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Statutes as revised and adopted by the Participants in the Colloquium on the Future of Coptic Studies, 15 XII 76

1. *Name.* The name of this learned society in the field of Coptic Studies shall be the *International Association for Coptic Studies*.

2. *Purposes of the Association.* The Association shall be a non-profit organization designed to encourage and contribute to the progress of all aspects of Coptic Studies. It shall promote international cooperation among individuals as well as among organizations and institutions. It shall advance the dissemination of information about work in progress, new discoveries and new results, organize periodic Congresses on Coptic Studies, facilitate full access to and the rapid publication of source materials, identify priorities for research at a given time, bring to the attention of younger scholars the whole range of Coptic Studies, etc.

3. *Membership.* The Association is open to all who are interested in Coptic Studies. All participants in the First International Congress of Coptology as well as those not present but known to be interested in membership, are given the opportunity through the end of 1977 to be charter members. Subsequent members will be elected by a poll

of the board if nominations are submitted by at least two members to the Congress Secretary at least nine months prior to the next Congress. Those elected will be notified at least six months prior to that Congress. The annual membership fee will be set by the Business Meeting of the Association, with a reduced rate for students. Institutional memberships are permitted; a representative of such an institution would have one vote.

4. *Officers.* a. *Honorary Officers.* The Association may choose to elect permanent honorary Presidents.

b. *Executive Officers.* There will be five non-permanent officers: President, President-Elect, Congress Secretary, Editor of the Association's Newsletter, and the Director of the Cairo Center of the Association. The terms of office of the executive officers are from one stated Business Meeting to the next, i. e. three or four years, and will expire with the election of new officers. Only the Editor of the Newsletter and the Director of the Cairo Center are subject to reelection without intervening term. The President-Elect presides in the absence of the President and normally succeeds him as President. The office of the Editor of the Newsletter also functions as a clearing-house of information to members; the Editor also functions as the Treasurer of the Association, in which capacity he will submit an annual report to the Board.

5. *Board.* The Board will consist of all executive officers plus four members at large. The members at large have staggered terms in two classes of two members each. Initially two will be elected to serve until the second Congress and two until the third. Decisions will be by a majority vote of those present at the meetings. The Board receives and approves reports from the officers for presentation at the Business Meeting, and is responsible for the Association's activity between Congresses. It holds stated meetings just before and after each Congress. Special meetings of the Board may be called by a request of three of its members approved by a majority of its members and scheduled at least three months in advance; a quorum shall consist of five members. The Board will have the right in the case of a vacancy to elect a replacement to serve until the next Business Meeting.

6. *Congresses.* The Association will meet normally at three or four year intervals. Priority should be given to locations at which members are not excluded from attending. A business Meeting of the Association will be held at each regular Congress. The Business Meeting confirms members elected by the Board, elects officers, chooses a new Nominations Committee, sets dues, endorses research projects, and takes other action advancing Coptic Studies. Nominations may also be made by mail. Decisions will be by a majority vote of those present at the Business Meeting. Special meetings may also be convened in addition to the Congresses. Visitors may be admitted to the Congresses but not to the Business Meeting.

7. *Finances.* The expenses of the Association will be borne by the members in the form of annual dues and registration fees at the Congresses, as well as by donations and grants from individuals and institutions.

8. *The Cairo Center.* This Center will be set up in cooperation with the Société d'Ar-

chéologie Copte through a mutually adopted Agreement.

9. The Statutes may be revised by a majority vote at a Business Meeting.

#### *APPENDIX*

Agreement between the International Association for Coptic Studies and the Société d'Archéologie Copte concerning a Cairo Center for the Association. raft):

1. The Société will provide to the Association an office reserved for the use of members of the Association. The Société will make its Library and facilities available to members of the Association as a Research Center when in Cairo. At such times the Library and the office will be accessible daily beyond the customary office hours.
2. The Association will pay to the Société an amount initially set at \$ 5 from the dues of each of its members in support of the Cairo Center.
3. Each member of the Association will receive without further payment the Bulletin of the Société and other privileges of the Société (except those of voting and holding office).
4. It is hoped that this Agreement will be but the first step toward even closer relations of the Association and the Société.

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Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the members of the I.A.C.S. in the Organizational Meeting of 17. XII. 1976

#### RESOLUTION 1

The annual membership fee of the International Association for Coptic Studies is fixed at 15 U.S. dollars (10 U.S. dollars for students) or its equivalent, until the next Business Meeting of the Association, according to the art. 3 of the Statutes.

#### RESOLUTION 2

The International Association for Coptic Studies asks its Board to contact the various authorities in charge of collections of Coptic source materials in order to arrange with them the free access, on mutually agreeable conditions, for all the members and the best possible facilities for their study. The I.A.C.S. goes on record as being opposed to giving exclusive publication rights for more than 5 years. The members of I.A.C.S. hereby renounce any exclusive publication right they may have at present, except for artifacts and other archaeological discoveries made by an authorized expedition. (Editions now in preparation are exempt if published within 12 months from the date of this resolution.) The members of I.A.C.S. urge such expedition to publish within the stated period of 5 years after the final exploration and thereafter to make their discoveries to the scholarly world at large.

#### RESOLUTION 3

The International Association for Coptic Studies acknowledges the importance and value of the microfilm collection of Coptic literary manuscripts of the Istituto di Studi del Vicino Oriente of the University of Rome under the supervision of prof. Tito Orlandi. It recommends that it be supplemented to become a complete microfilm collection of Coptic manuscripts\*, hereby affirming a similar resolution approved by the Assemblée Générale de l'Association Internationale des Papyrologues (Oxford, 31 VII 1974), paragraph 4 bis the Procés Verbal.

