

## RADIOCARBON UPDATES

### *Upcoming Conferences*

*The 47th Annual Conference on Bioassay, Analytical & Environmental Radiochemistry.* 3–8 November 2001, Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will consist of a series of vendor workshops and displays, oral presentations, and technical workshops. Abstracts are due by 15 July 2001. A limited number of abstracts will be assigned to oral sessions. For more information, contact Bill Burnett ([wburnett@mailers.fsu.edu](mailto:wburnett@mailers.fsu.edu)) or Kenneth G W Inn ([kenneth.inn@nist.gov](mailto:kenneth.inn@nist.gov)).

*Australian Archaeological Association Annual Conference 2001.* “Barriers, Borders, Boundaries”. 6–8 December 2001, Kondari Resort, Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia. Full details about the conference, including registration and accommodation booking forms, are available from the web site: [www.ansoc.uq.edu.au/aaa](http://www.ansoc.uq.edu.au/aaa), or send email to [aaa2001@mailbox.uq.edu.au](mailto:aaa2001@mailbox.uq.edu.au).

*<sup>14</sup>C and Archaeology Fourth Symposium.* 9–13 April 2002, Oxford, England. The conference is being organized by the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit, Research Lab for Archaeology and the History of Art, University of Oxford. The following sessions are proposed: colonizations and extinctions, high-resolution dating, problems commonly encountered, world archaeology, and European archaeology. The organizing committee is Prof R Hedges, Dr C Ramsey, Dr T Higham, and Mrs C Owen. For more information, send email to [orau@archaeology-research.oxford.ac.uk](mailto:orau@archaeology-research.oxford.ac.uk).

*Holocene Environmental Catastrophes and Recovery Conference.* 2–7 September 2002, Brunel University, west London. Co-sponsored by Brunel University, INQUA, and PAGES. The themes are 1) geological catastrophes and their impact on society e.g. megalandslides, earthquakes, tsunamis, fires, and volcanic eruptions, 2) environmental causes of civilization collapse, 3) biological impacts on societies: extinctions, epidemics, plague, and haemorrhagic fever, and 4) climatological impacts on society, e.g. historical droughts. A preconference fieldtrip will examine evidence for environmental catastrophes in the Scottish Highlands. For details, see [www.brunel.ac.uk/depts/geo/Catastrophes](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/depts/geo/Catastrophes), or email Professor Suzanne A G Leroy at [suzanne.leroy@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:suzanne.leroy@brunel.ac.uk).

*AMS 9 Conference.* 9–13 September 2002, Nagoya, Japan. The purpose of the conference is to assess, exchange, and share the most recent developments in AMS (accelerator mass spectrometry) techniques. Pre- and post-conference workshops are planned. The deadline for submission of abstracts, hotel reservations, and registration is May 2002. The conference chairperson is Toshio Nakamura of the Center for Chronological Research at Nagoya University. For more information, see the conference website at [www.nendai.nagoya-u.ac.jp/AMS-9](http://www.nendai.nagoya-u.ac.jp/AMS-9), or email Dr Nakamura at [ams9@nendai.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:ams9@nendai.nagoya-u.ac.jp).

### *Inter-Comparison Workshop Results*

The FIRI workshop was held in Edinburgh in March 2001. At the conclusion of the experimental stage of the Fourth International Radiocarbon Inter-comparison (FIRI), a small workshop was convened for study participants to allow them to receive a report on the preliminary analysis of the results from the inter-comparison. Forty-nine participants from over 20 countries participated in the two-day workshop held at the Edinburgh Conference Centre. Ninety-two sets of results were returned from FIRI (representing laboratories from 37 countries and made up of 25 AMS, 18 GPC, and 49 LSC sets). The presentations and discussion are summarized in a short report, which is available at [www.radiocarbon.org/Announcements/FIRI-results.html](http://www.radiocarbon.org/Announcements/FIRI-results.html). *Radiocarbon* will publish a complete report in early 2002.