



# The Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology

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DR JACOBUS VAN DIJK AND DR JULIA HARVEY

## CONFERENCE

Approximately 300 members and friends attended the weekend Conference, *BURIED FOR ETERNITY* (21-22 September) at Macquarie University.

In addition to our Visiting Fellow, Dr Jacobus Van Dijk and his wife, Dr Julia Harvey, the speakers included: Mr Paul Bentley, Mr Michael Birrell, Mrs Gael Callaghan, Mr A. Cavanagh, Mr Paul Cowie, Dr Colin Hope, Professor Naguib Kanawati, Dr Christiana Köhler, Dr Boyo Ockinga and Ms Karin Sowada.

Dr Van Dijk and Dr Harvey also took part in Egyptological activities in Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne. Their visit was extremely successful and members enjoyed their talks and meeting with them.

## **TOUR 1997 - ANCIENT EGYPT IN EUROPEAN MUSEUMS**

We remind members that the three-weeks tour of European Museums, to be led by Dr Ockinga, will leave on 24 March, 1997. An itinerary is available from Joan Beck. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required by Monday, 28 October. Balance of payment by Monday, 13 January, 1997.  
Cost: \$6,000 (plus \$100 for tips).

## **EXCAVATIONS BY MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**

With the appointment of Dr Christiana Köhler, Macquarie University has expanded its archaeological fieldwork to cover sites from the three main periods of Egyptian civilisation.

Dr Köhler will start surveying the important site of Helwan, dating from the late prehistoric period, which will shed new light on the transition from prehistoric to the historical era of Egyptian civilisation and the formation of the Egyptian state.

Professor Naguib Kanawati will continue his excavations in the Teti cemetery accompanied by a large team. Late last season the team discovered a large decorated tomb dated to the reign of Pepi I, son of Teti. Two rooms have been uncovered and these are fully decorated, but the mastaba obviously extends much further under the mound of sand and debris.

The upper level of the cemetery proved to be very rich in late intrusive burials. Although belonging to people of modest means, these burials are of great significance for the study of demographic and medical problems in ancient Egypt. The burials also are accompanied, in many cases, by objects of particular beauty and importance.

Dr Boyo Ockinga and his team completed the excavations at the tomb of Amenemope (TT148) in Thebes in December 1995/January 1996. In the coming season the material discovered will be studied and the recording completed. It is also hoped that a start can be made on the adjacent tomb of Saroy (TT233), which will require a considerable amount of preliminary conservation work.

## ***ARCHAEOLOGY OF OLD KINGDOM EGYPT***

Mr Michael Birrell will give an overview of Egyptian archaeological sites and artefacts of the Old Kingdom period on SATURDAY 30 November and SUNDAY 1 December, from 9 am to 4.30 pm.

Cost: \$180 (including lunch). Class size limited.

Enquiries: Mrs M. McGuinness - 9850 7470.

### COURSES PLANNED FOR 1997

*ARCHAEOLOGY OF NEW KINGDOM EGYPT:* Mr Michael Birrell will give an overview of Egyptian archaeological sites and artefacts of the New Kingdom period on SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 18 and 19 January, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Cost: \$180 (including lunch). Class size limited.

Enquiries: Mrs M. McGuinness - 9850 7470.

*TUTANKHAMEN: The King and His Treasures:* Mr Michael Birrell will conduct an 8-weeks course from 7-9 pm each TUESDAY, commencing 11 March. Lectures will cover the reign of Tutankhamen, the discovery of his tomb, and will also give an overview of the Amarna Period.

Cost: \$80 (members \$75).

*ANCIENT EGYPT OFF THE BEATEN TRACK:* Professor James Hoffmeier from the Department of Archaeology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. USA, will give two illustrated lectures on WEDNESDAY, 12 March, from 7 - 9.30 pm, entitled:

1. *A Visit to Unvisited Pyramids*
2. *Recent Exploration in North Sinai: Some Implications for the Israelite Exodus*

The lectures will be followed by supper when members can meet Dr Hoffmeier.

Early booking is essential. Cost: \$20 (students and pensioners \$15).

*EGYPTIAN MUMMIFICATION AND BURIAL CUSTOMS:* Mr Paul Bentley will hold a one-day Seminar on SATURDAY, 3 May, from 10 am to 5 pm. The lectures will be fully illustrated and will follow the development of tombs and pyramids and cover the history and processes of mummification and the funerary beliefs and practices.

Cost: \$50.

*THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS: An outline of Egyptian History:* Ms Rodna Siebels will conduct an 8-weeks course from 7 - 9 pm each WEDNESDAY, commencing 14 May. The course will study a dynasty by dynasty history from Pre-dynastic to Graeco-Roman times. The pyramid builders, the Hyksos period and the era of the warrior pharaohs, with special emphasis on the reigns of Hatshepsut, Akhenaten and Ramesses II.

Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

## CONFERENCE - *DIGGERS ON THE NILE*

The 1997 Conference will be held on SATURDAY, 19 July, from 10 am to 5 pm, in X5B Theatre 1. The Australian Egyptologists will discuss their excavations in the important sites of Helwan (Early Dynastic); Abu Sir (Old Kingdom); Teti Cemetery at Saqqara (Old and New Kingdoms) and Thebes (New Kingdom).

Cost: \$35 (Students and Pensioners \$25).

Enquiries: Joan Beck.

### THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee has produced a number of items which were displayed for sale at the Conference. These include a new coffee mug which has a scene from the New Kingdom tomb of Amenemope in Luxor recorded by Dr Ockinga. This is available in black or terracotta line drawings on a white background. Cost: \$8 each.

Available also are notelettes (\$2 each or 12 for \$20) and gift tags (\$1 each or 12 for \$10), with different scenes in line drawings from the Old Kingdom tomb of Nefer-seshem-Ptah at Saqqara recorded by Professor Kanawati. T-shirts (\$20 each) and sloppy-jos (\$17.50 each) with the Australian Centre for Egyptology logo, are also available.

These attractive items would be useful as Christmas gifts and greetings.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS

*THE TETI CEMETERY AT SAQQARA* - N. Kanawati et al.

This is the first volume reporting on the present excavations in the cemetery of King Teti, founder of Dynasty VI. It gives a full description of the tombs of Nedjet-em-pet (the mother of the vizier Mereruka) and Kaper, the 'Overseer-of-all-the-works-of-the-king', as well as some other objects discovered in the last two seasons.

### \* P L E A S E N O T E \*

The lecture *HEADACHES IN ANCIENT EGYPT* by Mrs Rozalind Park, scheduled for Wednesday, 4 December 1996, has had to be cancelled due to difficulties in arranging a suitable time.

**ALL ENQUIRIES: MISS JOAN BECK - (02) 9850 8848**