

## RADIOCARBON UPDATES

The editors are instituting this new section to report news and events that we think will be of interest to our readers. Please let us know if you have newsworthy items to include here by contacting Renee Kra, Managing Editor.

### *New Organization*

The Association of Carbon-14 Laboratories (ACL) has been established. WG Mook of the Isotope Physics Laboratory, Groningen, is Coordinator. *RADIOCARBON* is the communication medium among laboratories. Address news items to Austin Long, Editor. All other correspondence should be sent to Prof Mook. One of the functions of ACL is to provide assistance to radiocarbon laboratories in countries that do not have access to hard currency. To date, *RADIOCARBON* has sent current subscriptions to five laboratories at a reduced rate paid for by ACL. Annual membership fees will be set at the price of dating one sample. Please wait for a forthcoming letter from WG Mook with more details.

### *Publications*

The editors of *RADIOCARBON* regret to announce that the publication of the Proceedings of the 13th International Radiocarbon Conference, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia - Volume 31, No. 3, 1989 - has been delayed. We are making every effort to speed up the printing process, and hopefully, the Proceedings will appear this summer. In the meantime, our regular publication schedule continues.

The Proceedings of the International Workshop on Intercomparison of Radiocarbon Laboratories, Glasgow, September 12-15 1989 will appear in our next issue, Volume 32, No. 3, 1990. Subscribers will automatically receive this issue, which also may be purchased separately for \$40.00.

"Radiocarbon After Four Decades" will be a co-publication between *RADIOCARBON* and the University of Arizona Press. This will be the symposium volume for the commemorative meeting in Lake Arrowhead, California, June 4-8, 1990. The publication will be a hardcover volume, edited by RE Taylor, Austin Long and Renee Kra. It will be offered at a discount to subscribers; it will not be part of the regular *RADIOCARBON* series.

### *Moves*

Prof WG Mook is the new director of The Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) in Texel. He will still keep 20% of his position at the Isotope Physics Laboratory in Groningen. At present, Dr Hans van der Plicht is acting director of the lab.

Archie Kaufman of the Weizmann Institute has left the field of radiocarbon dating for his first love, the U series. He is presently on sabbatical at the University of Quebec.

Stephen W Robinson has left the USGS, Menlo Park. The last we heard, he was meeting-hopping in Europe.

Charles S Tucek of Radiocarbon Ltd of Lampasas, Texas, has driven his equipment-laden vehicle to Tucson, where he has joined the staff of the Environmental Radioisotope Center at The University of Arizona.

Bob Otlet and Jill Walker have left the Isotope Measurements Laboratory to set up a new, private carbon-14 measurement laboratory, called, at present, Radiocarbon Dating. They can be contacted at Downs Croft, The Holloway, Harwell, Oxon (Tel 235 835386) and would welcome calls from old friends and colleagues.

The Harwell Isotope Measurements Laboratory has been amalgamated with the Uranium Series Disequilibrium section at Harwell under Dr Miro Ivanovich and will continue to function with Dr Jeremy Dearlove as the Laboratory Manager, no longer carrying out archaeological dating but concentrating on industrial applications. Any correspondence pertaining to radiocarbon measurements should be directed to Dr Dearlove.

#### *Retirements*

Gordon Pearson of the Queen's University of Belfast has retired. Gerry McCormac is his successor.

Prof Dr HW Scharpenseel of the University of Hamburg has retired.

Raymond L Steventon of the University of Wisconsin-Madison has retired. Dr Christine Prior is the new director of this lab.

#### *Honors*

We extend congratulations to friends and associates who were recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences:

C Vance Haynes, Jr - The University of Arizona

Patrick V Kirch - University of California, Berkeley

Hans Oeschger - Physics Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland