



# The Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology

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*Professor Hellmut Brunner with his wife Professor Emma Brunner-Traut*

## Macquarie to acquire an extensive Egyptological Library

Some three years ago Professor Hellmut Brunner (Emeritus Professor of Egyptology, University of Tübingen, Germany) promised Dr Boyo Ockinga (a former student of his) to give Macquarie University the first option to buy his library, once he and his wife, Professor Emma Brunner-Traut (also a distinguished Egyptologist) had finished a number of research projects on which they were at that time working. Professor Brunner established Egyptology at Tübingen and knows the difficulty of building up a good library from nothing and would therefore like to help us in our efforts here at Macquarie. He and his wife have had a very active career that spans some 60 years, and have in that time built up a very extensive research library. Their collection includes not only monographs (excavation reports and studies) but also most of the important Egyptological journals. In addition there is a very extensive collection of off-prints from more obscure journals.

On 20 May, Professor Brunner wrote to say that he and his wife are now ready to dispose of their library which they are offering to us.

It should be emphasised that such a library could not at present be built up piecemeal since it includes many works which are no longer in print. Needless to say, such an acquisition will play a decisive role in further expanding the subject of Egyptology at Macquarie, a subject that has already grown considerably here, making Macquarie the centre of such studies in Australia. The library will attract further research students, will facilitate the research projects being presently undertaken and generally lift Macquarie's profile in the field.

The acquisition of such an extensive collection of books is a costly exercise, and it is well known that obtaining sufficient institutional and government funding in the present economic situation is particularly difficult. This provides a unique opportunity for members to make a contribution to a most worthwhile and lasting asset for Egyptology at Macquarie, and help eliminate the handicap under which the subject has operated.

Those who would like to contribute towards the purchase of the library are kindly asked to make cheques payable to MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY and forward to: Miss Joan Beck, School of History, Macquarie University 2109, marked 'Brophy Library Fund'. All donations are tax deductible.

### **The International Congress of Egyptology, September, 1991 in Turin**

The International Congress is the official meeting of Egyptologists held every three years, this time in Turin. Dr Boyo Ockinga will represent Macquarie University and will give a talk on his latest work on the Tomb of Sennedjem at Awlad Azzaz (Sohag). A number of researchers from the Australian Centre for Egyptology, Mrs J. Brophy, Mrs G. Callaghan, Dr A. McFarlane and Mrs E. Thompson will also attend the Conference.

### **Courses Completed**

Mrs Gae Callender's Course, 'Egyptian Queens and their Times', attracted a large number of persons and was very well received.

'Introduction to Hieroglyphs' (Prof. Kanawati) also proved most popular, with many continuing on to Dr Ockinga's Course 'The Tomb of Neferhotep'.

Dr Rene Grogard completed the 'Bridging Hieroglyphs Course' for those wishing to revise their hieroglyphs before taking Dr Ockinga's Course on 14 June.

### **Course Planned**

Mr Michael Birrell will repeat his Course 'Ancient Egyptian Burial Customs', each Wednesday night for 10 weeks, commencing WEDNESDAY 31 July, 1991 in W6A 420 from 7-9 pm. Fee: \$85.00 (members \$80.00).

### Gala Dinner

Included with this Newsletter is your Invitation to attend the Gala Dinner to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Foundation. This will be a special evening and an early booking is advisable.

DATE: FRIDAY 27 September, 1991  
 PLACE: Anzac Memorial Club  
 Corner Miller & Ernest Streets  
 CAMMERAY  
 COST: \$35.00.

### Australian Centre for Egyptology Study Tour of Egypt January, 1992

The response to the study Tour of Egypt has been overwhelming and is already fully booked. For those unable to join this tour, a similar tour will be organised for January, 1993.

### Egyptian Collections in Continental Museums, May, 1992

As is well known, a great deal of the Egyptian heritage, including some of the most attractive and significant pieces, are on display in various European museums. The Australian Centre for Egyptology is organising a Special Tour of the most famous Continental Egyptian Collections in such museums as the Louvre, Berlin, Leiden, Munich, Bologna, Florence and Turin. The group will be accompanied by an Egyptologist. Limited places.

### Tour of Northern Greece and Turkey

Joan Beck will be leading a four weeks tour of Northern Greece and Turkey in October, 1992. The group will visit the Byzantine Monasteries of Meteora as well as Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great, in Northern Greece. In Turkey, the group will visit Istanbul, Troy and Hittite sites including Boghaskoy as well as coastal sites such as Ephesus and Bodrum (Halicarnassus) before crossing to Samos and returning to Athens. Limited places.

### Visiting Lecturers

The Australian Centre for Egyptology is pleased to announce the visit of two distinguished lecturers in August, Dr Hope from Monash University, Melbourne and Dr Kaper from the Netherlands Archaeological Institute, Cairo.

7 pm	'Recent Excavations in Egyptian Sahara'	Dr Colin Hope
8 pm	'The Temple & Cult of the Egyptian God Tutu'	Dr Olaf Kaper

DATE: FRIDAY, 23 August 1991      VENUE: PRICE THEATRE  
 Cost: \$7.00 (members \$5.00) including supper.

### Lecture by Professor Naguib Kanawati

Members are invited to bring their friends to hear Professor Kanawati speak on 'Egypt through the Eyes of Ancient and Modern Historians'

DATE: FRIDAY 25 October, 1991, 8PM    VENUE: PRICE THEATRE  
Admission free

### Activities Committee

The Activities Committee has placed a further order for "sloppy joes", which have proved so popular. These can be purchased from Joan Beck for \$35.00. There are two colours - navy with a white falcon, and grey with a blue falcon. We also have white t-shirts with the falcon print for \$20.00.

### Publications

The pyramid of Meidum represents an important stage in the architectural development of pyramid building. Both the pyramid complex and the mastabas in its vicinity have recently been cleared by Dr Ali el-Khouli and the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation. A number of scholars from Britain, Canada, France and Poland have contributed to the studies of art, pottery, graffiti etc., resulting from the excavation.

The Australian Centre for Egyptology has agreed to publish the results in its series '*A.C.E. Reports*', which will appear later in the year.

With the completion of excavations at El-Hawawish, the material uncovered in this rich site is being analysed in detail and the first volume of these studies is scheduled for publication later in the year in the series '*A.C.E. Studies*': *Akhmim in the Old Kingdom*, Kanawati *et al.*

*The Bulletin of the Australian Centre for Egyptology* Vol. 2. In the next mailing all members of the Foundation will receive a free copy of the Bulletin which contains articles of great interest. We remind new members who joined the Foundation this year, that Vol. 1 is available to members at the reduced price of \$8.00 (plus \$3.00 postage). As this is an annual publication members will have the chance to build up the series.

### Membership

We greatly appreciate the support for our work and thank those who have renewed their membership for 1991. We hope you find the activities interesting and informative.

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