



## EDITORIAL

This issue has the program and abstracts of the 13th biennial meeting of SAfA which was held in Poznan, Poland from September 3 to 7, 1996. This was the first meeting to be held outside of North America, and was quite a success. On behalf of the executive of SAfA, I would like to thank Lech Krzyzaniak and the local committee for organizing the meeting.

At the business meeting the following were elected to the executive: Steve Brandt (President), Christopher deCorse (Secretary), Scott MacEachern (Treasurer), and Alina Segobye and Jean Polet as Members at large. The editors of *Nyame Akuma* and *The African Archaeological Review* (Fekri Hassan) are ex officio members. A funding committee was set up composed of Paul Sinclair and David Phillipson. Its primary role is to look into funding African participation at the conference. A liaison committee was also created; members are Barbara Barich, L. Gallemont and Susan Kent.

As a result of the change in administration, from now on Scott MacEachern of Bowdoin College will take care of subscriptions and mailing of *Nyame Akuma*. His address is given on the inside cover.

The next meeting of SAfA will be held in 1998 in Syracuse, New York. Chris deCorse will be the local contact. There was some discussion about holding another meeting in Europe. David Phillipson of Cambridge University offered to host a meeting in 2000 or 2002, depending on the will of members of SAfA (see more details in the news section). We are grateful for both these offers.

*The African Archaeological Review* is the official journal of SAfA, just as *Nyame Akuma* is the official bulletin. As of 1997, a membership in SAfA will get you both publications. As a result, the rates have changed. Regular membership will be \$55 US per year, regular student or retired \$45. African memberships will be \$35 regular and student or retired \$30.

One other matter is worthy of discussion. I have been contacted by a few people who are worried about the direction which *Nyame Akuma* is taking. Comments like "it is becoming too much like a journal" have been expressed to me on a couple of occasions. Personally, I don't see this as a problem, but what some people want to see is more news reports and shorter articles, rather than detailed research reports. Let me know how you feel about this. One way to satisfy everyone is to bear in mind that, when you submit an article to *Nyame Akuma*, it is *not* a journal article. It doesn't need pages of detailed description with many references. Keep these to a minimum. Timely news and research reports would be appreciated by everyone. If you want to write a longer, more detailed article, I am sure that *The African Archaeological Review* would love to see it. Remember that the bulletin is only as good as its submissions.