

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We had a very successful 20th International Radiocarbon Conference in Kona (Hawaii), which was attended by close to 250 participants and guests (see photo below). The setting of the meeting next to the ocean in a beautiful location was excellent. We also had a very interesting field trip to active lava flows on the south end of the Island of Hawaii. At this meeting, the editorial board also agreed to expand the number of issues of *Radiocarbon* to 4 per year. So, this year, we will have 4 issues, the fourth one being the upcoming new calibration (IntCal09) issue.



In this third issue, we include a number of papers on archaeological applications, from a diverse array of locations. These papers concern East Asian archaeology, the Bronze Age in the Near East, Etruscan tombs, possible early trade between the Indian subcontinent and the Americas, and archaeological occupations in North and South America.

Three papers deal with marine reservoir effects, in Caribbean corals, Hawaiian corals, and complex effects in the Black Sea. We also have a number of methodological papers involving studies of difficult materials such as guano, mortar, automotive fuels, and parchment from the Dead Sea Scrolls. Finally, we have 4 papers that summarize approaches to statistics of radiocarbon dating—how to deal with outliers, whether in general (from Bronk Ramsey and also Christen and Perez), or for specific problems related to the Egyptian Old and Middle Kingdom chronologies and those of the Neolithic in Hungary.

Finally, since we are discussing statistics, the editors of *Radiocarbon* would like to note that one of our editorial board, Prof. Marian Scott from the University of Glasgow, was awarded the “Order of

the British Empire” for her services to environmental science statistics by Queen Elizabeth II (see photo below). We congratulate Marian on this honor.



The next Radiocarbon conference will be the 21st, to be held in Paris in 2012. We expect many new developments to be presented at that meeting. Please contact Christine Hatté for details.

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