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Computer Conference on Archaeology

Slated for Canada April 29-May 2

World experts in the field of archaeology and computers will hold a conference at Waterloo Lutheran University April 29-May 2 to discuss the application of computer techniques to the much older field of archaeology.

Dr. Norman Wagner, a leading Canadian archaeologist on the faculty of WLU, who called the conference, said computer techniques are playing a vital role in getting the results of field work into the hands of other scholars and teachers earlier, sometimes years earlier.

"I'm not exaggerating when I say it was 30 years before the results of one important archaeological expedition were published, yet this material was vital for others working in the same field. "Now, with computers, we can share initial results within months."

Among those attending the conference, one of the first ever held, will be George Cowgill of Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.; David L. Clarke of Cambridge University, England; and J. C. Gardin of the Centre L'Analyse Documentaire pour l'archaeologie of Paris.

There will be discussions on field problems and coding, analytical techniques, and a discussion on data bank problems. The sessions will end with a dinner at Kitchener's Valhalla Inn. The conference is supported by the Canada Council and Waterloo Lutheran University.