



Foreword

Dear Reader,

I am delighted to be able to present this the second, double issue of “**Lakeside**” to all our friends and affiliates. As promised the majority of articles in this edition have been prepared by LTBP participants from the region. I trust you will agree that the articles provide a useful and easily digestible insight into the work of the project, ranging from the overarching Strategic Planning process, through specific scientific studies such as the isotope hydrology work, to the all important involvement of local communities, exemplified by the activities carried out during World Environment Day.

The need to keep all informed is a difficult but vital task in such a geographically dispersed project. This newsletter is but one means of achieving this, however, it is by no means the only one. First, it is worth noting that the project produces quarterly progress reports and although these are, of course, more formal in presentation I would encourage all those who are actively engaged in the project to read these reports. They will help keep you up to date with what is happening in other project fields and locations.

More immediate than the above and potentially much more effective is the project’s website launched in January of this year. All project reports together with a host of other information are available on the website and for the many project participants who are not connected, but do have access to a PC, we are providing a complete portable copy of the website on CD-ROM, updated every 3 months. Your views on both are most welcome!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter but there is, of course, always room for improvement so please come forward with your ideas and comments. In addition unsolicited articles on any aspect of the project, the lake and its peoples will be gratefully accepted for consideration.

With best wishes

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