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Editorial

Better late than never...

Or so they say. However, that's not the way I would like this Newsletter to be. Unfortunately, due to lack of articles, I have had to delay the publication until now, although the weather outside does feel like January. I know that with an ever increasing workload, competition for items with other society journals/newsletters and the "*I haven't the time*" syndrome, our request for articles for the NSCG has so far gone unrequited. The simple fact is this: if we do not receive material we cannot produce a newsletter, so once again I place out the begging bowl and ask "*spare some articles please*".

The Government has announced that in April 2000 a new body, provisionally called the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLAC), will assume responsibility for providing a service to museums, thus replacing the Museum and Galleries Commission. What this means for Museums is uncertain, but if funding becomes centralised within this structure, we may well find ourselves fighting libraries for our share of the pot, which with the current emphasis on public access may add to the under-funding of collections.

I hope you find the contents of this Newsletter of interest; we have managed to put together part eight of *The Ten Agents of Deterioration*. I would like to thank those members who have contributed to both the pollution insert and the Newsletter and Oxford University Museum of Natural History for providing the facilities that have made this Newsletter possible. Finally, thanks to Juliet Hay and Dorothy Newman for their invaluable help.

The next issue is due out in May, so please send any items, articles, book reviews and product news to me as soon as possible. I cannot produce the newsletter without your help.

Best regards,

Darren