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The conference will focus on the natural and anthropogenic abundance and behavior of ^{14}C and related cosmogenic isotopes, and their impact on other fields of science. There will be no parallel sessions and ample time for poster presentations.

Participants must submit their abstracts by December 1996. Technical details will be given in an upcoming issue of *RADIOCARBON* and in the second circular to be distributed by September. A Scientific Advisory Committee will assist the organizers in program selection.

The conference will be held in the Conference Centre of Groningen, situated just outside the city center, along the main highways to the south and east and next to the main hotels. Also available are a limited number of cheaper hotels, which can be easily reached by a frequent bus service.

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Companions of the conference participants are invited to join a special sightseeing program. Midweek and some evenings there will be a social program for all participants.

The third and final circular will be mailed in December 1996.

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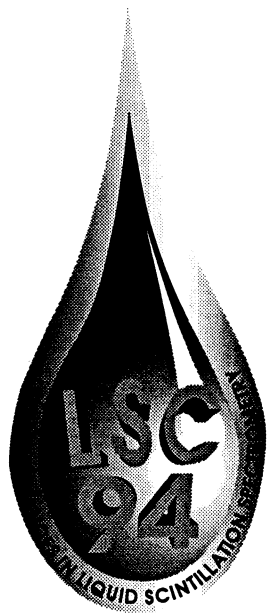
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Half-life of ^{14}C . In accordance with the decision of the Fifth Radiocarbon Dating Conference, Cambridge, England, 1962, all dates published in this volume (as in previous volumes) are based on the Libby value, 5568 yr, for the half-life. This decision was reaffirmed at the 11th International Radiocarbon Conference in Seattle, Washington, 1982. Because of various uncertainties, when ^{14}C measurements are expressed as dates in years BP, the accuracy of the dates is limited, and refinements that take some but not all uncertainties into account may be misleading. The mean of three recent determinations of the half-life, 5730 ± 40 yr, (*Nature*, 1962, Vol. 195, No. 4845, p. 984), is regarded as the best value presently available. Published dates in years BP can be converted to this basis by multiplying them by 1.03.

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Measuring ^{14}C . In Volume 3, 1961, we endorsed the notation Δ , (Lamont VIII, 1961), for geochemical measurements of ^{14}C activity, corrected for isotopic fractionation in samples and in the NBS oxalic-acid standard. The value of $\delta^{14}\text{C}$ that entered the calculation of Δ was defined by reference to Lamont VI, 1959, and was corrected for age. This fact has been lost sight of, by editors as well as by authors, and recent papers have used $\delta^{14}\text{C}$ as the observed deviation from the standard. At the New Zealand Radiocarbon Dating Conference it was recommended to use $\delta^{14}\text{C}$ only for age-corrected samples. Without an age correction, the value should then be reported as percent of modern relative to 0.95 NBS oxalic acid (Proceedings of the 8th Conference on Radiocarbon Dating, Wellington, New Zealand, 1972). The Ninth International Radiocarbon Conference, Los Angeles and San Diego, California, 1976, recommended that the reference standard, 0.95 NBS oxalic acid activity, be normalized to $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -19\text{‰}$.

In several fields, however, age corrections are not possible. $\delta^{14}\text{C}$ and Δ , uncorrected for age, have been used extensively in oceanography, and are an integral part of models and theories. Thus, for the present, we continue the editorial policy of using Δ notations for samples not corrected for age.

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