Welcome to the second issue of volume 22 of BHA. Our on-line publishing facility is working very well in that we have a steady supply of high quality papers to publish. Of course we need for this to keep going, so prospective authors should visit our website (www.archaeologybulletin.org) where the workings of the Bulletin are fully explained. As I have mentioned before I will continue to accept submissions direct, so if you are more comfortable submitting this way please do so. The on-line environment also allows readers to register as potential reviewers, and I encourage you to do this, not just because it reduces the load of those hardy individuals who are on our list, but because it provides excellent experience for potential authors as well.

This hard-copy issue collects 2 papers and 2 book reviews that either have appeared, or will shortly appear, in our on-line version. The two papers canvass quite diverse subjects. The first by Elaine Schele uses the vehicle of biography (in this case of the Mexican archaeologist Alberto Ruz Lhuillier) to shed light on the practice of archaeology in Mexico, and the role of Marxist resistance to ‘yanqui’ imperialism in Latin America. The second paper, by Francisco Gracia Alonso is a contribution to the history of archaeology in Europe, particularly in Spain and Italy during the first half of last century. The author traces the ‘fraternal’ relations that were built up around a common Latin heritage (and a Roman past) and focuses on the ways in which these relations played a role in the foundation of a nationalist archaeological agenda in Fascist Spain.

The expansion of interest in our field, and the rapid expansion in the size and diversity of the communities who are involved, make it very important that we keep lines of communication as open as possible. For this reason the BHA has long sought information from readers and subscribers about research projects, doctoral dissertations, and symposia/conference sessions relevant to our field. Information about these fundamental activities is just as welcome as papers and book reviews and I encourage all readers and subscribers to use the BHA as a vehicle for disseminating this.

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