



## EDITORIAL

Professor Fekri Hassan will be stepping down as editor of the *African Archaeological Review* in 2008. At one point in time, the AAR was the official journal of SAfA and we can still get it at discount. The publisher, Springer, is looking for a new editor, and is eager to develop the journal further. If you are interested in this position, contact Teresa Krauss at Springer ([teresa.krauss@springer.com](mailto:teresa.krauss@springer.com)).

The first circular for the Frankfurt SAfA meeting has come out. The dates are September 8 to 11, 2008 and the theme is the "Cultural Diversity of Africa's Past". More information is available from members of organizing committee, Peter Breunig ([breunig@em-uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:breunig@em-uni-frankfurt.de)) or Stefan Schmidt ([s.schmidt@em-uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:s.schmidt@em-uni-frankfurt.de)). A web site will be set up soon.

The Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) will hold its next biennial meeting at the University of Cape Town, South Africa from March 25 to 28, 2008. They would like to organize sessions on the ESA and MSA, Advances in the archaeology of southern African hunter-gatherers, the Adoption of Food Production, the Archaeology of the last 500 years, and Archaeology in southern African today. Contact the organizers. They include Judy Sealy ([Judith.Sealey@uct.ac.za](mailto:Judith.Sealey@uct.ac.za)), Simon Hall ([Simon.Hall@uct.ac.za](mailto:Simon.Hall@uct.ac.za)), John Parkington ([John.Parkington@uct.ac.za](mailto:John.Parkington@uct.ac.za)), Shadreck Chirikure ([Shadreck.Chirikure@uct.ac.za](mailto:Shadreck.Chirikure@uct.ac.za)), David Braun ([David.Braun@uct.ac.za](mailto:David.Braun@uct.ac.za)) and Becky Ackerman ([Becky.Ackermann@uct.ac.za](mailto:Becky.Ackermann@uct.ac.za)).

Congratulations to our Treasurer, Dr. Jeff Fleisher, who has taken a tenure track appointment at Rice University. Here is his new contact information: Jeffrey Fleisher, Department of Anthropology-MS 20, PO Box 1892, Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA, 77251, office phone number (713) 348-4847, fax number (713) 348-5455, and email [jfleisher@rice.edu](mailto:jfleisher@rice.edu).

In this issue of *Nyame Akuma*, I have reprinted an obituary for Professor Peter Shinnie, who was the founding member of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists in America, the predecessor of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists. He was also the founder of this research bulletin and saw it grow from a mimeographed newsletter to its current state as a journal in all but name. He will be sorely missed by all of us, but especially by the Africanist archaeology community in Alberta.

Professor Merrick Posnansky of UCLA also reports on the passing of two African pioneers of African Archaeology: Richard Nunoo from Ghana and David Kiyaga Mulindwa from Uganda. Merrick writes that "Richard was the first African or Black African archaeologist from West Africa and David the first Ugandan East African archaeologist. He was not the first East African professional archaeologist, the credit for that belongs to Amini Mturi. Both played significant roles in the Africanization of the Pan African Prehistory Congress. Richard became a member of the PAC executive committee in 1971 and David became the President in 1995 and really completed the Africanization of the Congress begun by Professor Bassey Andah from Ibadan at the 1983 Congress in Nigeria. Richard was the assistant at the Achimota Museum in Ghana before the World War II and became the director of the Ghana National Museum in 1957 at the time of Ghana's independence. He wrote perhaps the first scientific paper by an African archaeologist in *Man* in 1948 (volume 48) "A report on excavations at Nsuta Hill, Gold coast". He drew many of the pots in Shaw's 1961 Dawu volume. David Kiyaga Mulindwa first worked at the Uganda Museum when I was curator in the 1960's, later took a degree at Makerere and a PhD from John Hopkins where he worked on earthwork sites in the forest of Ghana. I (Merrick Posnansky) was his local supervisor. He taught at the University of Botswana for I believe about 15 years and really developed the teaching program there. He returned to Uganda in 1993 and was very much involved in CRM work as well as initiating archaeology at Kyambogo University".

This issue has a wide range of papers. Larry Robbins and his co-authors analyze the sensational announcement that the Tsodilo Hills contains a Middle Stone Age ritual site. Most of us know that Robbins has conducted extensive archaeological investigations at this site. A. Livingstone Smith analyzes the technology of pottery production in the Congo, and with others, describes an archaeological survey in the south of Gabon. Ignacio de la Torre and co-authors discuss new Stone Age prehistoric sites in southern Ethiopia. Casey, Okoro and Insoll et al. discuss current archaeological work in Ghana, while Ogundele and Olokule do the same for Nigeria. Oula Seitsonen discusses Middle Stone Age and later archaeological sites in the Sonjo area of northern Tanzania, while Wynne-Jones and Croucher deal with historic archaeology along the central caravan route in the same country.