I. Editorial

Many thanks for the positive responses to our new format. I am grateful that subscribers have also made some very helpful suggestions for further improvement. In the last issue I mentioned that we were looking for a new Subscriptions Manager and I am delighted to announce that **Dr Melody Herr** has agreed to take on the job. Melody is an acquiring editor at Northern Illinois University Press. She received a Ph.D. in the history of science from Johns Hopkins University, and she continues to write about the history of archaeology, exploration, and the sciences originating in natural history. Her contact details are printed on the inside back cover, and can also be found on the BHA website.

Speaking of which, I have so far only received a few responses to my request for advice about your preferences for the delivery of the BHA – whether it should remain as it is in hard copy and disseminated through the post, or be distributed electronically in PDF format. There is an obvious cost benefit in the latter case, but I acknowledge that a number of our subscribers strongly prefer the BHA in hard copy, either because they have managed to resist the siren song of the PC, or because they like publications they can feel. Of course it is always best to offer choice, and this is currently the case as each issue is posted on our website www.archaeologybulletin.org in the members area. In the last issue I advised that access to this area is for private subscribers only (Institutional subscribers should consult with me direct) and passwords will be issued to those who contact me via e-mail.

I would be very grateful indeed if the remaining private subscribers would contact me (<u>T.Murray@latrobe.edu.au</u>) about their preferences with respect to the BHA. This has the additional benefit of assisting me to update subscriber profiles (especially addresses, both electronic and snail). After mailing out 13(1) we have found our existing address database to be somewhat out of date!

In the last issue I also mentioned that I was in the process of drawing up a new Editorial Board. Their names and addresses are found on the inside front cover of this issue and I am delighted that they have agreed to serve – some continuing from the old Board, and some new faces. I am especially pleased that Doug Givens has agreed to continue with the BHA. I hope that you can see their collective influence in the richness and variety of 13(1) and 13(2).

The BHA is always on the look out for new subscribers. We have had some good success on this front during 2003, but we can always do with more, both private and institutional. So, please mention the BHA to your colleagues who have an interest in the history of archaeology, and bring it to the attention of your library acquisition committees. The BHA remains excellent value for money!

Finally, the new look of the BHA is the work of Wei Ming, Archaeology Program, La Trobe University. Many thanks!

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