

RADIOCARBON UPDATES

Retirement

Lloyd Currie. “Retired” from full-time employment at NIST as of 30 June 2000, though he says it’s more accurate to call it a career change. Dr Currie has been appointed Scientist Emeritus at NBS/NIST. He plans on “a new career of lecturing, writing and consulting”. His future research will focus on advances in chemometrics, and the history of carbonaceous particles as recorded in ice cores. Dr Currie will fill his “spare” time with his most important loves: family, music, and skiing.

Conferences and Meetings

Fourth International Radiocarbon Intercomparison (FIRI) Workshop. Following the end of the first phase of FIRI, a participants’ workshop will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland to discuss the results. The meeting will be held on 22–23 March 2001. This first meeting is restricted to intercomparison participants only, but a summary of the meeting will be made available. Contact Marian Scott for details: marian@stats.gla.ac.uk.

LSC 2001. The Liquid Scintillation Spectrometry 2001 Conference will be held 7–11 May 2001 at the Center for Advanced Technological and Environmental Training (FTU), which is part of Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe (FZK), Germany. LSC 2001 continues the series of conferences most recently held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee in 1989, in Vienna in 1992, and in Glasgow in 1994. The conference will provide a forum for radioanalysts to discuss their most recent findings and future work either as oral lectures, including both invited and contributed papers, or as posters. For details, see <http://www.ftu.fzk.de/LSC2001>, or the announcement at the back of this issue.

Methods of Absolute Chronology Conference. The 7th International Conference will be held 23–26 April 2001 in Ustrón, Poland, hosted by the Department of Radioisotopes Radiocarbon Laboratory at the Institute of Physics, Silesian University of Technology. The organizing committee chairperson is Anna Pazdur. Abstracts (in English) must be submitted by 15 February 2001. For more information, see www.polsl.gliwice.pl/~chronos, or email chronos@polsl.gliwice.pl.

Calibration Program and Database

CALIB 4.3 for Windows. Paula Reimer announces the release of the latest version of the radiocarbon calibration program CALIB 4.3 for Windows. The program can now handle up to 3000 samples. Printing of the graphics has also been simplified. The program can be downloaded from our Internet site <http://www.calib.org>. Please follow the CALIB link to the downloadable versions and note the instructions for downloading and decompressing the Windows version there. A Macintosh version for G3/G4 platforms is also available.

Marine Reservoir Correction Database. A marine reservoir correction database has been developed and funded by the Institute for Aegean Prehistory. The URL is <http://www.calib.org>. The database is intended for use with radiocarbon calibration programs.