

# Edwin David Arthur

## Personal

Date of birth: 1958

Marital Status: Married

## Experience

### **Research Assistant: Southampton University** **1981-1984**

Carrying out research into auxin stimulated release of invertase in *Phaseolus vulgaris*. Responsible for literature research, experimental work and the preparation of results for publication.

### **Linguist Translator: SIL Ivory Coast-Mali** **1988-1994**

Living in a rural village in Ivory Coast, learning the Kouya language, doing linguistic and anthropological research, and starting New Testament Translation.

### **Language Programs' Manager: SIL Ivory Coast - Mali** **1994-1995**

Managing 25 teams doing linguistic research and Bible translation in two countries. Responsibilities included planning and review of the teams' work and ensuring that appropriate support was provided as needed.

### **Branch Director: SIL Ivory Coast - Mali** **1995-2000**

Providing overall leadership and direction to the work of a Christian NGO in West Africa. Responsibilities included government relationships, crisis management and pastoral care for the team.

### **European Training Director: Wycliffe Europe** **2000 - 2005**

Overseeing the development of a new model of training for Bible translation field workers. This included the coordination and eventual integration of training in three campuses across Europe.

### **Leadership Trainer: SIL Africa Area** **2005 - 2008**

Providing leadership training, mentoring and planning facilitation to branches of SIL across Francophone Africa.

### **Executive Director: Wycliffe UK** **2008 - 2014**

Giving leadership and direction to a large mission agency. Responsibilities included raising the public profile of the agency, managing relationships with partners and a significant change management process involving relocating the organization's headquarters.

### **Director of Strategic Initiatives: Global Connections** **2015 - 2017**

Working with mission agencies and churches in the UK and internationally, helping them to come to grips with a rapidly changing environment.

## **PhD Researcher: Leeds Trinity University**

**2015 – 2019**

Initially part-time, latterly closer to full-time. Research focusing on the theology and practice of British Evangelical Mission Agencies. The thesis has been examined and accepted, I am due to graduate in July 2019

## **Education**

### **Bath University**

**1977-1981**

BSc in applied biology, with a specialization in plant sciences.

### **Moorlands College**

**1984 -1985**

Postgraduate diploma in theology

### **SIL UK**

**1985 -1986**

Professional training in linguistic field work and Bible translation practice.

### **Spurgeon's College**

**2006 -2008**

MA in Applied Theology

### **Leeds Trinity University**

**2015 - 2019**

PhD in the school of theology

## **Skills**

Languages: French (fluent), Kouya (conversational)

An experienced meeting facilitator, familiar with a number of different techniques and approaches.

Public speaker.

Blogger and regular user of social media.

Change leadership.

## **Publications**

Gale, M. D., Flintham, J. E., and Arthur, E. D. 1983. Alpha-amylase production in the late stages of grain development - an early sprouting damage risk period? In "Third Int. Symp. on Pre-Harvest Sprouting in Cereals" (J. E. Kruger and D. E. La Berge, eds.), pp. 29-35. Westview Press, Boulder, CO.

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Other unpublished manuscripts and articles can be found online:

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