

FROM THE EDITOR

This volume is a little late in getting to you, but I trust it will be just as interesting. Our issue has a number of articles related to calibration. The first, by Hogg et al., studied differences in contemporaneous ^{14}C in tree rings from the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. We also have some more calibration work by McCormac and colleagues, as well as a preliminary report about INTCAL discussions. A refinement to the international radiocarbon calibration (INTCAL) will be discussed at the 18th International Radiocarbon Conference in New Zealand this coming September. We also have a paper about radiocarbon calibration software by Jones & Nichols, adding to the several computer programs already in existence for calibration.

Applications papers focus on studies of natural levels of carbon isotopes in lichens, radiocarbon dating of an interesting religious artifact from an Italian radiocarbon group, artifacts from Palau by Fitzpatrick and Boyle, and the hair of animals in the Altiplano of South America. To this diverse list, we can also add a summary of ideas about the radiocarbon dating of iron artifacts (Craddock et al.), archaeological studies in South America and discussion of isotope corrections. For discussion, Manning et al. take up the many issues raised by an earlier article by Keenan in this journal.

I hope everyone finds this issue as interesting as most, and I am sure many are anticipating the upcoming 18th International Radiocarbon Conference in New Zealand.

Best wishes,

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