

Contributions in honour of Prof. Tore Janson

Introduction

With this special festschrift issue of *Africa & Asia*, the staff of the Department of Oriental and African Languages, Göteborg University, wishes to acknowledge its deepest respect to Prof. Tore Janson, who retired from the Professorship in African languages in February 2001.

Prof. Tore Janson's research in African languages began in the early 1980s, while still holding a Professorship in Latin. With the creation of a Professorship in African languages in January 1997, Tore Janson became the first Professor of African languages in Sweden. Before his retirement, he initiated several research projects and has helped two graduate students complete their PhD studies under his supervision.

With great academic and administrative skills he gave birth to and developed the study of African languages into a full-blown discipline at the Göteborg University.

The present issue of *Africa & Asia* is a simple token of our gratitude towards Prof. Tore Janson for his contributions which have substantially shaped the study of African languages in Sweden as well as the structure and future of our Department.

On behalf of the Department

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