

EDITORIAL

As stated in my editorial to Bulletin 2, this issue is devoted to the Prehistory of Oceania, with the exception of David Bulbeck's article, which I had requested some time previously. The 14 Oceanic papers concentrate on Melanesia and Micronesia, and give a good guide to the present geographical distribution of archaeological research. Polynesia (outside Hawaii and New Zealand) appears to be going through a quiet phase. However, while New Zealand is not represented in this issue, I would recommend the excellent New Zealand Journal of Archaeology, commenced in 1979 by the University of Otago Printing Department, and now into its fourth volume.

Of the papers in this issue, four result from graduate thesis research (Bulbeck, Rhoads, Spriggs and Cordy on Hawaii), and the others fall into the classes of areal reviews, project summaries, or short notes. This is the kind of information which the Bulletin can best distribute, and I would like to thank all contributors for their enthusiasm in sending in their reports with little delay.

Bulletin 4 will be produced after the Pacific Science Congress in Dunedin in February 1983, and will be focussed mainly on the Indian Sub-continent and Mainland Southeast Asia. Again, I will be writing to individuals to request contributions, but I also hope anyone reading this who has a piece of research well underway or completed in any IPPA region will send me a manuscript. Please try to limit your contributions to under 15 pages of double-spaced typing; line drawings and maps are acceptable, but not photographs. It would help me a great deal if authors would follow with precision the World Archaeology format for references.

The Dunedin conference draws closer, and I hope as many IPPA members as possible will be able to attend.

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