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Professor DAVID PARKIN has kindly agreed to be the new Honorary Director of the IAI as from January 1992. He takes over from Professor Peter Lloyd, to whom we extend our thanks for his work on the Institute's behalf.