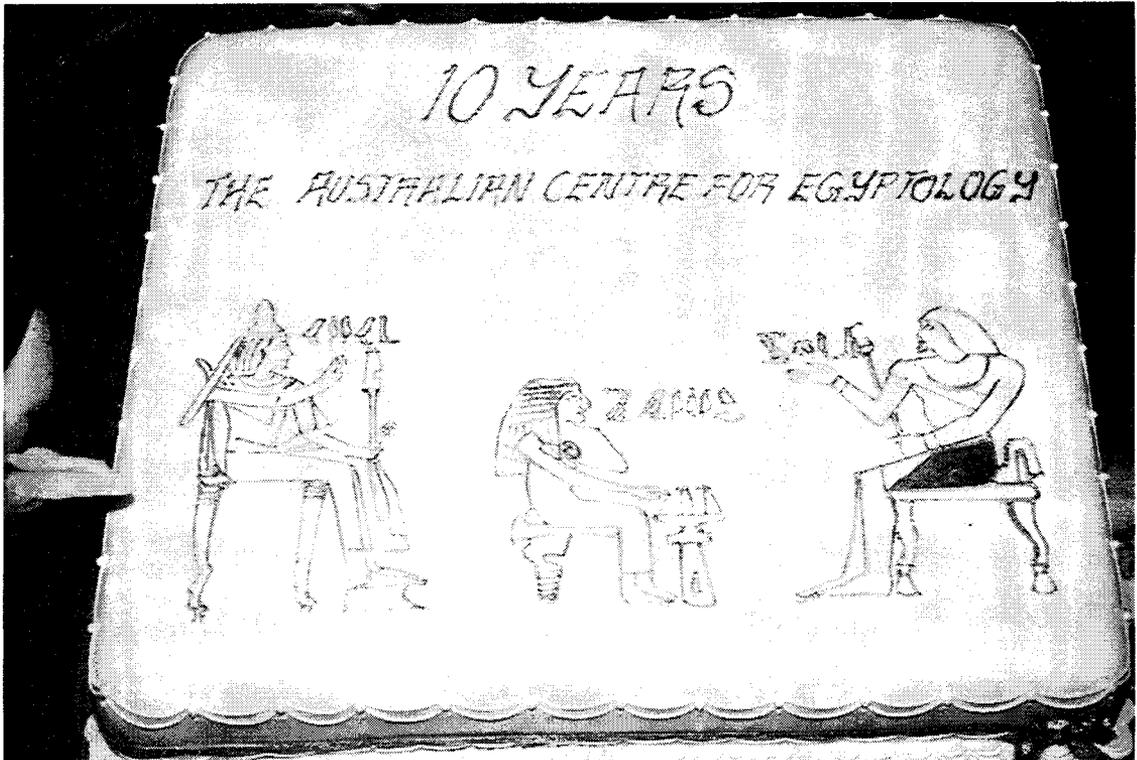




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DETAILS OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE A.C.E.

The Australian Centre for Egyptology was officially established at Macquarie University on 27th October, 1989 by an Act of Macquarie University Council. In September a function to celebrate the 10th Anniversary was held at the Melkite Catholic Centre, 80 Waterloo Street, Greenacre, which was attended by 225 members, friends and a large number of students.

To mark this occasion the Centre invited two scholars who have had long association with Egyptology at Macquarie, particularly in the period leading to the foundation of the Centre.

Professor Kenneth Kitchen, formerly of the School of Archaeology and Oriental Studies at the University of Liverpool, has visited Macquarie University twice before, in 1984 and 1989, and before that was an external supervisor and examiner of Naguib Kanawati's Ph.D. thesis. Professor Kitchen is an Egyptologist of international standing, but is particularly renowned for his research and publications on the Rammesside and the Third Intermediate periods. His talk at the celebration evening was on *Ramesses II, Traditionalist and Innovator*. The second speaker was Dr Colin Hope who also studied with Professor Kitchen in Liverpool and held a Post-Doctorate research Fellowship at Macquarie University before introducing Egyptology at Monash University, Melbourne. Dr Hope is currently excavating at Ismant el-Kharab in the Dakhleh Oasis, a site with great potential both for cemetery and settlement archaeology. His talk on the Dakhleh Oasis project covered a broad overview of the importance of the site, highlighting the cultural links and mutual influences between the Oasis and the Nile Valley from the predynastic period onward.



