RADIOCARBON UPDATES

Passing

We regret to announce that geologist and *Radiocarbon* contributor Glenn Goodfriend passed away in October 2002 after an extended illness. Dr Goodfriend's specialties included amino-acid racemization and shell dating. Goodfriend used gas chromatography and high-performance liquid chromatography equipment to analyze climate change and date archaeological sites related to human evolution. He was based at George Washington University in Washington DC. *Radiocarbon* will publish an obituary in an upcoming issue.

Radiocarbon Conference

The 18th International Radiocarbon Conference will be held 1–5 September 2003 in Wellington, New Zealand. The conference is hosted by the Rafter Radiocarbon Laboratory of the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences. Abstracts must be submitted by 15 May 2003. Abstract acceptance is conditional upon registration of the presenting author. Visit www.14Conference2003.co.nz for full details, or contact Dr Nancy Beavan Athfield at the address below.

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Laboratory News

Malaysia

The Malaysian Institute of Nuclear Technology Research (MINT) opened a new liquid scintillation spectrometry laboratory for counting benzene. The lab's code is RCMINT. For more information, contact Dr Abdul Nassir Ibrahim, MINT Radiocarbon Laboratory, Industrial Technology Division, Malaysian Institute of Nuclear Technology Research, Bangi, 43000 Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia. Their telephone number is 603-89250510, fax 603-89250907, and email nassir@mint.gov.my.