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Editorial: Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports



In March 1974, a new journal appeared. *Journal of Archaeological Science* was started to provide a forum for what was then an unusual minority activity on the fringes of Archaeology. Subsequently, this minority activity has expanded and grown in influence as scientific techniques have become a cornerstone of our understanding of the subject and a key part of many archaeological projects. Forty years on, *Journal of Archaeological Science* has become extremely successful. It approximately doubled in size every ten years between 1984 and 2004, measured both by numbers of papers and by number of pages. Since 2004, the rate of increase has been even faster, with the indications being that by the end of 2014 the journal will have published three times as many articles and pages as it did in 2004. While in many ways the increase in the size of the journal has been welcomed, it has created problems of unwieldiness and oversight for the editorial team.

It was therefore decided that the journal would be divided into two. *Journal of Archaeological Science* will continue to publish innovative Archaeological Science. The new sister publication, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, is aimed at archaeologists and scientists engaged with the application of scientific techniques and methodologies to all areas of Archaeology. The journal focuses on the results of the application of scientific methods to archaeological problems and debates, as

well as providing a forum for reviews and discussion of issues in scientific archaeology and their impact in the wider subject.

Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports will publish papers of excellent archaeological science, with regional or wider interest. This will include case studies, reviews and short papers where an established scientific technique sheds light on archaeological questions and debates. It will publish special issues of high-quality papers deriving from conferences and symposia. It will especially welcome contributions from early career researchers.

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