

ANNUAL REPORT

1998 /1999

This is FOMAC's last report before the new millennium. In the seven years since its founding, FOMAC, like other social organizations, has passed through a period of discovery, consensus building, to one of survival and consolidation. Throughout this period the organization has not strayed from its core business. Stated simply, it is to shine light on Makerere and lobby for its funding so that it may continue to develop the nation's most important natural resource - the talent of our people. As well, to give it public recognition and support so that it may continue to be a source of pride to present as well as to former students, staff and friends. Therefore as this century comes to a close, we wish to reaffirm our belief in the fact that Makerere is a vital force in Ugandan and African society, that its contribution to the region's economic and social development will continue to grow in importance and that it will remain the centre of and the driving force behind the region's intellectual and cultural heritage.

Of course Makerere faces and will continue to face daunting challenges. Financial cutbacks and lack of essential resources inevitably cause uncertainties. But there are opportunities as well. Working hand in hand with government, the private sector, and alumni groups some of the challenges can be overcome. We believe that, with a legacy of over 75 years, Makerere has the strength and foresight to evolve in response to a changing environment. It will continue to be a vital element in Africa's economic and social fabric. However, to make it all happen, public and private funding is a necessary lever. Accordingly, we take this opportunity to appeal to everyone to lend support.

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Mr. Ian Montagues, the FOMAC Consultant on publishing, has now completed his assignment and submitted a report. This follows his visit to Kampala in October 1998, during which he conferred with and also interviewed most of the key people concerned with publishing at Makerere and off campus. The report is comprehensive and covers a wide range of subjects connected with university publishing generally and in particular with important issues pertaining to the academic publishing environment and prospects at Makerere. He has suggested a number of options open to Makerere, given its funding and staffing situation as well as other external resources that can be accessed. Makerere University authorities are now considering these options. The future shape, form, and direction of the university press will therefore depend on the decisions that the authorities will take. We wait with keen interest.

FOMAC is proud to have initiated this project. It is pleased with the work of the consultant Mr. Ian Montagnes and is grateful to World University Service Canada for its financial support.

PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The working relationship among the parties has now been formalized. An affiliation agreement has been signed by all the Partners: Friends of Makerere in Canada, Makerere University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, and Sisters of St. Joseph Health Care System. The Partners have reiterated their commitment to work collaboratively to help meet the needs of the people of Uganda in the fields of health and education.

At a meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, on October 31,1998, the Canadian members of the Partnership discussed and agreed on a set of principles that will guide the partnership in the future. These are:

- (a) The projects the partners select must be sustainable**
- (b) The goals and objectives are mutually agreed and are clearly articulated**
- (c) The financial support for the projects will be clearly delineated**

- (d) Ongoing evaluation of projects will be conducted**
- (e) Through collaboration and volunteerism, overhead costs be kept to a minimum.**

Another meeting of the Partners in Canada is scheduled to take place in the later part of 1999, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Meanwhile, projects under the partnership are proceeding satisfactorily. For example:

(a) A container load of health materials and educational supplies shipped from Canada last October arrived in Kampala in December 1998, was cleared promptly and the materials distributed to the appropriate institutions and departments

(b) Dr. Peter Kagoma's Hospital Project received a further boost during his most recent visit to Uganda in January 1999. He launched the first phase of a Haematology Resource Centre at Makerere. As well, apart from delivering much needed medical equipment, he gave lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate students at both Makerere and Mbarara and held discussions with the Deans of Medical Schools of both institutions.

(c) Dr. Stuart MacLeod, a founder member of the Partnership program and former Dean of McMaster visited both Makerere and Mbarara and was an external examiner for the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Makerere.

(d) The Consul of Canada to Uganda, Mr. Campbell, has agreed to provide assistance if and when necessary in connection with the Partnership projects.

FOMAC CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

FOMAC has fulfilled its commitment to contribute to the advanced education of both Dr. C.Obua and Dr. J.M. Barugahare by releasing the final installment of their Career Development Award. Professor W.W. Anakbongo, Head of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, made the necessary recommendation based on a satisfactory evaluation.

FOMAC, aware of the decline in full-time university teaching staff, is pleased to have made this contribution and hopes that those awardees will be attracted to take faculty positions at the Medical School.

CANADIAN VISITORS TO MAKERERE AND MBARARA

Dr. Adrian Fine, Head of Section of Nephrology at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba, visited Makerere recently. He mounted a course for postgraduate students on such topics as acid base balance and management of kidney diseases. During his visit he was able to determine that there was an urgent need to expand the dialysis program at Mulago Hospital in Kampala. In order to achieve this it was necessary to urgently train (a) dialysis nurses and (b) a pathologist with special interest in kidney diseases. Having been inspired by the visit and wishing to get assistance channeled to the Makerere dialysis program, Dr. Fine is considering ways and means of establishing a formal relationship between St. Boniface Hospital and Mulago Hospital.

Professor Ann Percival, Associate Dean of Continuing Education at the University of Manitoba, and Dr. Fine's spouse, paid a visit to Makerere's Centre for Continuing Education and held discussions with the academics at the Centre.

Professors Don and Elizabeth Hellman, both professors of Paediatrics at McMaster University, visited Mbarara and held discussions with their counterparts at the University.

