

## **Editor's Note**

This year's volume has incorporated a few changes and innovations which are part of the overall restructuring of the journal, a process which has been under way since last year. We have started a series of interviews with present and former members of staff, the first of which appears in this volume. It was thought appropriate to start with Professor John Evans, former Director of the Institute of Archaeology, who offered among other things a retrospective view of the Institute in its early days. We have also included in this issue a special debate between the current Director of the Institute and Chris Tilley (recently appointed lecturer at the Institute). The specific topic chosen for this debate was the role of science in archaeology, a theme that tends to produce a variety of controversial reactions. Among our articles this year we have papers on the Medieval period, from the Near East, and from the field of archaeological conservation, all topics which have been neglected in previous issues. A major aim of P.I.A. is to represent the wide variety of archaeology found within the Institute and we are restricted only by the papers which are submitted in any one year. Therefore we would very much welcome contributions from anybody with present or former connections with the Institute. As this is a young journal, improvements are still being made to our publication and it is hoped that many more will be made in the near future. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the editorial committee who have made this year's issue possible. I would also like to thank the lecturers in the Institute who helped with the refereeing of the papers; this issue could not have been produced without them. All of us in the editorial committee hope that you enjoy Vol. 5 and that you keep enjoying P.I.A. in the future.

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