

INTRODUCTION

Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the Proceedings of the 9th Radiocarbon & Archaeology International Symposium. The conference was held May 20–24, 2019. The symposium was held in the beautiful and historic downtown area of Athens, Georgia, USA. The presentations were held at the Athens Classic Center where we hosted over 130 participants from 25 countries. The scientific program included 60 oral presentations and 69 poster presentations (radiocarbonarchaeology2019.com). The Athens conference followed the 8th symposium, which was held in 2016 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The 2019 symposium coincided with the 70th anniversary of the radiocarbon dating technique. In honor of this occasion, a special session was organized to share the histories of individual radiocarbon laboratories, their major accomplishments and their major contributions to the field, both past and present. Alex Cherkinsky kicked-off the session with a keynote address, “Radiocarbon 70 Years of Research: From Dirty Counter to AMS.”

Participants had the opportunity to explore the region’s natural and cultural history. The organized excursion began with a tour of the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center, located in the antebellum district of Madison, Georgia, and continued on Macon, where we toured the prehistoric American Indian mound complex at Ocmulgee National Monument. For many, the highlight of the trip was a snack break at Rock Eagle Effigy Mound in Putnam County, where we enjoyed a taste of the local roadside fare—boiled peanuts and Coca-Cola.

The Gala Dinner was held in the Tropical Conservatory at the beautiful State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, where we enjoyed a selection of locally made craft and southern fare. Klezmer Local 42 performed a lively and danceable mix of Jewish folk music. We are grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, National Electrostatics Corporation and IonPlus, for making this fun event possible.

We are grateful for the opportunity to host such a talented and diverse group of researchers. We would like to acknowledge our sponsors: NEC, IonPlus, Edwards Pitman, and the University of Georgia, without whose support this conference would not have been possible. We also wish to thank the Society for Archaeological Sciences and the Southeast Archaeology Foundation for supporting the student paper prize. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who joined us in lovely Athens to share their research and ideas. We hope everyone enjoyed their time here and left with fond memories as well as and some new friends and colleagues. We hope to see everyone again at the 10th Radiocarbon & Archaeology International Symposium, which will be hosted by ETH Zurich in 2022.

On behalf of the conference organizers,

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Guest editors

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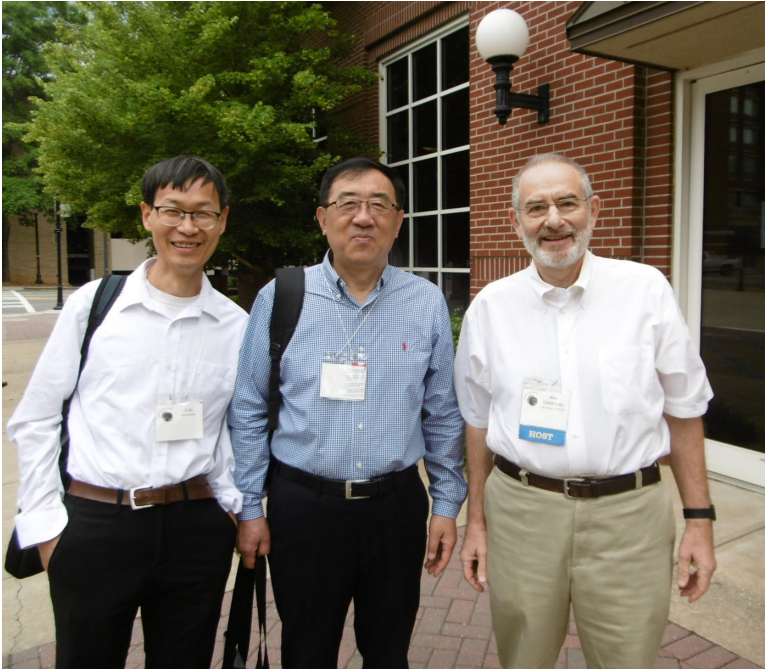
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Conference reception staff with volunteer coordinator Megan Conger (right)



Co-chair Alex Cherkinsky (right) with attendees Li Xu (left) and Xuchen Wang (center)



Poster session



Gala dinner at the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia



Excursion to Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, USA. Left to right: Margot Kuitems, Tim Jull, and Mike Dee



Excursion to Rock Eagle Effigy Mound, Putnam County, Georgia