

### TO MINZE

Writing on the occasion of a colleague who left us in whatever way imaginable, is difficult. In this case, however, I have to be especially careful as these lines have to be different: Minze Stuiver did not leave us; fortunately, he will read these words personally and we will meet again, fortunately. So, why should this be written? Because during 12 years as the editor of *RADIOCARBON*, Minze had a large and invaluable influence on all doings of our  $^{14}\text{C}$  community.

Minze made *RADIOCARBON* more than merely another journal. It has operated as our international  $^{14}\text{C}$  data base; it is the reference work for calibration; it (and Minze's lab!) provided the means for publication of the proceedings of our regular international conferences; it became the source for agreed and non-agreed but no less valuable conventions and, in general, it is our focus of communication. All this was accomplished by Minze's efforts, of course with the indispensable assistance of Renee Kra. Minze made it a very personal effort. The associate editorship is relatively insignificant. The editorship, on the contrary, must have been a heavy burden to Minze himself, which he nevertheless enjoyed most of the time.

The high scientific standards of *RADIOCARBON* are certainly due to the fact that, as a pupil of Hessel de Vries, its editor is an innovative and productive scientist in a broad variety of fields: large-sample and multiple-counter high-precision detection of natural and anthropogenic  $^{14}\text{C}$  variations, thermal-diffusion enrichment and underground low-background counting for dating very old samples, studies in oceanography, on climatic changes, and, apart from  $^{14}\text{C}$ , on stable carbon isotopes in tree rings related to the global carbon cycle and on oxygen isotopes in ice cores. Much of his original work is widely cited and has been published in the *RADIOCARBON* Journal, automatically attracting follow-up papers of other authors.

Despite his prominence, Minze prefers a modest public appearance. This is the opportunity to show our recognition and appreciation of his devotion.

*RADIOCARBON* has become Minze Stuiver. Of course, Austin Long, his successor, will continue with another style. With all the support they ask and deserve, we wish him and Renee a successful continuation of the journal, which has become indispensable on the book shelf of each producer and consumer of radiocarbon data.

Groningen, October 3, 1988  
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