



First Australasian Conference of Young Egyptologists

Dear Colleagues,

Associate Professor Colin Hope, Dr Gillian Bowen and I have the pleasure to invite you to Monash for the first conference devoted entirely to the work of young Egyptologists in Australasia. The conference is intended to provide a forum for those undertaking research in our field to discuss their work with their colleagues. It is also an opportunity to build ties between Egyptologists across the Murray and the Tasman. It is ridiculous that we see so little of each other although we are so much closer to each other than we are to anyone else!

The conference is open to all young Egyptologists who are willing to present a 20 minute paper that relates to their research. Presentations on all periods of Egyptian history and all themes are welcome. It is intended to publish the results of the conference after peer review.

Planning is still at a preliminary stage, but it is hoped that we may welcome you to Melbourne for the conference on Saturday the 4th of September. On the Saturday night there will be an informal gathering in the city. If the number of paper proposals warrants it, we may also include a Sunday morning session, so let us know as soon as possible if you are intending to attend so we can finalise arrangements. It is expected that a small participation fee will be charged. Please send the title of your proposed paper and a short abstract to my email address: christian.knoblach@arts.monash.edu.au. Please also indicate at what stage you are with your studies. **The closing date for abstracts is April 30 2009.**

We hope that you decide to support this initiative and we look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Wishing you all the best for the beginning of Semester

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