
Editorial

... news, good news

The volume 85 (year 2007) presents two editorial novelties, which we hope will really attract the interest of **JASs** readers.

The first one introduces a substantial change in the structure of the Journal; the section *Do it yourself* has been designed to provide the information needed to set up some basic methodologies in evolutionary anthropology. We start with the paper “How to equip a basic histological lab for the anthropological assessment of human bone and teeth” by Robert Paine from the Texas Tech University (Lubbock, USA). this summarizes the contents of a workshop organized by the *Istituto Italiano di Antropologia* on december 2006 (<http://www.isita-org.com/isita/Meetings.htm>).

The second regards the continuation of the **JASs forum**, initiated in 2005, with the new subject “Ethics and altruism in the human evolutionary history”. It summarizes a multidisciplinary discussion of the relations between Ethics and Altruism based on the contributions to an international meeting organized by the *Istituto Italiano di Antropologia* in collaboration with the University of Roma “La Sapienza” (Rome, May 25th 2007; <http://www.isita-org.com/isita/Meetings.htm>).

Finally, some good news: our Journal has been selected for coverage in the databases *BIOSIS Previews* and *Biological Abstracts* by ISI Thomson. Apart from acknowledging the scientific value of **JASs**, we hope this could help increase the international circulation of the contents and ideas (sometimes original, do you agree?) which animate our Journal.

Step by step...

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