

JOHN CARSWELL began the full-scale excavation of ancient Mantai in Sri Lanka with a three month's campaign on the site, funded by the Ford Foundation, the Metropolitan Museum and the British Museum, as part of a three year project. Twenty-seven students were given intensive training on the site. Besides Mantai, he continued with his work on a catalogue of the Ottoman ceramics in the Benaki Museum in Athens, and completed the field work for his monograph on the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. He also gathered additional material for his catalogue of medieval Armenian metalwork. Publications included the preliminary report on Mantai; a catalogue of Chinese ceramics for the Oriental Ceramic Society, Kuala Lumpur; a report on the Vankalai excavations, for the National Geographic Society; and articles for the *Illustrated London News*, and *Apollo*, as well as several entries for the Dictionary of the Middle Ages. He attended the opening of the National Museum in Kuwait, and was a speaker and Chairman of one session of the congress "Bahrain through the Ages". He was also co-Chairman of the local arrangements committee of the AGM of the Middle East Studies Association, held in Chicago.