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ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF COPTIC STUDIES,
ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COPTIC
STUDIES, CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, 25–30 JULY 2016

The Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies was successfully held in Claremont, California, U.S.A., 25–30 July 2016. It was organized by the IACS, as one of its statutory tasks, under the direction of the Congress Secretary, Hany N. Takla (St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society [SSACS]), assisted by Prof. Gawdat Gabra and Dr. Saad Michael Saad and others.

The Congress was hosted by the Claremont Graduate University (CGU) and the SSACS. Over 270 persons from 24 countries on 6 continents were in attendance. In addition to the generous sponsorship of the co-hosting organizations, other organizations and individuals helped to make this congress as successful as it was.

The inaugural session was held at CGU's Pomona College's picturesque Bridges Hall of Music on Monday, July 25. Short welcoming addresses were delivered by the Congress Secretary, the President of CGU (Robert W. Schult), the Dean of CGU's School of Arts and Humanities (Prof. Tammi Schneider), Consul General of the Arab Republic of Egypt (H. E. Lamia Mekhimar), and the Coptic Metropolitan of Los Angeles (H. E. Metropolitan Serapion). After this, Prof. Jacques van der Vliet, President of IACS, delivered the Presidential Address about a new definition of Coptic literature and the problems inherent to its study. The remaining part of the inaugural session was dedicated to the announcement of the IACS's 2016 Awards for Academic Excellence (for details, see p. 4 below), three of the planned plenary reports by invited scholars, and four presentations on major projects being carried out in the field in Egypt, in Rome, and in Claremont. A welcoming lunch was served at the dining facilities of the GGU's neighboring Claremont McKenna College.

For the following four days, July 26–29, the Congress continued with a common session of two plenary papers each day followed by up to four parallel sessions that included about 150 short papers at different lecture halls provided by CGU. During those four days, a manuscript exhibit titled "The Legacy of Christian Egypt" was on display at CGU's Peggy Phelps Gallery and East Gallery. The exhibit was coordinated and organized by the Museum of the Bible with manuscript collections from the SSACS and the Honnold Library of the Claremont College Consortium, spanning the two thousand years of Christianity in Egypt. During the same period, CGU held an adjoining modern art exhibit of the works of a young diaspora Copt, Christine Salama, who recently graduated from CGU and whose work was honored during her attendance and also praised by scholars who usually deal more with ancient art. These exhibits included three evening receptions to introduce the three different collections on display by representatives of each of the participating entities. On Thursday evening, July 28, the Congress attendees gathered at a local Coptic Church, St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, for a dinner hosted by the Congress at the invitation of the Church.

On Saturday morning the quadrennial Business Meeting of the IACS was held in CGU's Albrecht Auditorium.

IACS AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The second International Association for Coptic Studies Awards for Academic Excellence were given at the Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies, held in Claremont in July 2016. The prize for the best submitted Ph.D. work was awarded to be shared by Esther GAREL for her dissertation at the École Pratique des Hautes Études (France), "Les testaments des supérieurs du monastère de Saint-Phoibammôn à Thèbes (VII^e siècle). Édition, traduction, commentaire," and Lorelei VANDERHEYDEN for her dissertation at the École Pratique des Hautes Études (France), "Les lettres coptes des archives de Dioscore d'Aphroditê (VI^e siècle ; Égypte)." The prize for the best submitted M.A. work was awarded to be shared between Susan PRICE for her thesis at Macquarie University (Australia), "Variation and Standardisation: A Comparative Study of the Graphemic Realisations of the Vowel-Glides between Three Early Sahidic Manuscripts and Classical Sahidic," and Katharina D. SCHRÖDER for her thesis at the Universität Münster (Germany), "Koptische Buchkultur im spätantiken Ägypten bis ins 8. Jahrhundert."

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH IACS BOARD MEETING CLAREMONT, 24 JULY 2016

Present: Jacques VAN DER VLIET (President), David BRAKKE (President-Elect), Stephen EMMEL (Secretary), Hany N. TAKLA (Congress Secretary), Heike BEHLMER, Paola BUZI, Malcolm CHOAT. Excused: Andrew CRISLIP, Peter GROSSMANN (Director, Cairo Center), Tito ORLANDI (Webmaster).

The President convened the meeting at 11:00.

1. The proposed agenda for the Board Meeting was approved.
2. The Congress Secretary reported concerning the preparations for the Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies, noting that about 270 persons had registered to participate. Various logistical matters concerning the opening session, at which the President of Claremont Graduate University will speak, the sessions, and the Business Meeting were discussed and settled.
3. The President-Elect introduced the IACS Awards for Academic Excellence competition and reported on the written evaluations and votes that he had received from several members of the Board in response to his having circulated the competing M.A. theses (four in number) and Ph.D. dissertations (seventeen in number) several

months previously. After thorough discussion, it was decided unanimously that the Ph.D. prize would be divided between Esther GAREL for her dissertation at the École Pratique des Hautes Études (France), “Les testaments des supérieurs du monastère de Saint-Phoibammôn à Thèbes (VII^e siècle),” and Lorelei VANDERHEYDEN for her dissertation at the same institution, “Les lettres coptes des archives de Dioscore d’Aphrodité (IV^e siècle; Égypte),” and that the M.A. prize would be divided between Susan PRICE for her thesis at Macquarie University (Australia), “Variation and Standardisation: A Comparative Study of the Graphemic Realisations of the Vowel-Glides between Three Early Sahidic Manuscripts and Classical Sahidic,” and Katharina D. SCHRÖDER for her thesis at the Westfälische Wilhelms Universität Münster (Germany), “Koptische Buchkultur im spätantiken Ägypten bis ins 8. Jahrhundert.” The Secretary was charged with preparing award certificates for presentation at a ceremony during the opening session of the Congress, for informing Susan PRICE, who would not be in attendance at the Congress, and for arranging the transfer of the prize money to the winners.

4. The Secretary reported on the IACS’s continued financial health as well as the strength of its membership, still above 300 in number. He reiterated his plan to make himself available throughout the Congress to members who want to pay their IACS membership fees this week in cash, accepting US \$ 25, \$ 15, and \$ 10 as equivalents for € 25, € 15, and € 12 (as already announced in IACS *Newsletter* 59, p. 3). He informed the Board that he is prepared to present at the Business Meeting the agreed upon proposal to revise the IACS Statutes (minus proposed changes to §8 of the Statutes and to the Agreement between the IACS and the CISADU, both of which changes had in the meantime become unnecessary), whereby the Editor of the *Journal of Coptic Studies* will become another Executive Officer of the IACS Board (see Minutes of the 29th Board Meeting, point 6.a, and *Newsletter* 59, pp. 6–7).

5. With regard to the IACS’s electronic discussion list COPTIST, which has not yet been revived, the Webmaster (email to the Secretary dated 2016-07-15) raised the question whether it might be acceptable to use “Google Groups” as a substitute platform for his server (which he prefers not to use for an email list). Several significant objections were made to the idea, and on that basis it was rejected. The Board agrees that it remains a desideratum to restart a COPTIST email list on a listserv somewhere and eventually also to “professionalize” the IACS website.

6. Paola BUZI reported on the progress of the publication of *ICCOptS 9–10 (Cairo 2008, Rome 2012)*. Peeters, the publisher, has informed the Secretary (email dated 2016-07-22) that “there will be a copy of the proceedings, printed and bound, available at the conference.”

7. Concerning the *Journal of Coptic Studies*, the Secretary noted the continued regular appearance of volumes under the editorship of Anne BOUD’HORS, and reported

her stated willingness to continue as Editor-in-Chief for the next four years (email to the Secretary dated 2016-07-11).

8. The Secretary reported that Alain DELATTRE is prepared to present at the Business Meeting a formal invitation to the IACS to hold its Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies at the Université libre de Bruxelles in 2020 (email dated 2016-07-08).

9. With regard to a request from Maher EISSA and Louay Mahmoud SAIED regarding the creation in Egypt of an “Arabic branch for the IACS,” the Board reiterated its policy that it does not establish branches, but does accept local Coptic studies groups (such as the Association francophone de coptologie and the Canadian Society for Coptic Studies/Société canadienne pour les études coptes) as institutional members. The President agreed to reply to the request in this sense.

10. The Board briefly discussed the status of the IACS’s “Cairo Center,” based on a report sent by the Director of the Cairo Center to the Secretary (email dated 2016-07-23). According to that report, Peter GROSSMANN is willing to be nominated for the position of Director for another four-year term.

11. The Nominations Committee was constituted in accordance with the IACS Statutes §5: Jacques VAN DER VLIET (President), David BRAKKE (President-Elect), Hany N. TAKLA (Congress Secretary), Stephen EMMEL (Secretary), Tito ORLANDI (Webmaster), and Paola BUZI and Malcolm CHOAT (continuing Members at Large); excused: Peter GROSSMANN (Director, Cairo Center). The Committee agreed to meet on Thursday or Friday, as circumstances allow.

12. Tito ORLANDI re: CMCL (email to the Secretary dated 2014-06-18): no action. It was noted that digital humanities is a significant item in the program of the Congress on Thursday afternoon.

13. Elizabeth S. BOLMAN re: online index of articles in the *Bulletin de la Société d’archéologie copte* (email to the Secretary dated 2016-07-11 and 2013-08-08): no action. It was suggested that the Secretary might speak to Prof. BOLMAN about this topic during the Congress.

14. Malcolm CHOAT raised again the topic of the American Society of Papyrologists’s “Resolution Concerning the Illicit Trade in Papyri” (2007) and the American Schools of Oriental Research’s “Policy on Professional Conduct” (2015), especially pp. 4–6; cf. Minutes of the 29th Board Meeting, point 9. The Board’s attention was drawn to several additional such initiatives, by the Association internationale de papyrologues (<http://www.ulb.a.c.be/assoc/aip/> [Working Party on Commerce in Papyri: Recommendations]) and the Society for Classical Studies (<https://classicalstudies.org/about/scs-statement-professional-ethics> [SCS Statement on Professional Ethics]). After discussion, it was decided that Malcolm CHOAT and Paola BUZI should work together to develop a concrete idea or proposal to present to the Board at its

32nd Meeting, possibly with a view toward organizing a relevant event of some kind at the Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies (Brussels 2020).

15. Some items for a provisional agenda for the 11th Business Meeting of the IACS, to be held on July 30, were discussed. The Secretary will prepare a final agenda during the course of the week.

16. The Thirteenth International Congress of Coptic Studies, 2024. The Secretary reported that two proposals have been received, one from Melbourne, Australia (Bishop Suriel and Prof. Peter Sherlock), the other from the Universität Göttingen, Germany (Prof. Dr. Heike Behlmer, Dr. Alin Suciu, and Dr. Frank Feder).

17. Other business. It was agreed that the next Board Meeting will be held immediately after the Business Meeting at the end of the Congress.

The President adjourned the meeting at 16:20.

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING OF THE IACS
CLAREMONT, 30 JULY 2016 (at the end of the Eleventh International
Congress of Coptic Studies), JACQUES VAN DER VLIET presiding

The President convened the meeting at 10:00.

1. The President thanked all the individuals and institutions who made the Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies in Claremont both possible and successful, in particular Hany N. TAKLA (Congress Secretary) and his staff, including Amany Hanna and her volunteers from the Saint Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society and the members of its Board, as well as the Claremont Graduate University, represented especially by: President Robert Schult; Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities Tammi Schneider; Provost and Executive Vice-President Jacob Adams; Vice-President for Advancement Ernie Iseminger; Director of Events and Stewardship Kathleen Fariss (Office of Advancement); Special Projects Coordinator Cindy Bierman (Provost's Office); and Special Events Coordinator Melissa Fitzpatrick (School of Arts and Humanities). The Members greeted the President's statement with a long period of applause.

2. The members of the IACS deceased after the previous congress (2012) were silently commemorated: Aelred CODY, GIRGIS DAUD GIRGIS, Rodolphe KASSER, Karl Heinz KUHN, Leslie S. B. MACCOULL, Marian ROBERTSON-WILSON, James M. ROBINSON, and Karlheinz SCHÜSSLER.

