

Interactive comment on “Quantitative historical hydrology in Europe” by G. Benito et al.

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This is a well written review of the current state of the scientific field in palaeohydrology, providing a balanced well considered review. The review covers all aspects of palaeohydrology, whilst greater content is provided in the historical aspects; this is possibly the sub-field which has seen the greatest development in the last decade.

The authors may consider including a slightly extended section on lichenometry as a subfield, some recent papers, particularly by Simon Foulds in recent years have developed this a little further (http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Simon_Foulds/publications). The review on lake sediments is interesting, this is an area that is currently witnessing considerable growth in work, a little more consideration of non-varved sites would be beneficial to the breadth of the paper (see Schillereff 2014).

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An annotated copy of the manuscript is attached, these are not significant issues but will hopefully aid in the flow of the text.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:
<http://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/12/C1416/2015/hessd-12-C1416-2015-supplement.pdf>

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