

NOTES AND NEWS

As this issue of *African Research and Documentation* was going to press, we heard the very sad news of Tom French's death. Tom had been an active member and friend of SCOLMA for many years, and will be much missed. A tribute will appear in the next issue.

SCOLMA NEWS

Annual Conference

The 2008 SCOLMA annual conference, "On the Brink? Endangered Archives and Endangered Languages in Africa" was held at The British Library Conference Centre on 10 June. The day had provided an opportunity to hear more about projects in the Endangered Archives Programme and the Endangered Languages Academic Programme. Subjects included trade unions in Sudan, a photographic studio in Cameroon, and a case study of Bainouk languages.

SCOLMA is grateful to the South Africa Book Development Education Trust for sponsoring the keynote lecture, which was given by Paul Lihoma, Director of the National Archives of Malawi.

Papers from the conference will appear in future issues of *ARD*.

A report on the AGM will appear in the next issue.

EUROPEAN LIBRARIES IN AFRICAN STUDIES (ELIAS)

The annual ELIAS meeting will be on 10 July 2008, at Université de Paris X-Nanterre. Presentations and panels will include French African Archives, several European web-based projects, and discussions on Africana archives and acquisitions. The following day has visits to the Bibliothèque Nationale de France and the Musée du Quai Branly.

ELIAS has been founded following the meeting of European Africana librarians in Leiden in 2007, and part of this year's meeting will be a chance to review progress so far, and discuss future plans for the group.