

FROM THE EDITORS

TO OUR FRIENDS (CONTINUED)

With reserved euphoria, we report the success of our subscription and fund-raising campaign. The added income combined with cost-cutting reductions have eliminated our short-term deficit. An upward trend has begun and we are determined to keep it that way. We sincerely appreciate the warm words of encouragement and generous financial support in terms of new subscriptions, laboratory packages, purchases of books and full sets of *RADIOCARBON*, lifetime subscriptions and donations. We are indebted to our Associate Editors for their commitment, and to our Board of Governors, especially outgoing Chair, Clement G. Chase, whose “gentle persuasion” and support yielded positive results.

Although we can report that our short-term deficit of \$26,000 has been turned into a short-term surplus of some \$22,000, caution still needs to be exercised. Our projections indicate that revenue will remain at a healthy rate, which will allow us to commit salaries for one year in advance, as our institution prefers. Taking these encumbrances into account, the journal will break even. We will continue to monitor our budget and approach new endeavors with discretion.

With much regret, we were forced to replace Kimberley Tanner with a part-time student employee. A capable person such as she is, Kim was able to find an excellent position elsewhere on campus. We wish her well and will miss her.

The reason for the reservation is that we must continue our efforts to serve the radiocarbon community, and the community must continue its support. Here are some of what you can expect from us soon:

- Glasgow ¹⁴C Conference issue
- Glasgow Liquid Scintillation Conference volume
- Tree-Ring Conference volume
- Expanded Internet Resources, including, if funding permits, a ¹⁴C soil database
- PAGES Workshop issue
- ¹⁴C Dynamics in Soils issue
- Carbon in the Oceans issue

Finally, despite many years of publishing research articles, and an amendment to the journal’s name, we are still laboring under a stigma of being only a repository of ¹⁴C dates. We feel the only way to shed this image, yet maintain the journal’s momentum, is to publish only peer-reviewed research articles. Beginning with Volume 37, 1995, future issues will contain only research articles, as we will publish date lists electronically. Date lists will still be available, however, in journal format, upon request. With our new Consulting Editor, Tim Jull, to whom we owe much gratitude for helping save our “sinking ship”, and a new tool kit for Associate Editors, we will more aggressively solicit papers that deal with new trends in applications and techniques of cosmogenic isotopes.

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