I am writing this editorial on a typical subarctic winter day in (relatively) northern Canada. In these days of maximum temperatures of -30°C and only 9 hours of sunlight per day, one tends to think of warmer climates, and especially one’s field site and friends in Africa. I have also taken some time recently to contemplate computer issues. The pace of technological evolution is frightening; what was new is obsolete in a couple of years. In order to deal with *Nyame Akuma*, among other things, I have recently had to upgrade both the hardware and the software for my computer.

You may be interested in knowing that SAfA is trying to keep up with the technological revolution as well. From now on, I plan to publish author’s e-mail addresses along with their articles, so please try to submit them with your manuscripts. Steve Brandt and I are also thinking of creating a home page for SAfA on the World Wide Web. If you have any suggestions what this should contain and how we should present ourselves, please send them to either of us (our e-mail and regular addresses are inside the front cover). In this issue, I also include details about H-AFRICA, an electronic discussion group on African history, which could become a focus for news about African prehistory as well.

A number of meetings will be held in 1996, including our own in Poznan, Poland, from September 3-6, 1996. All information to date (the first circular, a preliminary registration form, and the more detailed form with session registration and abstracts which members of SAfA should already have received) is repeated in this issue. The deadline for proposals for papers or symposia is April 2, 1996. Please send these directly to Lech Krzyzaniak at the enclosed address. He must find out how many people are planning to attend so that final arrangements for the site of the conference can be made. Local arrangements for the meeting are being finalized, and will be communicated to the SAfA membership as soon as they are available.