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INTRODUCTION

The Delta Survey Workshop began as part of the Special Delta Survey Project of the Egypt Exploration Society funded by the British Academy and organised by Dr Jeffery Spencer and Dr Patricia Spencer in collaboration with the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities. The first five workshops were held in Cairo at the British Council and in the Zamalek lecture theatre of the Ministry, with the first in spring 2009. Each workshop has benefitted from the exchange of archaeological information between colleagues working all over the Nile Delta, from the chance to meet old and new friends and to support each other in our endeavours to record, research and disseminate our archaeological and historical work in the northern provinces of Egypt.

The Fifth Delta Survey Workshop was held in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina on 6th-7th April 2017 in collaboration with the Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies and the Sixth Delta Survey Workshop was held in collaboration with the University of Mansoura on 11th-12th April 2019. The papers in this volume reflect the breadth of presentations given at the two conferences.

The Delta Survey project was established in order to gather information, often of the most basic kind, from the numerous archaeological sites in the Egyptian Delta and to make it available to the local authorities and interested scholars. The kind of data gathered at the sites ranges from basci observations, photographica and visual inspection, to satellite data and images, topographical and magnetic mapping, drill augers and material culture recording. Subsequently, some sites have been the subject of more detailed excavation projects. The information is held by the Egypt Exploration Society at: www.ees.ac.uk/delta-survey. Part of the remit of the project was to hold a biennial workshop to bring together those carrying out archaeological work in the Delta in order to share information and discuss themes and topics common to the Delta work. These Proceedings are the first publication arising from the Workshops and, hopefully, not the last. The collegial atmosphere of the workshops have been much appreciated over the years and seen new generations of fieldworkers emerge.

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In Mansoura we thank Professor Dr Ashraf Abdel Basset, President of Mansoura University, Professor Ashraf Abdel Hafez, the Vice-President for Postgraduate Studies and Research, Professor Reda Sayed Ahmed, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Mahmoud El-Giedy, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Maha el-Seguini, former Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies and Research and coordinator, Professor Mosa'ad Salama, Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies and Research, Professor Mohamed el Kenawy, former President of the University, Professor Ashraf

Sewilem, the former Vice-President for Postgraduate Studies and Research and the staff of the Department of Egyptology, Faculty of Arts, Mansoura University.

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FOREWORD

Prof. Dr. Ashraf Abdel Basset, Conference-Chair & President of Mansoura University



We were pleased to host the 6th Delta Survey Workshop, the first to be held in Mansoura University under the auspices of Prof.Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, the Minister of Higher Education and Research and Prof.Khaled El-Enany, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities. We were delighted to have strong participation from International scholars; we address our thanks to all of you for coming from distant countries to join us. This International conference was organized to discuss the efforts

and achievements carried out by archaeologists and researchers in the Delta region. I'd like to thank everyone for accepting our invitation and I hope that you all found the conference highly engaging, fruitful and beneficial.

Prof. Dr. Ashraf Hafez, Vice-President for Post Graduate Studies & Research



It gives me immense pleasure to thank you for the 6th Delta Survey Workshop which was held at Mansoura University on 11th–12th April 2019. Since I began my work as Vice–President for Postgraduate Studies and Research after my Colleague Prof. Ashraf Sewilm who was responsible for organizing this workshop at that time, I focused on and supported the archaeological activities carried out by our colleagues in the Department of Egyptology, Faculty of Arts who did a successful job in the

project of Tell Tebilla, which is funded by the Researches Fund of Mansoura University.

The conference of the 6th Delta Survey Workshop was evidence that we can have a workable partnership with the EES and the Delta Survey Project. On this occasion of having distinguished scholars in the field of Archaeology and the Delta sites specialists, I am sure that all participants and attendees felt enriched with new knowledge after the completion of this big event. Finally, I wish that you all had an enjoyable and fruitful stay in Mansoura.



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