

EDITORIAL

This is the last issue of *African research and documentation* for which I shall have editorial responsibility. My connections with the journal date back to 1973/76 when I contributed the bibliographic input to the first ten issues edited by Marion Johnson.

When ASAUUK decided to terminate joint publication at the end of 1982 I was delighted that SCOLMA invited me to take on the editorship. There were doubts about the financial viability of the journal, but the decisions to change the format of *ARD* and have it typeset now appear to be justified. After over two years of independent existence its finances are sound and the circulation stable – though we could always do with more subscriptions.

Whatever success we have had is of course the result of a team effort and I should like to pay tribute to the sterling work of Tom French, Subscription Manager, and Ilse Sternberg, Advertisement Manager, and to acknowledge the continuing support of SCOLMA's officers and committee. May I also offer grateful thanks to all those who have contributed articles, reviews and news items – without their assistance publication would not have been possible.

The editorial chair will now be occupied by John McIlwaine of the School of Library Archive and Information Studies at University College London. He will I know be pleased to receive offers of material on any aspect of African bibliography and research. His aim will be to improve both the coverage and content of *ARD* and in this regard and in all aspects of his editorial work I wish him every success.

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