



EDITORIAL FORWARD BY THE GUEST EDITOR

2nd Luminescence in Archaeology International Symposium (L.A.I.S. 2012)

The 2nd Luminescence in Archaeology International Symposium was hosted by the Group of Applied Geochemistry & Luminescence on Cultural Heritage at IST/ITN, now the Campus Tecnológico e Nuclear of Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa, from the 5th to the 7th of September, 2012. Many thanks are due to all committee members, webmaster and administrative staff.

L.A.I.S. 2012 Lisbon continued the series of symposia initiated in L.A.I.S. 2009 Delphi. 48 oral and poster presentations by 45 participants from Asia, Africa, North and South America, and across Europe, represents moderate growth and contributes to the establishment of a fully international conference series, which will continue in L.A.I.S. 2015 Paris.

This special issue MAA 13.3 contains 16 papers: I would like to thank the colleagues who enabled double peer review of each submitted paper. These focus on the testing and development of diverse methodologies for the retrospective evaluation of absorbed dose and dose rate, in the challenging materials and environments encountered in cultural heritage contexts ranging from the art-historic to the Palaeolithic. They represent a valuable union of evidence and ideas aligned with the focus of the L.A.I.S. series of symposia: presentation and exploration of the potentialities and limitations of luminescence and related analyses, for materials and questions of archaeological and cultural heritage significance.

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