3. The Secretary presented the financial report for the four-year period 2012–2016 (31.08.12–30.06.16): see the accompanying table. He noted that there has continued to be an increase in the number of IACS members, with the current total at about

International Association for Coptic Studies – Münster Secretariat
 Financial Report for 31.08.2012–30.06.2016
 (10th Business Meeting – 11th Business Meeting)

<u>BALANCE</u> as of 31.08.12 (10th Business Meeting):	€ 14.740,70				
		\$ 10.659,02			
<u>INCOME (€)</u>	<u>01.09–31.12.2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015 01.01–30.06.2016</u>	
Membership fees					
gross	€ 4.361,00	3.746,40	246,00	5.734,43	497,00
less bank charges	-15,00	-105,00	-10,00	-123,00	-5,00
Total	€ 4.346,00	3.641,40	236,00	5.611,43	492,00 = € +14.326,83
<u>INCOME (\$)</u>					
Membership fees					
gross	\$ 261,00	711,68	42,00	1.197,43	65,00
less bank charges	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	-5,45
Total	\$ 261,00	711,68	42,00	1.197,43	59,55 = \$ +2.271,66
<u>EXPENSES (€)</u>					
Payments to SAC	€ 0,00	1.045,97	426,24	35,26	669,04
Office supplies	0,00	169,91	0,00	62,00	3,29
Bank fees	147,12	364,36	251,90	286,19	153,04
JCoptS	0,00	87,00	0,00	6.000,00	2.000,00
Printing (NL 57–59)	0,00	228,00	0,00	239,50	0,00
Postage	42,55	788,02	26,85	605,74	12,30
Board expenses	277,00	0,00	112,85	0,00	0,00
Awards Acad. Excellence	3.000,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total	€ 3.466,67	2.683,26	817,84	7.228,69	2.837,67 = € -17.034,13

Balance €	€	+14.740,70	
+ Income		+14.326,83	
- Expenses		-17.034,13	
+ Transfer \$ → € on 21.07.15		+ 3.673,43	
= Balance forward (30.06.2016)	€	+15.706,83	
Balance \$	\$	+10.659,02	
+ Income		+ 2.271,66	
- Expenses		-0,00	
- Transfer \$ → € on 21.07.15		- 4.000,00	
= Balance forward (30.06.2016)	\$	+ 8.930,68	
Balance € (30.06.2016)	€	15.706,83	change of € +966,13 since 2012
Balance \$ (30.06.2016)	\$	8.930,68	change of \$ -1.728,34 since 2012
Total change of approximately € -590,24 (approximation due to fluctuating exchange rate from \$ to €)			

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Emmel, Secretary

Claremont, 30 July 2016

350. Understanding that the Secretary's financial report must still be audited by someone who is not a member of the IACS Board, in accordance with German law, the Members approved it.

4. The Members confirmed by acclamation all the new IACS members that had been elected by the Board since the 2012 Congress: Father ANTHONY ST SHENOUDA, Michael BESHAY, Lincoln H. BLUMELL, A. Josiah CHAPPELL, Eric CRÉGHEUR, Gregor EMMENEGGER, Patricia ESHAGH, George GHALY, Brice C. JONES, Christine LUCKRITZ MARQUIS, Magi MADSEN-HERNANDEZ, Ramez MIKHAIL, Ivan MIROSHNIKOV, So MIYAGAWA, Elina PERTILÄ, Monica RENÉ, Hind SALAH EL-DIN, Joseph SANZO, Katharina D. SCHRÖDER, Matthias H. O. SCHULZ, Gillian SPALDING-STRACEY, Ian A. SUNDWALL-BUYERS, Bishop Anba SURIEL, Paula Jean TUTTY, Donald A. WESTBROOK, Mark WILDISH, Amir ZELDES.

5. Publication of *ICCOptS 11 (Claremont 2016)*. The Congress Secretary, Hany N. TAKLA, who will coordinate the editing of the Rome Congress Acts, announced that information about the planned publication by Peeters Press (Leuven, Belgium) has already been posted on the Congress website, including guidelines for the preparation of papers for submission. The selection of papers for publication will be made by means of anonymous peer review.

