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EDITORIAL FOREWORD

In behalf of the editorial board and the administration of the faculty of Archaeology – Fayoum University, we are proud to present the first issue of the journal of the Faculty of Archaeology – Fayoum University (*SHEDET*). With this journal, we are opening a new era of scientific publication in Egypt, designed to reach people all over the world, and to be judged according to international standards of excellence.

Presenting the first issue of *SHEDET* comes with a sense of happiness and challenge: happiness in being able to provide our readers with an issue of select and refereed intellectual contributions, and challenge in trying to sustain this journal and provide publications of international quality. Of course help is need from scholars and researchers all over the world in the field of archaeology, to be able to continue and sustain producing this publication. The continuation of this journal is vitally important, as it is one of very few scientifically reviewed journals dedicated to Archaeology in Egypt

The main scope of the *SHEDET* journal is various aspects of ancient Egyptian, Islamic and Coptic Archaeology, conservation, museology, and heritage (concerning language, literature, history, art, and related subjects, before the modern period. It aims to publish investigations that contribute to the enlargement of knowledge or the advancement of scholarly interpretation.

Finally, we would like to thank all contributors to the successful publication on this new journal for their support and collegial collaboration, and express our hopes for more successful issues to come. We must also thank all the editorial team and advisory board for all their efforts.

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