This issue has a series of papers ranging in age from the Middle Stone Age to historic times. Most report on recent field work, some in countries which have a long history of research, such as the Sudan, while others have just begun to yield an archaeological record, such as Eritrea. Ethnohistoric and oral historical information remain important in many research projects, both in the identification of likely site locations, as well as in their interpretation. Of special interest is Mercader and Marti’s report on MSA sites from Equatorial Guinea, demonstrating that areas covered by tropical rainforest today may contain a Pleistocene archaeological record.

The next SAfA meeting will be held at Cambridge University from July 12 to 15, 2000. Preliminary details were given on page 25 of the December 1998 issue of Nyame Akuma. The second circular with registration and accommodation information is repeated at the end of this issue. Note that there is a £10 discount if you apply before the end of 1999. Make this your millennium resolution and plan on attending our 15th biennial meeting!

The conference information is also available on the SAfA web page which was recently revised by Detlef Gronenborn of the University of Frankfurt. The new web site’s address is www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/~bornu/safa/safa.htm. The Cambridge conference information is available on line there, as well as tables of contents of recent issues of Nyame Akuma, and other details of interest to Africanist archaeologists. Thanks to Detlef for taking on this task.