

## 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 six laboratories at a reduced rate paid for by ACL. Annual membership fees will be set at the price of dating one sample. Please contact WG Mook for more details.

### *Publications*

The editors of *RADIOCARBON* are pleased to announce that the Proceedings of the 13th International Radiocarbon Conference, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia – Volume 31, No. 3, 1989 – has been mailed to participants and subscribers on both sides of the Atlantic. We have been informed that the offprints also have been mailed directly from the printer in Yugoslavia. Again, we apologize for the long delays, and we hope that our readers enjoy the long-awaited issue.

The Proceedings of the International Workshop on Intercomparison of Radiocarbon Laboratories, Glasgow, September 12–15 1989 appears in Volume 32, No. 3, 1990. The issue may be purchased 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.

The editors of *RADIOCARBON* are collaborating with J-M Punning, Tallinn, Estonia on an all-Soviet issue. The collection will include about 25 articles on radiocarbon dating in the Soviet Union, covering the latest techniques and research directions in interdisciplinary fields. We hope to establish even closer cooperative efforts with our Soviet colleagues through the publication of this special issue.

### *Moves and Retirements*

Gerry McCormac is the new director of the Belfast laboratory.

Henry Polach has retired, after 25 years of heading the Radiocarbon Laboratory at the Australian National University. His new relaxed schedule will take him to Ahmedabad, Vienna, Leningrad, Kiev, Bologna, Toronto, Woods Hole, Tucson, Honolulu, Auckland and Wellington in the next 5½ months.

Henrik Tauber has retired, after 30 years, as head of the Copenhagen Radiocarbon Laboratory. His successor is Kaare Lund Rasmussen.