



Editorial

Welcome to the diamond issue of the *Archaeological Textiles Review* 2018. It is an achievement worthy of celebration to have kept an independently-funded peer-reviewed journal up and running for 60 issues. We endeavour to strike a tone which embraces both scholarly articles and current affairs in textile-related matters. We are pleased to report that we are still going strong thanks to the staunch support of the Friends of ATR, which we very much value. Many thanks to you all!

For the ATR team, 2018 has been a turbulent year. Ulla Mannering has been on a long-term sick leave, but is now fully recovered and back on track. This is also why there has been no Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Archaeological Textiles Newsletter this year. We will provide more information about the next AGM on our homepage www.atnfriends.com at the beginning of 2019. Further, Ursula Rothe has left the editorial board and suggestions for a new, preferably native English speaking, editor are welcomed, and can be emailed to evaandersson@hum.ku.dk.

This year's issue is primarily dedicated to the study of knitwork with articles on protocol and terminology, and evidence for the craft's origins and development. The nine joint articles by Jane Malcolm-Davies, Ruth Gilbert, Susanne Lervad, Helena Lundin, Lesley O'Connell Edwards, Annemarieke Willemsen, Maj Ringgaard, Sylvie Odstrčilová and Rosalind Mearns

are important contributions to the formation of a more standardised way of addressing and describing knitted items in an archaeological and historical context. We hope that readers will appreciate this initiative and continue the scholarly development of our scientific languages, which are imperative for modern textile research.

While this issue concentrates on knitwork, the editors would like to bring needle binding into better focus. We encourage our readers to submit articles about this technique for future issues. This issue presents five project descriptions about on-going and up-coming textile research projects. It is inspirational to see how textile research and the many excellent researchers working within this field are capable of creating new and innovative projects that successfully generate large sums of external funding.

We welcome new contributions to forthcoming issues and encourage you to send them to us as they are ready, so that we may spread the editing work over the year and have time for the peer review process. The deadline for contributions is **1 May** each year. Please also remember to send us news of projects, PhDs, publications and conferences, so that we can continue to be a hub for the archaeological textile community.

The Editors