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Dear Colleagues,

This letter is intended to provide an update on the status of the Journal of Caribbean Archaeology. JCA was conceived in mid 1998 as a high quality, refereed publication venue for Caribbean archaeology. The impetus for its creation came when one of the co-editors (Clement) had a paper rejected by a journal that focused on an adjacent region. One of the anonymous reviewer's comments sums up the prevailing attitude towards the paper: "...the actual results of the study, while of some parochial interest, are not likely to be of broad interest...." Ultimately the paper was accepted for publication and is currently in press, but the journal which accepted it does not have a wide circulation and the paper is unlikely to be read by the audience for which it was intended. The same anonymous reviewer further suggested that "one hopes that the existence of the Internet will prompt some energetic Caribbeanist to create an electronic forum for such products so they can be available to the (admittedly small) audience that's interested in them". If you are reading this letter, then chances are good that you are a member of that audience.

Since announcing JCA in September 1998 with a call for papers, there have been only two formal submissions. One was rejected and the other has been posted to the web site. We thank both of the individuals who saw fit to submit manuscripts for review. We expected a great deal more. A likely reason for the lack of submissions is that many people were focused on preparing papers for the IACA conference, held last summer in Grenada. We hope that the pace of submissions will now pick up, and intend to continue soliciting and accepting papers. The web site, too, will be maintained. We have all written papers and simple site reports that do nothing but sit in our files because there is no venue for publication. JCA was conceived to be that venue, and we hope that, having read the current offering, some of you will see the value of getting your work out there where your colleagues can access it.

Best regards,

The Editors