



**NEWS**

**SAfA Conference in Cambridge, England: Preliminary Notice**

David Phillipson sends the following information about the next SAfA meeting.

As previously notified, I am organising the next SAfA Conference. The Conference will convene in Peterhouse, Cambridge, on the morning of Wednesday 12 July 2000, with registration the previous afternoon/evening. Participants should therefore plan on arriving in Cambridge on Tuesday 11 July. We will disperse after lunch on Saturday 15 July.

There will be conference sessions all day on Wednesday and Friday and on Thursday and Saturday mornings. There will be a reception on Wednesday evening in the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology hosted by the Museum and the African Studies Centre. On Thursday afternoon there will be a choice of half-day excursions and on Friday evening a dinner in Hall, by kind permission of the Master and Fellows of Peterhouse.

The inclusive cost for SAfA members will be £115 per person, inclusive of the dinner, but excluding accommodation and other meals. We can offer a reduced price to bona fide students only, without the dinner, of £75. For non-members the charges will be £135 and £95. All these prices can be reduced by £10 for those whose payment is received by 31 December 1999. The only cheques we can accept are those made out in sterling and drawn on a bank in the United Kingdom, payable to "SAfA Conference 2000". All other payments should be made by credit card via SAfA and Scott MacEachern. Further details will follow in a subsequent circular.

Bed and breakfast accommodation will be available in Peterhouse, allocated only on a first-application basis, at a cost of £34 per person per night. The second circular will contain details of alternative accommodations, none of which will be significantly cheaper. I hope to arrange an excursion to Stonehenge and Avebury (at extra cost) on the Monday and Tuesday before the conference. The detailed application form and second circular,

with details of the academic programme, will be issued at the beginning of March 1999.

It is hoped that significant financial assistance will be available for a limited number of participants who are citizens of, and resident in, African countries. People who would like to be considered for such assistance are asked to contact me immediately. Africans who are currently studying outside Africa will not be eligible and are asked to seek assistance through the institutions to which they are currently attached.

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**James A. Swan Fund, Pitt Rivers Museum, University of Oxford**

Peter Mitchell sends the following information about the James A. Swan Fund, Pitt Rivers Museum University of Oxford.

Applications are invited from graduate students and established researchers for grants from the Swan fund, which is administered by the Pitt Rivers Museum of the University of Oxford. Grants are awarded for archaeological and anthropological research within areas of interest to the late James A. Swan: the Later Stone Age prehistory of Southern Africa and the study of contemporary Bushman and Pygmy peoples of Africa. Research on the museum collections relating to these fields may also be supported, as may the costs of publishing the results of fieldwork that has been aided by the Fund.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Swan Fund at the Pitt Rivers Museum, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PP, United Kingdom. Each application must consist of **three** copies of the following: (1) a statement of the proposed research (no more than 2000 words); (2) an itemized budget, indicating which items are for funding from the Swan Fund and details of all other

grant applications, (3) a full cv, including publications; (4) the names and addresses (including e-mail where possible) of two referees. References should be sent independently to the Secretary of the Swan Fund by the closing date given below. Institutionally based applicants should also provide the name of their head of department.

Successful applicants must undertake to acknowledge the Swan Fund in all publications arising from their grant, to submit a report on their work to the Secretary of the Fund (which must include a statement of expenditure), and to provide the Balfour Library of the Pitt Rivers Museum with

one copy of all publications, including these and dissertations. Failure to comply with these conditions may prejudice the success of future grant applications.

The closing date for all applications to the Swan Fund is March 1st of each year. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application as soon as possible. A letter will also be sent to the head of department of successful applicants where appropriate. Enquiries about the fund (**but not applications**) may also be made to the Secretary of the Swan Fund by e-mail by contacting him at [peter.mitchell@prm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:peter.mitchell@prm.ox.ac.uk).