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## THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

THE Chairman and Council of the International African Institute have great pleasure in announcing that Dr. David Dalby has been appointed as Administrative Director of the International African Institute; he assumes his duties at the end of the meeting of the Council in Paris in June 1974.

Dr. David Dalby is Reader in West African Languages in the University of London, a post tenable at the School of Oriental and African Studies. Dr. Dalby was born in London in 1933, and took his B.A. and Ph.D. at the University of London in German. He has been Lecturer in Modern Languages at the University of Sierra Leone, 1960–2, Honorary Research Fellow at the same University from 1963, and a member of the School of Oriental and African Studies since 1962. He is a member of the Board of Management of the British Institute in Paris, a member of the British Committee for the Furthering of Relations with French-speaking Africa, and the editor of the *African Language Review*; in 1969 he was the first Hans Wolff Visiting Professor in Linguistics and African Studies at Indiana University, and from 1971 until this year he has been Chairman of the Centre for African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies. He has arranged several important conferences at the School of Oriental and African Studies: the Seminar on Language and History in Africa, 1967–72; the Conference on Manding Studies, 1972; the Symposium on Africa, Britain, and the European Community: Cultural and Educational Implications, 1973; and the Symposium on Drought in Africa, 1973, resulting in his edited volumes *Language and History in Africa*, 1970, and, with Professor Harrison Church, *Drought in Africa*, 1973.

His publications include many papers on the study of African and Afro-American languages, and work in the field of medieval German studies. He is at present completing a *Language Map of Africa* for publication.

He is most warmly welcomed.

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