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## **EDITORIAL**

I am writing this at the end of May, just prior to leaving town to resume fieldwork in Tanzania. It is nice to get back into the field, after spending so much time reading about other people's work. But, on account of this, I have to prepare the editorial before the result of the ballot about future meetings is known. This information should be provided with this issue.

Regardless of the results of the ballot, the next meeting of SAfA will be held at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, probably in May 1998. It will be hosted by Christopher de Corse. In the last couple of years, the Anthropology Department at Syracuse University has made a strong commitment to historic archaeology as a field of specialization. Two of our colleagues, Chris de Corse and Theresa Singleton both work there, and the department Chair, Douglas Armstrong, has worked on plantation sites in Jamaica. Both de Corse and Armstrong trained as graduate students with Merrick Posnansky at UCLA, as did I, so it will be quite a reunion there next year. The call for papers and preliminary information is included in this issue. On behalf of the executive committee, I thank Chris and his department for hosting this upcoming meeting.

In this issue, there are a number of papers on ethnoarchaeological issues (on site formation in northern Cameroon, agriculture practices in highland Ethiopia, and pottery manufacture and use in Togo). Other reports are on the initial results of field surveys in new regions, such as those by Agazi Negash about Tigrai, and J.P. Ossah Mvondo about sites in southern Cameroon. Others deal with results from field work where previously identified sites are being reinvestigated, often with new research questions being addressed.

As he has wanted to do for some time, Steve Brandt has a website up and running for SAfA. There is not much on it yet, but it will eventually have table of contents for all issues of *Nyame Akuma*, as well as news items, meeting announcements, and other information of interest to our members. The address is http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/sbrandt/safa.htm.

Another reminder: Scott MacEachern has replaced Steve Brandt as Treasurer of SAfA. This means that all questions about membership and subscriptions should go to him. My role as editor is to produce Nyame Akuma, so keep sending articles and news information to me. Thanks, and I hope everyone has a productive summer.