

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue of *Radiocarbon*, we have a range of papers representing diverse fields including archaeology, dendrochronology, oceanography, technical developments, “black carbon” as well as a dating paper on a Russian icon. We also include two date lists, following an old tradition in our journal, as well as two comments on a previous paper.

In 2015, we expect to have two special issues devoted to the proceedings of two specialized meetings held in 2014:

Radiocarbon in the Environment (Belfast, 2014)

Radiocarbon and Diet (Kiel, 2014)

In addition, we also anticipate a special issue entitled “Reconstructing Ancient Israel: The Exact and Life Sciences Perspective.”

The aforementioned conferences highlight a new trend to smaller, more specialized meetings on radiocarbon applications. This trend will continue with a future “<sup>14</sup>C and Archaeology” meeting in June 2016 in Edinburgh, followed by the next two meetings in the “Environment” and “Diet” subject areas in 2017 – in Debrecen, Hungary, and Aarhus, Denmark, respectively.

Most importantly, we should not forget the 21st Radiocarbon Conference, which will be held in Dakar, Senegal, in November 2015. This meeting has been delayed from its original date in April 2015, but the organizers in Senegal are working hard to have a successful meeting. We have regular discussions via Skype with the lead organizers, Maurice and Oumar, and they are very dedicated to a successful meeting. We expect it may be smaller than previous Radiocarbon conferences due to its location. As it is the first meeting of this kind in Africa, we encourage everyone who is able to attend to support a successful meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at one of these future events.

Best wishes,

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