

RADIOCARBON UPDATES

New AMS Laboratories

Two new AMS entries appear in our annual list of laboratories (starting on page 503).

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Many other entries have been updated this year; please refer to the list for any new information *Radiocarbon* has received.

2006 International Radiocarbon Conference

At the business session of the 18th International Radiocarbon Conference held in Wellington in October of this year, it was agreed that the venue of the 2006 Conference would be decided by an email vote, according to rules set out in a posting to the ¹⁴C listserv on 11 September.

Two candidates made offers to host the 19th International Radiocarbon Conference: Oxford University, England, and Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal.

Voting has now closed and the results are as follows:

Votes for Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal: 30

Votes for Oxford University, England: 38

Since a simple majority of votes cast was required to decide the issue, Oxford University was declared the successful candidate to host the 2006 Conference.

Congratulations to Oxford on their successful bid, and thanks to Cheikh Anta Diop University, as a relatively new laboratory, for being prepared to step forward and actively participate in the ¹⁴C conference series. The closeness of the vote is a testament to the quality of presentations by both candidates.

Upcoming Conference

8th International Conference on the Methods of Absolute Chronology

The GADAM Centre at the Silesian University of Technology, Polish Academy of Sciences, announces the 8th International Conference “Methods of Absolute Chronology”, to be held 17–19th May 2004 in Ustroń, Poland. The Conference will concern the following subjects:

1. Methods of dating and their application in Quaternary geology.
2. Methods of dating and palaeoclimatic reconstructions.
3. Methods in research of paleo- and modern environment.
4. Methods and results of dating archaeological objects.

The Conference scientific program includes plenary and poster sessions on all the subjects above, and panel discussions on topics proposed by the participants. The working language of the Conference is English.

During the conference, a meeting of the Polish National Network of Absolute Dating is planned. Before the conference, the GADAM Centre is planning to hold:

- 5-day-long workshop titled, “Toward improved absolute chronology of Late Pleistocene and Holocene,” the second of three workshops organized for young scientists by the GADAM Centre in years 2003–2005.
- 1-day-long GADAM Centre Advisory Board meeting.

The Local Organizing Committee chairperson is Anna Pazdur.

More information can be found at the conference web site, <http://www.carbon14.pl/conference/2004may/>.

35th International Symposium on Archaeometry

For the first time, the International Archaeometry Symposium will be held in Spain. The local organizing committee hopes to meet a large number of colleagues in Zaragoza, which will stimulate the further development of Archaeometry in Spain.

The meeting will be organized by the University of Zaragoza, in collaboration with the University of Barcelona and the Spanish Society of Archaeometry (SAPaC).

M J Aitken serves as president and M S Tite is the chairman of the committee. More information can be found at the conference web site, <http://www.archaeometry2004.info>.