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Dr Rita Freed and Dr Boyo Ockinga in the Ancient History Teaching Collection  
at Macquarie University

As members know, our visitor for 1994 was Dr Rita Freed, Curator of the Department of Egyptian, Nubian and Near Eastern Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, U.S.A. Dr Freed's visit was extremely successful. She lectured in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane and always to large and interested audiences.

## CONFERENCE: *REVEALING EGYPT'S PAST*

The Conference was held in the Mason Theatre, Macquarie University, on Saturday 20 August and was attended by 300 members and friends. The speakers were Dr Rita Freed, Mr Michael Birrell, Mrs Gael Callaghan, Dr Colin Hope, Professor Naguib Kanawati and Dr Boyo Ockinga. (See Newsletter No. 49 (July) p.3 for the titles of the talks.

## ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Australian Centre for Egyptology was held at the Hyatt Kingsgate on Friday 2 September. The evening was most enjoyable and guests included the Deputy-Chancellor, His Hon. Dr John Lincoln and Mrs Lincoln, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Di Yerbury, the Consul-General of Egypt, Mr Mahmoud Soliman and Mrs Soliman, and the Consul, Mr Mohamed Hegazy. During the evening a return air ticket to Cairo, donated by Singapore Airlines, was raffled.

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES, 1995

### EXCAVATIONS AT SAQQARA

From 1 November to 15 December, the Australian Centre for Egyptology team in conjunction with the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, will resume the excavations to the north-east of the Pyramid of Teti, founder of Dynasty VI. Work will concentrate on the clearing and recording of the remaining parts of the chapels of both Ka-aper (Overseer of all the Works of the King) and Ndjete-m-pet, priestess of the goddesses Hathor and Neith and mother of Mereruka, the well-known vizier of Teti.

It is also hoped that during the season the main shafts and burial chambers of these two individuals, as well as the associated shafts and their chambers, will be cleared and recorded. A full report of the results of the season will be given at the Conference in September 1995.

### EXCAVATIONS AT LUXOR

From the end of December to the middle of February, the Macquarie team working at Dra Abu el-Naga will resume work on Theban Tomb 148 (Amenemope, Third Prophet of Amun in the reigns of Ramesses III-V. It is planned to complete the excavation of the tomb's courtyard and continue the conservation and recording of the wall scenes and inscriptions.

## COURSES FOR 1995

### *Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs*

This 8-weeks course will be conducted by Professor Kanawati each WEDNESDAY commencing 8 March.

### *An Introductory Course on Old Kingdom History & Society*

This 8-weeks course will be conducted by Dr Gae Callendar each TUESDAY commencing 2 May.

Cost for each course: \$70 (members \$65).

## VISIT OF PROFESSOR GEOFFREY MARTIN

The Visiting Fellow for 1995 will be Professor Geoffrey Martin, former Edwards Professor of Egyptology at University College, London. As members will recall, Professor Martin previously visited Australia in 1985 when he lectured at various centres. He is currently Director of the Egypt Exploration Society/Leiden Expedition to the New Kingdom Necropolis at Saqqara.

In the last few years he has made significant discoveries at Saqqara including the tomb of Maya, the Treasurer of Tutankhamun.

Professor Martin will speak about his recent finds at the Conference in September.

## CONFERENCE: *SECRETS BENEATH THE SANDS OF EGYPT*

The 1995 Conference will be held on Saturday 23 September, 1995, from 9.30am to 5 pm. Professor Geoffrey Martin, our Visiting Fellow for 1995, will be one of the speakers at the Conference. Dr Colin Hope, Professor Naguib Kanawati and Dr Boyo Ockinga will also report on their latest discoveries.

## TOUR OF SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

A tour of Southern Italy and Sicily is being planned for October/November, 1995. The tour will visit sites around Naples before crossing to Sicily where a complete circle of the island will include visits to the most important sites before returning to Rome. It is then planned to visit a number of the Etruscan tombs to the north of Rome as well as exploring the monuments in Rome.

## PUBLICATIONS

*The Tombs of El-Hagarsa* vol. III is now available. This is the last in a series of three volumes describing this important site. Cost: \$35 (members \$30).

Copies of *The Tombs of El-Hagarsa*, vols. I & II are still available.

Also available are:

*The Rock Tombs of El-Hawawish*, vols. 1 - X  
*Excavations at Saqqara*, vols. I & II  
*The Ramesside Tombs at El-Mashayikh*, Pts. I & II

Australian Centre for Egyptology: Reports

1. *Quseir El-Amarna*
2. *El-Hammamiya*
3. *Meidum*
4. *El-Hagarsa*, vol. I
5. *Deshasha*
6. *El-Hagarsa*, vol. II

Australian Centre for Egyptology: Studies

1. *The Family in the XVIIIth Dynasty of Egypt*
2. *Akhmim in the Old Kingdom*

All the above publications are \$35 each (members \$30) plus \$5 postage per volume.

*A Mountain Speaks: The First Australian Excavations in Egypt* \$15 plus \$5 postage.

*The Bulletin of the Australian Centre for Egyptology*, Vols. 1 - 5  
 \$10 (members \$8) plus \$3 postage per volume.

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