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***Topographical Bibliography of Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphic Texts,  
 Statues, Reliefs and Paintings***  
**The Editor's Report for the period**  
**October 18, 2008 to October 14, 2009**

## 1. Staff.

The staff (Jaromir Malek, Elizabeth Fleming and Alison Hobby) also administers the Archive which takes up about 10% of their working time.

The *Topographical Bibliography* staffing situation continued to be less than satisfactory during the period covered by this report. The number of Egyptological publications increases steadily while expectations of the users, fuelled by the ease of electronic access, are rising disproportionately.

Although the *Bibliography* is generally regarded as one of the most important projects in Egyptology, I remain the only full-time Egyptologist. I continued to be fortunate in having two excellent assistants, Mrs Elizabeth Fleming and Mrs Alison Hobby. Dr Diana Magee, who is a qualified Egyptologist, worked as a consultant on a part-time basis (two days a week) for eleven months of last year. She concentrated exclusively on analysis of specialized Egyptological periodicals. Her consultancy contract has now come to an end and I should like to appeal to the Committee to offer her another period of consultancy starting from the beginning of November. She has been the only other qualified Egyptologist on the *Topographical Bibliography* team and the amount of knowledge and experience acquired in the past twenty-seven years, which we would lose if she left the project, would be very great.

Lindsay Charlesworth's part-time typing on the conversion of our hand-written records for periodicals into computerized files has been very limited and has, more or less, ceased to exist.

Miss Kimberly Ralph, a third year Egyptology student, helped us with the hieroglyphic name index as an unpaid volunteer for about 3 hours a week during the Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. She was joined by Miss Emma Rendell who continued working with us in Trinity Term.

Dr Hana Navratilova worked as a volunteer for two days a week from October 2008 until July 2009; her work was financed by the Anglo-Czech Educational Fund and her contribution to the project was invaluable.

## 2. *Topographical Bibliography* 8 (*Objects of Provenance Not Known*) Part 4 (Stelae:

### **Dynasty XVIII to the Roman Period).**

The work on Part 4 of Volume 8 continued and is the main focus of attention but the volume is proving to be much larger than originally envisaged. The material included in it has never been systematically presented, and was often never properly evaluated, and accurate estimates of the size of the task are difficult. The text which has already been prepared and indices which have provisionally been generated amount to date to some 650 publication-formatted pages, and the final figure will be still higher. We hope to complete the text in the Spring of 2010.

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

Although most of our effort is concentrated on the preparation of the new volume, it is essential to maintain the main records. Unfortunately, the staffing situation is causing serious difficulties and the work of Dr Magee as a consultant concentrating on this aspect of work is of crucial importance.

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

Our 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 close to 20,000 entries which have been passed on to the Editors of the *Online Egyptological Bibliography*.

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

This volume, published in 1999, is maintained as a computerized file so that any future publications, standard or online, can present a completely updated version of the text.

### **6. *Topographical Bibliography* working files online.**

Some of our working files are being made available as pdf files online (<http://www.griffith.ox.ac.uk/gri/3biblist.html>). Currently they consist of the lists for the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (1161 pages), some 80 periodicals analyzed in detail and several lists for major private collections,

### **6. Requests for information.**

With the improved ease of access, especially by email, requests for information have increased very substantially. These have been answered in the usual way. Several scholars have made trips to Oxford to consult our records for more general queries.

Jaromir Malek

Editor of the *Topographical Bibliography* and Keeper of the Archive

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