



Issue 51 includes several articles about Roman or Roman period textiles and costumes, as well as an interesting article about New World textiles which we thought will interest the readers from a technical point of view. Furthermore the craft of fulling is revealed to us though some very early texts from Mesopotamia. As usual, we include several conference reviews and information on new books and forthcoming conferences and other events of interest to textile scholars.

This year we have successfully applied for financial help to the increasing production costs of ATN from the Nordic Board for Periodicals in the Humanities and Social Sciences, NOP-HS. During the procedure ATN was externally reviewed, and we thank the reviewers for their positive assessment but also many constructive suggestions for changes and improvements. Though ATN is a specialized journal with no direct competitors, the editorial group constantly strive to improve and heighten the level of ATN so that it can survive in the competition from the many international academic journals. ATN cannot survive without the scientific contributions from the readers and/or the authors, nor without the financial support from the subscribers. It is important to remember, that ATN was started as and still is a forum where news and first thoughts are quickly circulated among scholars and all those with interests in archaeological textile questions. We would like to keep it like this, whilst maintaining the scientific standard as high as possible.

We are still working on making reprints of old issues, and to find suitable solutions for making electronic versions of back issues on our homepage. Copyrights of photographs are always creating problems in the virtual world, but hopefully this issue has been solved for the issues 46 and onwards. Intellectual property is another delicate matter that is important to respect and uphold, as it is the fundament for open minded, academic communication and sharing.

Orit Shamir was the first to send her list of publications to us, as announced in the last editorial, and it is now available on the homepage. We hope that many more scholars will follow her example.

Please make sure to renew your membership for 2011 soon. The website payment for 2011 has only recently been opened and not many of you have paid yet. We will send out a reminder in the beginning of the new year. To keep it simple for you to keep track of the subscription, we will not open the subscription for 2012 before the autumn 2011.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on the 11th of May 2011 during the NESAT XI conference in Esslingen, Germany. We hope this will ensure the participation of many ATN subscribers.

Suggestions for the agenda should be sent to one of the editors no later than 1st April 2011. If no additional proposals have been sent in by the members, the agenda is as following:

1. Election of a chairperson, if somebody so wishes
2. The report of the board for the period since the previous annual general meeting
3. Presentation and approval of the revised account of 31st of December 2010
4. Decisions concerning individual and institutional subscription fee for the current financial year
5. Election of 3 members of the board and 1 deputy member for the current financial year
6. Election of an auditor and 1 deputy auditor member for the current financial year
7. Miscellaneous

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We would like to finish this editorial by wishing all our readers and colleagues a happy and prosperous New Year.

The editors