6. Publication of *ICCOptS 9 (Cairo 2008)* plenary reports and *ICCOptS 10 (Rome 2012)*. The President reported that Peeters Press had displayed at its table during the Congress the first bound copy of the two-volume publication, which Congress participants could now order at a discount price.

7. Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies in 2020. The President announced that the Board has accepted an invitation from the Université libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels) to hold the next International Congress of Coptic Studies in Brussels, Belgium, and invited Alain DELATTRE to address the Members on this topic. Prof. DELATTRE reported that he has been charged by his university with organizing the Congress, and he briefly described the meeting and living facilities that are available at and near the university campus. On behalf of his university he invited the IACS Members to Brussels in summer 2020. The invitation was accepted by the Members with acclamation.

8. IACS Awards for Academic Excellence 2020. The President had announced the awards and as a part of the opening ceremony of the Congress on Monday morning (see Minutes of the 30th Board Meeting, point 3) handed certificates to the three of the four winners who were present (the fourth will receive her certificate by some suitable means). The President announced that there will be a new round of IACS Awards for Academic Excellence before the Congress in 2020, open to competition for M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertations from the years 2016 through 2019.

9. The President announced that the Board now has two proposals for hosting the Thirteenth International Congress of Coptic Studies in 2024, from: St Athanasius College and the University of Divinity in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; and the University of Göttingen. Louay Mahmoud SAIED requested that the Board consider also the proposal that had been previously submitted by the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria, Egypt, for the Congress in 2020, thus making it a third proposal for 2024. It is too early to make any decision about the location of the Congress in 2024. The Board will consider this matter during the coming years, before the Congress in 2020.

10. The President thanked Anne BOUD'HORS for her Editorship of the IACS's *Journal of Coptic Studies* since 2013 (vols. 15 [2013] – 17 [2015]), and for her expressed readiness to continue with this responsibility.

11. The President proposed the following revision of the IACS Statutes, which had already been duly announced to the Members in advance of the Business Meeting. In presenting the Board's proposal, the Secretary explained that the revision has as its sole purpose the addition of the position of Editor of the *Journal of Coptic Studies* to the Board of the IACS, as an Executive Officer.

§4.b. Executive Officers: The Board proposes that the existing sentence "There will be six non-permanent officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Congress Secretary, Webmaster, and the Director of the Cairo Center of the Association" be altered so as to read as follows: *There will be seven non-permanent officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Congress Secretary, Webmaster, Director of the Cairo Center of the Association, and Editor of the Journal of Coptic Studies.*

Ibid.: Concomitantly, the existing sentence "Only the Secretary, the Webmaster, and the Director of the Cairo Center are subject to reelection without intervening term" should be altered so as to read as follows: *Only the Secretary, the Webmaster, the Director of the Cairo Center, and the Editor of the Journal of Coptic Studies are subject to reelection without intervening term.*

§5. Board: The Board proposes that the existing sentences "The Board . . . responsible for the Association's activity between Congresses. It holds stated meetings just before and after each Congress" be altered so as to read as follows: *The Board . . . responsible for the Association's activity between Congresses, including serving as the Editorial Board of the Journal of Coptic Studies (which the Association founded in 1988 in cooperation with the publishers Peeters in Leuven). The Board holds stated meetings just before and after each Congress.*

Ibid.: The Board proposes that the existing sentence "The Nominations Committee will be formed by the President, the President-Elect, the Congress Secretary, the Secretary, the Webmaster, the Director of the Cairo Center, and the two continuing board members at large" be altered so as to read as follows: *The Nominations Committee will be formed by the President, the President-Elect, the Congress Secretary,*

the Secretary, the Webmaster, the Director of the Cairo Center, the Editor of the Journal of Coptic Studies, and the two continuing board members at large.

The Members approved the proposed revision of the Statutes unanimously.

12. The Members elected a new IACS Board (2016–2020) by unanimously approving the nominations made by the Nominations Committee, namely:

President-Elect:	Heike BEHLMER
Secretary:	Stephen EMMEL
Webmaster:	Tito ORLANDI
Director, Cairo Center:	Peter GROSSMANN
Congress Secretary:	Alain DELATTRE
Editor, <i>JCoptS</i>	Anne BOUD'HORS
Members at Large (2 terms):	Elisabeth R. O'CONNELL Caroline T. SCHROEDER

David BRAKKE succeeds as the new President. Paola BUZI and Malcolm CHOAT, elected in 2012, continue as Board Members at Large for a second term.

13. Other business

a. Mark N. SWANSON proposed that the IACS offer its congratulations to the Egyptian Ministry of Education and the President of Alexandria University upon the establishment of an Institute of Coptic Studies.

b. Saad Michael SAAD expressed congratulations to the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's Center of Coptic Studies and spoke of the importance of encouraging others in the pursuit of Coptic studies, including by means of publicity for the IACS and the *Journal of Coptic Studies* through the use of modern technology and social media.

14. The President expressed his thanks to all the members of the previous Board for their collegial and effective collaboration. The Members approved with acclamation. The President also expressed his best wishes to David BRAKKE as the new President of the IACS and to the new IACS Board.

15. David BRAKKE expressed the thanks of the IACS Members to Jacques van der VLIET for his fulfillment of the duties of the President, and also to Hany N. TAKLA for his successful conception and organization of the Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies. He spoke of his pleasure, as President-Elect, in coordinating the 2016 IACS Awards for Academic Excellence, not least because of the gratifying quality of the many theses and dissertations that were submitted to the competition. Finally, he wished all the Members in attendance at the Business Meeting "safe travels" back to their homes.

The President adjourned the meeting at 10:45.

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST IACS BOARD MEETING
CLAREMONT, 30 JULY 2016

Present: David BRAKKE (President), Heike BEHLMER (President-Elect) Stephen EMMEL (Secretary), Alain DELATTRE (Congress Secretary) Paola BUZI, Malcolm CHOAT. Excused: Anne BOUD'HORS (Editor, *JCoptS*) Peter GROSSMANN (Director, Cairo Center) Elisabeth R. O'CONNELL, Tito ORLANDI (Webmaster), Caroline T. SCHROEDER.

The President convened the meeting at 11:30.

1. The agenda for the Board Meeting was set. The President thanked the Secretary for all his work on behalf of the IACS and its Board.
2. IACS Awards for Academic Excellence. The Secretary announced that he would arrange to transfer the financial awards to the three winners of the 2012–2015 prize competition soon after his return to Münster. It was agreed that the President (who as President-Elect had coordinated the 2012–2015 competition) should write to the non-winning prize-competitors, thanking them for their participation and wishing them well. There was a brief, preliminary discussion with the new President-Elect about the coordination of the 2016–2019 award competition.
3. Topics concerning the IACS's website and electronic mailing list, as well as other matters to do with Coptic studies in the era of "digital humanities" (see Minutes of the 30th Board Meeting, point 5), were, in the absence of the Webmaster and others, postponed until the next meeting of the Board (in 2018).
4. The President reported on a message that he had just received from Maher EISSA (following up on a conversation at the end of the Business Meeting) inquiring about the possibility of collaboration with the IACS on organizing a "congress for Coptic studies . . . in 2018 . . . at Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria." After thorough discussion, it was agreed that the President should (in consultation with the Board via email) send a response expressing agreement in principle, but requiring (in view of the IACS's limited resources, both financial and in terms of time) clarification of exactly what role the IACS is being asked to play in the organization of such a meeting.
5. The Board reviewed the events of the IACS's Eleventh Congress, judging it to have been very successful. The Board confirmed its continuing belief that the plenary reports are of benefit to the progress of Coptic studies and expressed satisfaction with the way that panels had been integrated into the program of the Congress. The Board prepared a list of scholars to be invited to deliver plenary reports on the following topics at the next Congress (the order of the topics is without significance):
 - Coptic archeology (2016–2020)
 - Coptic linguistics (2016–2020)

