

RADIOCARBON UPDATES

Call for ¹⁴C Calibration Data

RADIOCARBON is planning a “comparison issue” as a companion to INTCAL98. It will supplement and perhaps refine the calibration curve presented in this issue, derived primarily from tree-ring and coral data, with comparisons based on other chronologies such as varved sediments, ice cores and speleothems. If you are working on a record of this type and would be interested in contributing to this volume, you are encouraged to contact one of the project editors:

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Online Database of RADIOCARBON Articles

The *RADIOCARBON* World Wide Web server now has a full-text searchable database of articles published from Volume 36 (1994) to present. The archived articles are in text-only form (no graphics, equations, special characters, *etc.*), but we hope that they will prove a useful resource for researchers seeking to locate references to names, sites, locations and other features. Access is limited to *RADIOCARBON* subscribers (individual or institutional); for information, please refer to URL <http://www.radiocarbon.org/Subscribers/search.html>.

Award

Dr. Rodger Sparks, manager of the Rafter Radiocarbon Laboratory at the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, New Zealand, has received the 1998 Marsden Medal awarded by the New Zealand Association of Scientists. The Marsden Medal is awarded annually for “outstanding service to science and in recognition of services rendered to the cause or profession of science”. (The full text of Dr. Sparks’ citation can be found on the NZAZ website at <http://nzas.rsnz.govt.nz/awardlst.html>.)

New Laboratory

Uruguay now has a radiocarbon laboratory at the Universidad de la República in Montevideo. Counting is done using a Packard 1600TR liquid scintillation counter. The main research fields at present are Late Pleistocene and Holocene coastal conditions in Uruguay and the prehistoric mounds of the Laguna Merin basin of eastern Uruguay.

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Laboratory Address Changes

The radiocarbon laboratory previously housed at the University of Leipzig has moved to the "Umweltforschungszentrum" (Centre for Environmental research) in Halle, Germany. The new address is:

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Please note the following corrections and updates to our laboratory listing for the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad, India:

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