

Dear Ancient History Colleagues

We hope you will have seen that Vol. 54, Part 2 (2011), of the *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies*, duly appeared in December as the first issue devoted entirely to Ancient History. The three of us also undertook to produce a second issue in this new series, to appear in the autumn of 2013. On-line advance publication is available to ensure publication before the REF deadline. We repeat the principles on which we launched this experiment: that all articles published should aim to make an original contribution to a major problem of ancient history; that ancient history should be understood as including Near Eastern, as well as Greek and Roman, history: the area covered would therefore range from Iran to Britain, the period roughly from 1000 BC to AD 1000. We again 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 are now inviting contributions to the second issue, which should be sent to us (at john.north@sas.ac.uk) not later than the **end of March 2013**.

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