

FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue, I would like to thank John Vogel on his retirement from the editorial board and for his long dedicated service to Radiocarbon. John is moving to northern California from Livermore. I would also like to welcome Elisabetta Boaretto as a new member of the editorial board.

Back to this issue, in which we focus on a number of topics. Reuther and Gerlach review some dates from Alaska which they question from a former radiocarbon laboratory. Higham et al. report about diet-derived variations in radiocarbon and stable isotopes. We have 3 papers with archaeological connections, from Fairbairn and Swadling on mid-Holocene use of betelnut in Papua New Guinea, chronologies from a southern Oregon coastal site, and some dates from the catacombs in Rome. A separate paper discusses ΔR studies from different species of mollusks.

Three papers by the Woods Hole group report on the important new field of compound-specific radiocarbon dating. Ohkouchi et al. report on isolation methods of alkenones; Mollenhauer et al. discuss blank questions; and finally, in a second paper, Ohkouchi et al. discuss solvent-extraction protocols.

Finally, we have 2 papers on methods and developments. Hardie et al. report on a CO₂-capture system for studying respired gases and Ertunç et al. discuss the target production methods at the NERC Radiocarbon Laboratory in Scotland.

As usual for the final issue of the year, we include “Radiocarbon Updates” and also our detailed list of active radiocarbon laboratories.

I wish everyone a productive year 2006 and look forward to seeing many of you at the Radiocarbon Conference in Oxford, next April.

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