*From L.-R.: Prof. K. Kitchen, Dr C. Hope, Mrs R. Leal, Prof. A. Martin, Prof. B. Leal, Ms. G. Stuart, Prof. P. Cornish and Prof. D. Yerbury.*

A celebratory dinner followed the lectures at which Professor Yerbury, Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University and Chairperson of the Board of the Australian Centre for Egyptology, spoke of the achievements of the Centre in the last ten years. She outlined the archaeological projects that the Centre has undertaken and the resulting publications and wished the Centre continuing success in the decades to come.

During the short breaks the audience was able to enjoy a CD-Rom presentation, prepared by Sue Angelo and Derek Janderko, which covered in pictures and captions, the various projects undertaken by the Centre over the previous years.

The CD-Rom is now available for purchase at \$20.

The function was organised by the Activities Committee chaired by Leonie Donovan. The Centre would sincerely like to thank each and every member of the Committee for the enormous effort and detailed care invested in the organisation of the function, thus making the occasion a memorable one.

### NEW GRADUATES

The following received degrees in Egyptology at a ceremony on 23rd September.

Special congratulations to Michael Birrell who received a Ph.D. for his thesis entitled *Father of the God, Beloved of the God. The Egyptian title *it-ntr mry ntr* and the Rites of Royal Investiture.*

M.A. degrees in Egyptology were awarded to Juliette Bentley, Sarah Cook, Akkadia Ford and Louise Hollingbery. We offer congratulations to them all.

Further congratulations are due to Marie McKervey, who obtained her B.A. in May, but was unfortunately omitted from mention, for which we humbly apologise. Marie retired from her job and decided to indulge her love of Egyptology by taking her degree. Her graduation reward to herself was to join the trip to Egypt last year.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS

Now available:

*The Teti Cemetery at Saqqara, Vol. 5: The Tomb of Hesi.* N. Kanawati and M. Abderraziq.

This volume represents a full record of the tomb of the Vizier Hesi, who held office at the very end of Teti's reign and who might have been implicated in his possible assassination as a result of which his name and figures have been deliberately chiseled out.

Currently in press:

*The Teti Cemetery at Saqqara, Vol. 4: Minor Burials and other Materials.* K. Sowada, P. Bentley and T. Callaghan.

*Helwan I,* E. C. Köhler et al.

This is the first in a series of publications reporting on the archaic tombs originally excavated by Zaki Saad in the 40s and 50s, which remained largely unpublished. It also covers some interesting objects discovered by Zaki Saad currently stored in the Cairo Museum.

### **WEB SITE**

A new Egyptology Web Site has been established so that people interested in the A.C.E. and the Activities Committee can access updated information on courses offered as well as various activities in Egyptology. The address is: [www.egyptology.mq.edu.au](http://www.egyptology.mq.edu.au)

Our e-mail address is: [egyptology@hmn.mq.edu.au](mailto:egyptology@hmn.mq.edu.au)

### **TOUR OF EGYPT - JANUARY 2000**

This tour has attracted sixteen participants, which has made it viable and it will definitely be leaving on 19th January 2000. In addition to the usual tourist destinations the tour will visit the various sites being excavated by the Macquarie team.

### **MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURES OPENING HOURS**

Wednesdays, 1 - 4pm during the University semester.

### ***MERCHANDISE***

1999 Mug: COST - \$8 per mug or two for \$15, plus postage of \$3.50 per mug.

Slide sets on topics from previous Macquarie digs are available covering the Old Kingdom and the New Kingdom.

COST: \$25 plus \$3 postage per kit.

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