

ing. The third volume, and every second one thereafter, will be devoted to a particular theme (e.g., Mamluk architecture, iconography, ornaments, mosques, etc.). The annual will also include bibliographic surveys, field notes, regional news, exhibition reports, museum and university news, and other similar information; and the editors would be pleased to receive items in these categories as well.

For the initial two volumes the Editorial Board is particularly interested in attracting articles on Islamic architecture of the Eastern Muslim world (Indian subcontinent, Indonesia, Malaysia) and on contemporary design and urban problems in the developing Muslim countries.

Articles should be brief (around 30 typed, double-spaced pages) and limited to about 20 illustrations. English will be the primary language of the journal, but French is permitted; languages in other alphabets will be limited to essential use for inscriptions and the like. The deadline for receiving copy for any given volume is September 15.

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National Committee to Honor Islam's Fourteenth Centennial

The American non-profit organization, formed to celebrate the 14th centennial of Islam ("Islam Centennial Fourteen"), is publishing a Newsletter in which it describes its activities; and also other organizations' activities, programs, conferences and exhibits on Islam and Islamic culture. To find out about this organization and its Newsletter, write: National Committee to Honor the Fourteenth Centennial of Islam, 1516 "P" St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Society for Coptic Archaeology at Cairo

Founded in 1934, the Society for Coptic Archaeology is the world's only learned body dedicated exclusively to research and publication in all fields of Coptic studies from antiquity to the present day. The Society's premises in the Abbassiya district of Cairo house a research library of some 10,000 volumes in European languages and Arabic, over 125 past and current periodical titles, off-print and pamphlet collections, and microforms with readers. The physical plant includes administrative offices, library stack areas, and space for readers. Up to now the Society's main goals have been building up its library to serve as a center in which research works can be created and the highest professional standards passed on to students in the field; and publication of a periodical, monograph series, and archaeological reports. The 23rd volume of the Society's *Bulletin* is in press, and the 24th is in preparation—we welcome contributions from *MESA Bulletin* readers! This *Bulletin* now serves as the organ of the International Association for Coptic Studies. Articles cover every branch of research in the Coptic field. The Society's principal monograph series, *Textes et Documents*, concentrates, as its name implies, upon publication of source material and full-length historical studies.

The Society looks back with particular pride on its principal undertaking of fieldwork, the excavation of the Monastery of S. Phoebammon site near Hermonthis (Western Thebes). We earnestly hope to find the funding to undertake the field investigation of two more sites:

- Deir Abu Fana in Middle Egypt, a sizable monastic foundation;
- the systematically untouched mound of Aphrodito (modern Kom Ishqaw) near Assiut, which was the chance find-spot early in this century of our two main collections of Byzantine documentary papyri.