

Dear Ancient History Colleagues

The Director of the ICS, Mike Edwards, and the Director of Publications, Richard Simpson, have invited us to edit Vol. 54, Part 2 (2011), of the Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies, as an Ancient History issue. We have long felt the need for a journal edited in the UK devoted to Ancient History, as we believe others have too; and it may be that if this experiment is successful, it could be repeated in alternate years, so creating such a journal without adding a new title to the burden of scholarly libraries. The other three issues of the Bulletin in the two-year cycle might be devoted to other disciplines related to the ancient world.

Apart from expecting that all articles published will make an original contribution to a major problem of ancient history, our only principle is that ancient history should include Near Eastern, as well as Greek and Roman, history: we envisage the area covered as ranging from Iran to Britain, the period as roughly 1000 BC to AD 1000. We expect to be closely involved, with others, in the process of refereeing contributions, whether offered or solicited, and to be particularly encouraging to younger scholars.

We now invite contributions to this first issue, to be received by Easter 2011.

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