

BOOK REVIEW

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meetings in Europe. These meetings are part of the efforts of the Association for Tree-Ring Research (ATR) to bring together researchers from across Europe to feature ongoing and new tree-ring research projects spanning archaeology, cultural heritage, ecology, forest dynamics, geomorphology, wood anatomy, isotopes, and climate. The proceedings include contributions from both oral and poster presentations at the TRACE meetings.

The first meeting in 2002 was attended by 50 scientists from largely German-speaking countries of central Europe. The projects described in that first volume mainly feature activities at sites in Europe, but also include a number of other studies outside Europe (in northern Eurasia, Pakistan, Kirghizia, Patagonia, and Mongolia). German was the official language of presentation at the first meeting, but subsequently English was adopted. The attendees in 2003 came from all over Europe, and thereafter from all over the world, representing a range of experience from beginning student projects to those of seasoned dendrochronology investigators. A few of the papers in the first volume are in German, but all of the subsequent volumes are written wholly in English.

The contributions are termed “extended abstracts”, commonly 5–10 pages in length, but up to 21 pages in one case. The range of topics and locations makes them particularly attractive, and I

notice that many of the papers represent early and developing stages of projects that have been subsequently published in major journals, including *Nature*. The proceedings (and attendance) have doubled in size over the first four years, with over 300 pages in the 4th volume (and 100 attendees).

The content of each issue can be viewed at the Association for Tree-Ring Research website,

<http://www.tree-ring.org/publications.html> and all issues can presently be purchased from Holger Gärtner (holger.gaertner@wsl.ch), the current one available “free” with membership fee paid to ATR. The most recent TRACE meeting was May 3–6, 2007, in Latvia, where Volume 5 of the proceedings series was made available to ATR members in attendance.