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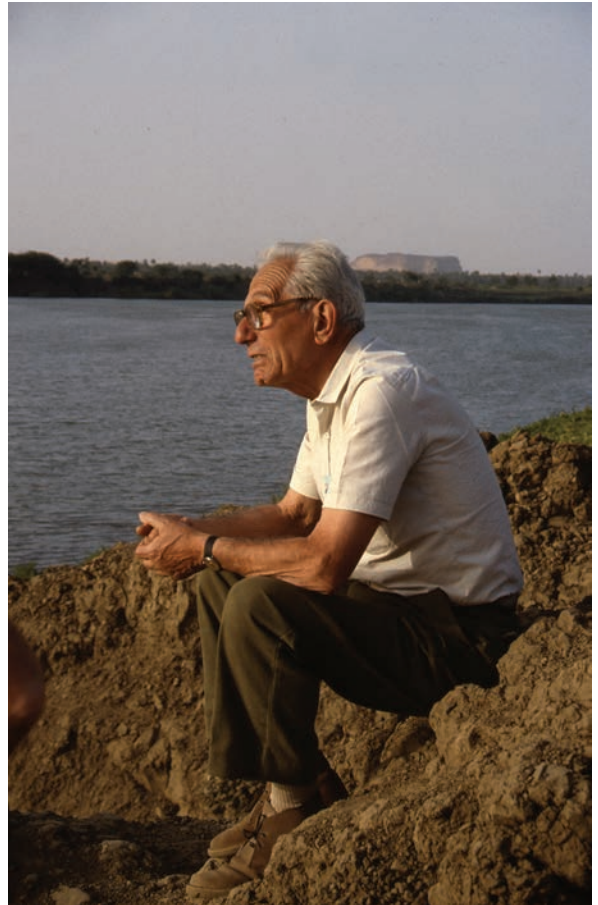
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Recognition award of the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, for the 11th International Congress of Egyptologists.



## Preface

The members of the International Association of Egyptologists chose Florence for the Eleventh edition of their International Congress. The bid was submitted by the Egyptian Museum in May 2014 and the venue selection was announced in July 18th. The Congress took place in Florence from the 23rd to the 30th August 2015 in the centre of the city, at the Department of History, Archaeology, Geography, Fine & Performing Arts (SAGAS) of the University of Florence, which joined with the Egyptian Museum in organizing this important conference. It could not have taken place in the space of one year without the tireless and effective support of the members of the Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies – Florence (CAMNES), who took practical organizational and secretarial duties upon themselves. The International Association of Egyptologists assisted us with a generous grant, which was also used for this publication, while the University of Florence offered the use of the rooms and a small refund.

The Egyptian Museum of Florence, with the Soprintendenza Archeologia della Toscana, the University Dept. SAGAS, and CAMNES collaborated in the organization, but the success of the Congress depended on the very numerous attendance of participants. After the Egyptian Ministry for Antiquities was unable to host the Congress at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, which we all regretted, seven years had elapsed since the Tenth International Congress in Rhodes. So long a period probably led so many scholars and researchers and young students to answer to our call for papers. The congress was attended by more than 800 people, and 368 papers were delivered, in six parallel sessions from August 24th to the 29th. The proposed topics were wide enough: Archaeology: current methods and fieldwork; Art & Architecture; The Egyptian Heritage Today: Conservation, Preservation, Management; History; History of Egyptology; Language, Literature & Texts; Material Culture (Pottery & Craftsmanship); Museums & Collections; Religion; Society & Kingship. A Workshop “e-Gyptology” was devoted to new technologies as applied to Egyptology. A Poster section hosted about 20 participants.

This volume is the result of that busy working week: the complete list of delivered papers is added at the end, and we are very grateful to all participants, who honored us with their presence. We wish to thank all those who agreed to send and submit us their papers for these Proceedings, and we are very happy that we are publishing here works by many young researchers and students we are setting our hopes on for our future.

We have worked hard to try to give our colleagues a rich and satisfying product of many days of intensive information, exchange, projects and encounters. If any mistakes remain, we are to blame; each author however is responsible for his opinion.

At the moment of completing our work, we wish to thank the Soprintendenza Archeologia della Toscana again warmly, which opened its garden and its Museum for us; and also the University of Florence, which welcomed us in the Orto Botanico.

Special thanks are due to the colleagues of the Scientific Committee, who helped us during the agitated period at the beginning of the enterprise, reading a large number of abstracts with us and helping us with their competence; and to the Congress Staff, who patiently helped all participants to present their data in an optimal way and with ease. Our gratitude also goes to Massimiliano Franci, who acted as our Secretary during the preparation of the Congress and of these Proceedings; and to Archaeopress, for their support.

Soon after the end of the Congress, the Italian Egyptologist community have lost two of their fathers: on September 24th, Silvio Curto; on October 31st, Sergio Donadoni. Both had agreed enthusiastically to be members of the Honorary Committee of the Congress; Donadoni was even tempted to come and deliver a paper. To their memory this volume is dedicated, with gratitude and appreciation, and with great affection.

The Editors