



FROM THE EDITOR

We at *RADIOCARBON* have launched a new online journal: *RADIOCARBON DATE LISTS*. A sample version is available without charge on the Internet at <http://packrat.aml.arizona.edu/datelist.html>, where you will also find information on subscription price and submission of date lists. Please have a look at this initial effort, provide us feedback, and let us know if you can contribute.

This journal was established to fill the void left when *RADIOCARBON* began publishing only research articles. *RDL* has an ISSN, and can be referenced as any other peer-reviewed publication. We are grateful for assistant editor David Sewell's work in creating a format for the new venture.

This effort will continue only if those of us who produce dates will submit them to this medium. In addition to the normal radiocarbon dates, this would be an ideal repository for continuation of the soils ^{14}C data begun in the forthcoming special Soils Issue. As we could find no funding agency (NSF, DOE, NASA) willing to support the soils database, we must do it collectively. That is, the followup to the Soils Issue could be regular submission of soil radiocarbon data to this new journal.

An increasing proportion of radiocarbon dates produced are not published or otherwise made public, despite the fact that most labs now maintain their own databases of dates. Ideally this situation should be changed; perhaps further discussion of ways and means would be appropriate at the 16th International Radiocarbon Conference in Groningen next year. (See the back of this issue for a notice of that conference.)

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