EDITORIAL

Jeff Lever and Momar-Coumba Diop have resigned as editors. We would like to thank them both for their sterling work and commitment to the African Sociological Review. Lever was a managing editor from inception in 1997, prior to which he was editor of the South African Sociological Review since 1992. During his tenure Lever set very high academic standards which have contributed markedly to the international reputation both journals enjoy. As editors, we all learnt an enormous amount from Lever’s experience, knowledge and meticulous attention to detail. Diop joined the Review as managing editor for French submission in its second issue, and has contributed greatly to making the Review known in Francophone academic circles. We thank him for his dedication. The Review and its readers have benefitted enormously from the contributions of both men, and remain indebted to them for their efforts. We wish them well in their future endeavours, while hoping that the Review will continue to hold a special place in their hearts.

In this issue, we are very pleased to be able to publish the work of scholars in Sweden working on Africa. We hope to be able to do the same for scholarship of relevance to Africa in other countries and/or regions of the world. It would have been neat to have all this material from Sweden in one issue. Unfortunately, the unevenness of the peer review process and the delays caused by reports arriving very late have meant that some of the articles have had to be held over to the next issue. We apologise to these authors.

It may be of interest to our readers and subscribers that the CODESRIA General Assembly will take place in Kampala from 8 to 12 December 2002. We invite your participation and shall certainly be shopping around for papers to be considered for publication in the Review. We would also like to introduce a ‘Letters to the editor’ section in the journal as well as a ‘Notes on campus’ or similar page where young and established scholars may want to share their day-to-day experiences of teaching and researching in the African context. We are convinced that this will be of immense interest to our readership and we again invite your full participation.

Fred Hendricks