

## FROM THE EDITOR

As this is my last comment here as *RADIOCARBON*'s editor, I take this opportunity to reflect on the journal's history, and where it may be headed in the next decade. As of the first of July this year, my title changed from Professor to Emeritus Professor. This is an appropriate juncture to consider which sectors of my professional life will be emphasized and which will be shifted to other persons. The journal editorship is one sector that will be turned over to others. Because this journal is part of the Geosciences Department at the University of Arizona, it was the responsibility of the Geosciences department head to appoint a new editor. Fortunately for the Journal, Tim Jull, who has worked closely with me on editorial matters for the past few years, has agreed to take over the editorship. He has been on the journal editorial staff as consulting editor since 1994, and has been involved with  $^{14}\text{C}$  measurements since the AMS facility first came to Arizona in 1981. Warren Beck and George Burr will back him up as associate editors. Both Warren and "Burr" are researchers in the University of Arizona AMS facility and have actively participated in recent Radiocarbon conferences. Warren is probably best known to you as one of the guest editors (with Ellen Druffel and Ann McNichol) of the tribute to Reidar Nydal, " $^{14}\text{C}$  Cycling and the Oceans". He has been an active participant in expansion of the radiocarbon calibration using corals. Burr worked with Meyer Rubin in the United States Geological Survey (Reston, Virginia) radiocarbon laboratory for 10 years before moving to Tucson in 1990. His current work includes  $^{14}\text{C}$  in groundwater and high-precision AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  measurements in tree rings and fossil corals. With the insightful and energetic participation of these three active researchers in cosmogenic isotopes, I am certain the journal will be guided well in the future.

It seems that I have been only a few years in the editor capacity, but it has in fact been a decade. The present masthead makeover is only the most recent in a series of mostly evolutionary changes in editorship. *RADIOCARBON* had its origins as a supplement to the *American Journal of Science*. It originally was a repository of virtually all radiocarbon dates produced throughout the world and has steadily evolved toward publishing primarily research articles that illustrate applications of cosmogenic isotopes in earth science. Volume 1 appeared in 1959 with Richard Foster Flint and Edward S Deevey Jr as editors. In 1961 "supplement" was dropped from the title, replaced by the cover phrase "published annually by the *American Journal of Science*". Irving Rouse was added as a third editor in 1963. In 1968 J Gordon Ogden III was added as a fourth editor. In the same year Renee Kra became the managing editor. In 1972 Minze Stuiver replaced Deevey as one of the four editors, and in 1977 he became the senior editor. The 1978 volume showed Stuiver as senior editor and Ogden, Rouse, Stephen Porter, W M Mook and Hans Oeschger as associate editors. In 1984 Ronald B Davis replaced Ogden as associate editor. Annual volumes expanded from one issue per volume to two per volume in 1968. In 1973 *RADIOCARBON* produced three issues per year, the number that it has maintained ever since.

In 1989 the journal moved from Yale University in New Haven to the University of Arizona in Tucson with myself as editor. Renee Kra moved also to continue her role as managing editor. At this time the journal added a long list of rotating associate editors (henceforth to be known as the editorial board). In 1993 Dr David Sewell and Ms Kimberley Tanner Elliott became assistant editors. In 1994 Tim Jull was added as consulting editor. At present, David Sewell effectively handles the managing editorship in light of Renee Kra's recent illness.

Finally, I want to thank you for your past and present support of the journal and urge you to continue to submit your best research papers pertaining to the application of cosmogenic isotopes to chronological problems and understanding the behavior of natural systems.

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