

#### FOREWORD

The Twelfth International Radiocarbon Conference was held June 24–28, 1985 in Trondheim, Norway. The conference was organized by Reidar Nydal and Steinar Gulliksen of the Norwegian Institute of Technology. Sponsors of the meeting were the City of Trondheim, the Norwegian Water Resources and Electricity Board-NVE, Norsk Hydro A/S, The Norwegian Institute of Technology-NTH, and the Norwegian Research Council for Science and the Humanities-NAVF.

Nearly 200 scientists participated in a successful meeting at which about 160 papers and contributions were presented.

Major topics of the conference were conventional and AMS techniques, natural variations and time-scale calibration, the carbon cycle and climatic aspects, anthropogenic variations, applications in Archaeology, Geology, Palaeobotany and Hydrology, and the reporting and management of data.

Radiocarbon Volume 28, Nos. 2A and 2B constitute the Proceedings of the Trondheim meeting. Number 2B focuses solely on time-scale calibration papers presented at the meeting. A few papers, delayed for various reasons (including reviewer tardiness) will be published in Volume 28, No. 3. The standard review procedures of *RADIOCARBON* were followed for the submitted papers.

The next International Radiocarbon Conference is planned for the summer of 1988, in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia.

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