

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of *Radiocarbon* includes a wide variety of papers concerning radiocarbon and its applications. Several papers deal with archaeological studies in Polynesia (Allen and Wallace), Hawaii (McCoy), the Upper Paleolithic of Spain (Straus and González Morales), and 2 contributions on archaeological remains from Rome (both from Rutgers et al.). A paper on Alaskan earthquake recurrence also touches on archaeological questions (Hutchinson and Crowell).

Kennedy and Genereux report on ^{14}C groundwater ages and the importance of chemical fluxes in aquifers. In an interesting report, Yu et al. discuss modeling of ^{14}C reservoir effects in Qinghai Lake, and another paper by Angulo et al. reviews the impacts of marine reservoir effects off the coast of Brazil.

Besides these interesting papers, we present a paper by Biondi et al. on dating of sagebrush growth rings, which appear to be annual in nature, and 2 date lists from the Seoul National University (Youn et al.). Palonen and Tikkanen look at pushing the limits of AMS radiocarbon dating with Bayesian statistical analysis.

Two reports on archaeological dating controversies by Hart and Lovis and by Neves et al. round out our selection of papers.

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Funding

Radiocarbon is a non-profit enterprise within the University of Arizona and operates on a modest budget of less than \$100,000 a year. We have managed to keep our subscription rates low and would like to continue to do so. We have set up a special account to receive donations, which are always welcome. Donors in the USA can use their donation as an income-tax deduction.

20th Radiocarbon Conference, Kona, Hawaii

At the last Radiocarbon Conference in Oxford, it was agreed that the next meeting should be hosted by the Arizona group, preferably in Hawaii. We have arranged the meeting to be at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa in Kailua-Kona, which is on the "Big Island" of Hawaii. Mark has set up a link to the conference Web site, which is www.radiocarbon2009.org. The conference dates are May 31 to June 5, 2009. We anticipate a big turnout and we expect this will be a very popular meeting.

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I wish everyone best wishes for the New Year 2008 and see you in Hawaii in 2009!

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