\* The microfilms of the Coptic New Testament manuscripts will be collected in Münster by the Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung. See next resolution.

#### RESOLUTION 4

The International Association for Coptic Studies acknowledges the importance and value of the microfilm collection of Coptic New Testament manuscripts of the Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung at Münster/Westfalia, under the supervision of prof. Kurt Aland. It recommends that it be supplemented to become a complete microfilm collection of the Coptic manuscripts of the New Testament.

#### RESOLUTION 5

The International Association for Coptic Studies urges the Pontificio Istituto Orientale of Rome to assemble a collection of microfilms of Arabic-Coptic manuscripts.

#### RESOLUTION 6

The International Association for Coptic Studies wishes to emphasize the importance of the Coptic bibliography now published regularly in the journal *Enchoria* for scholarly work in Coptology. Its continuation should be encouraged and all colleagues are asked for their active support.

#### RESOLUTION 7

The Members of the International Association for Coptic Studies express their hope that Egyptian Universities will establish Departments of Coptology and Professorships for various branches of Coptic Studies, as have been established in Universities in other countries.

#### RECOMMENDATION 1

The International Association for Coptic Studies expresses the desire that the civil and religious Authorities of the Arab Republic of Egypt make it possible for scholars to obtain microfilms of the Coptic and Coptic-arabic manuscripts in Egyptian collections, either directly or through the Cairo Center of the I.A.C.S.

#### RECOMMENDATION 2

The Congress asks the Board of the International Association for Coptic Studies to explore the possibility of the production of a ball with Coptic type for the IBM Selectric or similar typewriters.

### RECOMMENDATION 3

The International Association for Coptic Studies recommends that a thorough survey of Coptic sites and buildings be made, in order to record those which have not so far been recorded and to establish a general list of priorities in dealing with Coptic buildings and sites. Among the means to this purpose, archaeological expeditions should be requested to survey the whole area around the sites which they are excavating. Excavations on Coptic sites should be restricted to those which are liable to disappear and to those from which important discoveries may be expected.

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. *Text of the telegram sent by the participants in the Colloquium on the future of Coptic Studies to His Excellency President Sadat.*

His Excellency President Sadat, at the closing session of the First International Congress of Coptic Studies the members of the Congress who have come to Egypt from ever fifteen countries and have spent nine full days in studying one of the great periods of Egypt's prestigious history, have the honour and the pleasure to present their compliments to your Excellency and to express their grateful thanks to all the institutions and personalities who have welcomed us so warmly in Egypt and particularly to Dr. El-Eteifi the Minister of Information and Culture, His Holiness Pope Shenuda Third and Dr. Mokhtar the President of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation. While hereby assuring your Excellency of their regard for your untiring efforts to preserve peace and prosperity and your constant concern for the Egyptian cultural achievement inherited from the successive periods of Egypt's ancient civilisation, the members of the First International Congress of Coptology venture to express their hope that Egyptian universities will create Departments and Professorships for various branches of Coptic studies, as have been established in universities in other countries. Please accept our most sincere good wishes for Egypt and the Egyptian people and for your own continued success in your vital and essential tasks. On behalf of the members of the First International Congress of Coptic Studies, Prof. James M. Robinson.

2. *Text read at the beginning of the session of 15. XII. 1976.*

We, the participants in the First International Congress for Coptic Studies meeting in Cairo 9-17 December 1976 and today guests of the Société d'Archéologie Copte, as we plan an affiliated International Association for Coptic Studies, wish to express formally to you, the distinguished founder and President of the Société d'Archéologie Copte, Mirrit Boutros Ghali, together with your wife, our profound respect and appreciation for your almost single-handed efforts over the past 42 years to carry on the work of fostering the study of Coptic culture, a mission in which we now hope to join forces



with you and the Société d'Archéologie Copte. The model which you have given and the continuing work of the Société d'Archéologie Copte of which you are President are our main basis for hope that such an enterprise on our part may also be undertaken. Not only do we wish you success in the continuation of your work and that of the Société d'Archéologie Copte, but we wish to recognize that whatever success we may achieve will in large part be due to the impetus and precedent you have set.

3. People in charge of projects recommended by the I.A.C.S. are urged to give frequent progress reports of their work.

4. Readers will kindly forgive the mistakes, inaccuracies and omissions of this first issue of the Newsletter. They will be promptly corrected in the following issues, provided they are communicated to the Editor.

5. The Acts of the Colloquium on the Future of Coptic Studies (Cairo, 8-18 Dec. 1976) will be published through the care of prof. R. McL. Wilson.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COPTIC STUDIES

The editor of the Newsletter

Dear colleague,

the I.A.C.S. kindly asks you to return the completed form, in order to facilitate the "dissemination of information about works in progress, new discoveries and new results" (Statutes, art. 2). The information will be kept in the Archives of the I.A.C.S. and will be at the disposal of all the members. Some of the information will be published in the Newsletter.

Publications which appeared in the years 1974-1976:

Publications in the press:

Articles, books or dissertations in preparation:

Coptic manuscripts or source material belonging to public or semi-public collections for which the exclusive right of publication has been granted by the responsible authorities:

Coptic collections of manuscripts or of other sources or recent discoveries about which you are able and willing to give information:

Suggestions for the future activities of the I.A.C.S.:

