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*Topographical Bibliography of Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphic Texts,  
Statues, Reliefs and Paintings*

The Editor's Report for the period  
October 11, 2007 to October 17, 2008

**1. Staff.**

The staff (Jaromir Malek, Elizabeth Fleming and Alison Hobby) also administers the Archive which takes up about 20% of their working time.

The *Topographical Bibliography* staffing situation did not improve during the period covered by this report. The amount of publishing in Egyptology increases remorselessly while expectations of the users are rising steadily. I hope that the Committee of Management is aware of the fact that the situation is becoming critical and that in their forward planning they budget for a second Egyptologist to work on the *Bibliography* for at least part of the week.

Although editing the *Bibliography* is a specialized Egyptological project regarded as one of the most important in the subject, my two assistants, Elizabeth Fleming and Alison Hobby, are only on 04S G4 and 06S G6 standard grades. Diana Magee, who is a qualified Egyptologist, worked on a part-time basis (two days a week) during the period covered by this report. She concentrated exclusively on analysis of specialized Egyptological periodicals and on the hieroglyphic name index for the current *Bibliography* volume. Her work was financed by a grant from the John Fell Fund. After twenty-six years as a member of the *Topographical Bibliography*, Dr Magee's participation comes to an end at the end of December 2008 and the amount of knowledge and experience which we shall lose will be very great. Lindsay Charlesworth did some very limited part-time typing for the conversion of our hand-written records for periodicals into computerized files.

Kimberly Ralph, a second (now third) year Egyptology student, helped with the hieroglyphic name index as a volunteer for about 3 hours a week during term. Her work was excellent. We were also helped by Alice Reid, again for about 3 hours a week during term. Three other undergraduate students began working with us in a similar way but after a few weeks discovered that the demands of their study were such that they were unable to continue. Unless they are prepared to commit themselves for a longer period, inexperience makes it very difficult to use student volunteer help.

**2. Topographical Bibliography 8.3.**

Part 3 of Volume 8 (*Objects of Provenance Not Known. Stelae: Early Dynastic Period to Dynasty XVII*),

by Jaromir Malek, assisted by Elizabeth Fleming, Alison Hobby and Diana Magee (xxii+470 pages), was published in November 2007, in time for submission for the RAE.

### **3. Maintenance of the main *Topographical Bibliography* records.**

Bringing the main *Topographical Bibliography* records up to date occupied most of our time after November 2007. The need to complete Volume 8 Part 3 in time for submission for the RAE meant that practically all our effort had in the preceding period focussed on the preparation of the manuscript while the more general aspects of the work had to be put aside. This situation is now being rectified so that we get back to the normal methodic approach.

Work on the conversion of the old records in the form of hand-written index cards to electronic files continued, especially for references from periodicals.

### **4. The EPIC database.**

The EPIC (Egyptological Publications in Computer) database, which lists publications in Egyptology analyzed by us for the purposes of the *Topographical Bibliography* since 1980, continued to be maintained as usual. The database is provided with key-words referring to the publications' content. At present, EPIC contains some 19,000 entries.

### **5. *Topographical Bibliography 8 (Objects of Provenance Not Known) Part 4 (Stelae: Dynasty XVIII to the Roman Period)*.**

The preparation of the text of Part 4 of Volume 8 is now the main focus of our attention. This will be a considerably larger publication than the previous part. At present, we see the completion of the text so that it is ready for printing sometime in May 2009. All working files which show the progress of our work can be seen as pdf files on the Griffith Institute's web pages (<http://www.griffith.ox.ac.uk/gri/3stelae.html>).

### **6. *Topographical Bibliography 8 (Objects of Provenance Not Known) Parts 1 and 2 (Statues)*.**

A regularly updated version of this volume, originally published in 1999, is available on <http://www.griffith.ox.ac.uk/gri/3statues.html>.

### **7. Requests for information.**

These have been answered in the usual way. Several scholars have made trips to Oxford to consult our records for more general queries.

### **8. Other activities related to the *Topographical Bibliography*.**

JM read papers on 'Memphis and its environs: The historical footprint' at *Memphis in the First Two Millennia* conference at Macquarie University in Sydney on 14 August, 2008, another on 'Small as well as large, but all perfectly formed. Memphite monuments so far', also at Macquarie on 16 August, and on 'Memphis during the Amarna Period' at Monash University, Melbourne, on 17 August, 2008.

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