistance to African scholars wishing to attend. In order to obtain the best use of these funds, we ask the SAfA membership and executive committee to decide soon whether they wish to accept this invitation and, if so, which of the two dates they would prefer.

### International Symposium on Recent research into the Stone Age of Northeastern Africa, Kiekrz at Poznan, Poland, 23-26 August, 1997

Lech Krzyzaniak announces the fifth "Dymaczewo-type" symposium. Its aim will be the presentation and discussion of recent research (fieldwork and related investigations, theoretical work, etc.) carried out since the last symposium in 1992. The main topic will focus on the periods from the Early Palaeolithic through Late Neolithic in such countries as Egypt (with Sinai) (including the Predynastic), the Sudan, Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. A special session on the development of climate and natural environment in this part of Africa will also be held. It will be possible to organize smaller sessions on subjects not within the geographical or temporal limits of symposium (eg. Maghreb, Axum, etc.). Individual papers should not exceed 20 minutes and communications 10 minutes.

Further information can be had from Lech Krzyzaniak at the Muzeum Archeologiczne, ul. Wodna 27, 61-781, Poznan, Poland (adapted from the first circular).