FOMAC's MILLENNIUM PROJECT

FOMAC has now decided on a Millennium Project. It will involve the acquisition and / or building of a house at Makerere for use by visiting academics. It is expected that members of the Partnership for Health and Education as well as other chapters of Friends of Makerere will collaborate in the project. A fund raising programme will be launched soon. Meanwhile, Friends and alumni are requested to respond generously. As always special contributors will be recognized in a special way. Canadian donors will be issued with a tax receipt.

"Friends" will be pleased to know that the Vice Chancellor of Makerere, Professor Sebuwufu, has recently identified to FOMAC President the site on the Hill where "Friends of Makerere House" will be located. Details will be announced later.

KENYA DISASTER PROJECT

FOMAC is actively participating in the project by the Kenya Association of Manitoba to assist the victims and families of the disaster that occurred in August 1998 when the American embassy was bombed in Nairobi. The Association expects to institute a scholarship award scheme.

CONSOLIDATION OF "FRIENDS" CHAPTERS

(a) The United Kingdom Chapter

Friends of Makerere in the United Kingdom (FOMUK) held a special and well-attended meeting in June 1999 at the Royal Overseas League in London. The organization adopted a new constitution that is more flexible and allows the representation of various groups on the Executive Committee. It also provides for the appointment of a 3-member Board of Trustees. In accordance with the new constitution, a new Executive was elected. It consists of the following:

Chairman	Professor C F Kiire
Vice Chairman	Mr. Serugo Luggo
Secretary	Dr. Shek Matsiko
Treasurer	Mr. Chris Luswata
Committee Members:	Miss Deborah Aingen
	Dr. Sam Turya
	Mrs. Dorothy Nsubuga
	Mr. Isaac Atine
	Mrs. Christine Atine
	Mrs. Odoki-Olam
	Miss Jessica Ndyanabo
	Mr. J. Okot
	Dr. G. Luyombya
	Dr. Kaddu Mukasa

FOMUK has a huge base of support in the United Kingdom, as it is the home of many former members of Makerere staff, students, and well-

wishers. This was demonstrated by the large attendance at the Royal Overseas League meeting. We wish FOMUK every success.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of FOMUK, Prof. C. Kiire, and his family visited Winnipeg in August 1999. FOMAC Executive, with which he discussed issues of common interest including areas of possible collaboration, welcomed his visit.

(b) The Ontario Chapter

The Chapter has now completed all the formalities and has been registered as a non-profit organization in the Province of Ontario. We congratulate them and wish them success as they implement their plans.

(c) The British Columbia Chapter

An inaugural meeting was held on January 31, 1999 in Vancouver, during which an interim executive was put in place. Those elected to lead the Chapter are:

President	Professor Sultan Karim
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dr. Sultan Baloo
Committee Members:	Mr. Michael Okoth
	Ms. Zubeda Virjee
	Mr. Rayman Hajee

The BC Chapter's initial task is to get registered in the Province and to attract new members. FOMAC extends congratulations and encouragement.

(d) Uganda Chapter

Work is still in progress to form a Chapter in Kampala. Dr. Seggane Musisi, Simon Sagala and Mrs. Euphemia Kalema spearhead groundwork. They now have a constitution and have carried on preliminary discussions with various officials of Makerere University, including the Vice Chancellor. Makerere has offered office space once the Registrar's department moves to its new building, which is nearing completion.

(e) FOMAC Annual General Meeting

FOMAC held its sixth Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Saturday November 14, 1998. Among other important business, the AGM amended FOMAC's constitution in order to provide for two-year terms for the Executive Committee (instead of one).

Subsequently, the Executive was re-elected. Office bearers are:

Dr. Charles L M Olweny	President / Chairperson
Mr. Yunus Lubega	Secretary
Mr. Peter Luzige	Treasurer
Mr. Wilson Okwenje	Coordinator
Mr. James Kasule	Committee Member
Mr. Norman Coghlan	Committee Member
Dr. Praful Patel.	Committee Member

NEWS FROM MAKERERE

- (a) The Chancellor of Makerere University, President Yoweri Museveni, presided over the 35th graduation ceremony and announced the intention of the Uganda government to continue to sponsor 2000 students yearly at Makerere for the next two years.
- (b) Two members of FOMAC Executive, Mr. Peter Luzige, Treasurer, and Mr. Jim Kasule, Committee member visited Makerere in December 1998 and formally presented to the Vice Chancellor, Professor J. Sebuwufu, FOMAC's congratulatory plaque for Makerere's 75th Anniversary. They also presented a second plaque bearing the names of the major donors to FOMAC. This second plaque will occupy a place of honour in the main hall and will be updated as and when special donors get recognition.
- (c) Mrs. Euphemia Kalema has accepted appointment as Coordinator of activities for Friends of Makerere and Partnership for Development in Health and Education. She will, however, continue to discharge her duties as Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor.

DONATIONS

FOMAC continues to receive special donations from friends and well-wishers. We wish to recognize and thank the following:

- (a) Mr. Ian Hacking has made a financial contribution to FOMAC that qualifies him as a FOUNDER member.**
- (b) Professor Jonathan Barker of the department of Political Science at the University of Toronto has donated several cartons of books to Makerere.**
- (c) As before, FOMAC appeals to friends and well -wishers to send in their donations so that the many outstanding projects can be implemented.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial statements for the year 1998/1999 are attached.

