

I. Editorial

This issue marks the beginning of our 15th year and I am pleased to report an increase in our subscriber base (both individual and institutional) and plenty of signs of an increased interest in the history of archaeology. In the past year several conferences specifically devoted to our field have been successfully held and I understand that others are in the planning stage.

Volume 15(1) is testimony to the breadth of research beginning to surface in the field. As usual we have new publications to report and new evidence of doctoral research. Improvements in research infrastructure are reported as well as three thoughtful longer contributions – two from the Americas and the third from Switzerland.

In the next issue I shall publish more book reviews and conference reports, but I rely on the readership to suggest publications and to keep us informed about conferences, meetings, and relevant research projects. Given its wide readership the BHA is an excellent place to reach others with an interest in this field.

I close with my usual plea for new subscribers and for a higher profile for the BHA. One way of increasing the visibility of the BHA is for us to continue to attract high quality contributions, especially essays and reviews, that enhance our understanding of the history of archaeology. Another way is to increase public visibility of the BHA through its being linked to the web sites of significant archaeological organizations and groups. I am very keen to hear from subscribers about which web sites would be most appropriate for us, and which newsletters or bulletin boards that might advertise the existence of the BHA.

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