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There’s still time to book for the SCOLMA Conference on Monday 14 June!

Oun a ní la ń gbé l’árugẹ -
(It is the heritage we have that we must celebrate):

Publishing, Collecting and Accessing African-language Materials


What is the state of African-language publishing and creativity today, and how has it changed? How should libraries and archives collect, provide access to and promote African-language material?

The SCOLMA conference will tackle these questions, with the help of expert speakers from Africa, the UK, Europe and the US. We are delighted to be joined by Munyao Kilolo (Ngugi wa Thiong’o Foundation and Jalada Africa) for the keynote on ‘Empowering African Languages through Publishing: Whose Responsibility?’

The full programme is below and on our website: https://scolma.org/?p=2861. To book for both the morning and afternoon sessions go to https://bit.ly/3um9zeM for booking details. (Booking closes 24 hours before the start of each session.)

Programme:

Morning Session (to book the morning session 10:00-12:50 please see our Eventbrite page)

10.00 Welcome

10.05-10.50 Keynote

‘Empowering African Languages through Publishing: Whose Responsibility?’
Munyao Kilolo (Ngugi wa Thiong’o Foundation and Jalada Africa, Kenya)

10.50-11.00 Break
11.00-11.40  Panel 1: African Languages and Library Collections, Past and Present

‘Bible translations into African Languages and Missionary Records in the Bible Society Archives’
Onesimus Ngudu (Bible Society Collection, University of Cambridge Library, UK)

‘Africa in the SOAS Library Special Collections’
Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb (SOAS Special Collections, University of London, UK), in cooperation with Dawn Wright (SOAS Library, University of London, UK)

11.40-11.50  Break

11.50-12.50  Panel 2: Yorùbá and Beyond

‘The Yorùbá Language Collections at the British Library’
Kólá Túbòsún (Yorùbá Names Project, Lagos, Nigeria)

‘From Crude Journalism to the Mainstreaming of an Indigenous-language Newspaper: Lessons from Alaroye’
Francis Amenaghawon (North-West University, South Africa) and Abiodun Salawu (Indigenous Language Media in Africa Research Entity(ILMA), North-West University, South Africa)

‘Afrocentric Commemorations WW1’
Dr Yewande Okuleye (University of Leicester, UK)

12.50-14.00  Lunch break

Afternoon Session (to book the afternoon session 14:00-16:00 please see our Eventbrite page)

14.00-14.40  Panel 3: African Languages and Library Collections, Past and Present

‘African-language Publishing and the British Library’s Collections’
Marion Wallace (British Library, UK)

‘Somali language books in Leiden’
Jos Damen (African Studies Centre Library, University of Leiden, Netherlands)

14.40-14.50  Break

14.50-15.50  Panel 4: African languages in teaching, publishing and research
'Language and Scholarship: A Survey of Materials in the Ghanaian Local Languages in the Johannes Zimmermann Library'
Korklu A Laryea (University Library, University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa, Ghana) and Rosina A Anati Budu (Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana)

‘Publishing in the Media of Indigenous Languages: Is it Worth it?’
Kgomotso Mothokhumo Ambitious Theledi (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)

‘The Papa Mfumu’Eto 1er Papers as a teaching resource’
Daniel Reboussin (George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, USA)

15.50–16.00 Summing up

16.15–17.00 SCOLMA AGM (To attend the AGM – please contact Sarah Rhodes for the Zoom link)

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