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Editorial

I do not intend to make editorials a regular feature in Ancient TL. However, I did want to take the opportunity here to mark a number of events. On page 27 of this edition of Ancient TL are details of two prestigious awards that members of the luminescence community have been awarded this year. The Institute of Physics (IoP) awards are made annually, and this year both Professor Ann Wintle and Doreen Stoneham have been recipients. Professor Ann Wintle was awarded the Appleton medal and Doreen Stoneham received the Gabor medal. These medals are in recognition of the enormous contribution that these two scientists have made in their respective fields of endeavour using luminescence.

The bibliography in this edition of Ancient TL will be the last one put together by Professor Ann Wintle, and I would like to thank her for compiling the bibliography for the last 23 years. This bibliography has been the most consistent contribution to the journal, and in terms of the number of printed pages, the most significant. This has proved to be an invaluable service to everyone in the luminescence and ESR community, helping to keep people abreast of the ever increasing number of publications in this area of research. As the fields of luminescence and ESR have grown over this period, the magnitude of the task has increased dramatically. Looking back at the early editions of Ancient TL when Ann first put the bibliography together, it would be a bumper edition if there were 25 references or more. The bibliography in recent editions has regularly included in excess of 150 papers. Ann is also standing down from the Editorial Board of Ancient TL, and I would like to thank her for her sustained support for the journal throughout the years.

Future bibliographies in Ancient TL will be produced by Dr Daniel Richter of the Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, who will be joining the Reviewers Panel from 1st July onwards. Colleagues wishing to have their papers included in the bibliography are asked to send hard copies or PDFs of their papers to Dr Richter at 'Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Human Evolution, Deutscher Platz 6, 04103 Leipzig, Germany' or by e-mail (drichter@eva.mpg.de).

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