Coptic art, including museology (2016–2020)
 Coptic literature (2016–2020)
 Copto-Arabic studies (2016–2020)
 Egyptian monasticism (2016–2020)
 Coptic documentary papyrology (2016–2020)
 Coptic codicology and paleography (2012–2020)
 Coptic magical texts etc. (2016–2020)
 Coptic liturgy (2012–2020)
 Modern Coptic studies (2016–2020)
 Christian Nubia (2008–2020)

Topics that might be treated at the Congress in 2024 thus include: Shenoutean studies (2012–2024), Coptic Bible (2016–2024), Coptic history and historiography (2016–2024), Coptic epigraphy (2016–2024), Gnosticism and Manichaeism in Egypt (2016–2024), and Coptic and digital humanities (2016–2024).

Additionally, the expectation was repeated (see Minutes of the 30th Board Meeting, point 14) that Malcolm CHOAT and Paola BUZI will work together to develop a concrete idea or proposal concerning the issue of illicit trade in papyri (and related problems) to present to the Board at its 32nd Meeting, possibly with a view toward organizing a relevant event of some kind at the Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies.

The dates for the Twelfth Congress in Brussels were set for Monday through Saturday, 13–18 July 2020.

6. The President charged the Secretary with the task of writing letters to the Egyptian Ministry of Education and the President of Alexandria University in accordance with a proposal made at the Business Meeting (see Minutes of the Eleventh Business Meeting, point 13.a).

7. The Secretary promised to prepare and send to all members of the Board the new IACS letterhead for their use in conducting IACS business.

8. The place of the next Board Meeting was set for Brussels, with an exact date in 2018 to be set in due course (probably July).

The President adjourned the meeting at 13:00.

NOTES FROM THE IACS SECRETARIAT

The Secretary apologizes for the long delay in publishing this issue of the *Newsletter*, as well as in sending out the annual IACS fee statements; fee statements will follow soon after this *Newsletter*. I will do my best to bring out the 2016–2018 issues

of the *Newsletter* quickly, with the minutes of the IACS Board Meeting that was held in July 2018, a complete list of current IACS members.

Your most recent paid-up dues year appears on the printed IACS mailing label. As used with this Newsletter, these labels reflect payments received up to the end of November 2018. It may be helpful for some members to find here the requisite information for making a direct transfer (German “Überweisung”) to the IACS bank account (as of 1 February 2013, IBAN and BIC are to be used even for Überweisungen inside of Germany, as part of the European-wide system of “SEPA-transactions”):

Account name:	INTL ASSOC COPTIC STUDIES
Bank name:	POSTBANK DORTMUND
International bank account number (IBAN):	DE22 4401 0046 0009 0404 67
BIC / S.W.I.F.T. code:	PBNKDEFF

(But for those whose banks have not yet switched over to the new system, the old numbers are: 9040467 [account number] and 44010046 [bank code].) The annual dues are as follows: Normal or Institutional Member € 25; Student Member € 15; Retired Member or Friend of the IACS € 12. Be sure always to indicate your name and the year(s) for which you are paying. Also please keep us informed of address changes or changes in your membership status.

For news about the Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies, to be held in Brussels, 13–18 July 2020, there is now a Congress website where all necessary information will be posted during the coming months, beginning in February 2019; at present only the Welcome/Bienvenue page is active (French: http://dev.ulb.be/philolo/lla/IACS_Congress.html; English: http://dev.ulb.be/philolo/lla/IACS_Congress_ENGL.html).

LIST OF IACS MEMBERS WITH NEW POSTAL AND/OR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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OBITUARY NOTICES

We are saddened to have to report the deaths of four of our members. Aelred Cody died on 11 May 2015, and Leslie S. B. MacCoull on 26 August 2015. Prof. Cody and Dr. MacCoull were both charter members of the IACS. James M. Robinson died on 22 March 2016. Prof. Robinson was one of the founders of the IACS in Cairo in 1976, one of its charter members, and an Honorary President of the Association since the year 2000; an obituary has been published in *JCOptS* 18 (2016) xiii–xvii by Charles W. Hedrick. His Grace Bishop Epiphanius Almacary died tragically on 29 July 2018.