New president of the IAE Dr Willeke Wendrich and “co-regents” Prof Dr Tarek Tawfik and Prof Dr Richard Bussmann introduced the Closing Ceremony of the ICE XII by announcing future actions of the IAE as well as the website’s redesign. They honoured Prof Dr Fayza Haikal for her outstanding work.

Prof Dr Olaf Kaper from University of Leiden showed plans for ICE 2023, to be held 6-12 August 2023. Any suggestions or contact should be made at the email address provided below.

Prof Dr Ola El-Aguizi reminisced on the fascinating talks and the fabulous events, before expressing her thanks to the Minister, the committee and the audience.

H.E. the Minister Dr Khaled El-Enany expressed his thanks to the eminent personalities who attended, and highlighted the support given by other Egyptian Ministries through the platform of the ICE to the Antiquities in Egypt. He expresses his pleasure at seeing Egyptians and foreigners dancing and celebrating during the Gala Dinner held at the Citadel the night before; this is but one example of equal collaboration and partnership desired between the Ministry of Antiquities and international scholars.

Dinner at the Salah El-Din Citadel. Fun, Music and Dance in an enchanting location.

- Reduction of Egyptian influence in the Levant after the Nagada IIIIC period seen in pottery circulation, linked partly to Egyptian vineyards’ development in the Delta (M. Czarnowicz).
- Reuse of coffins which may express degrees of overall prosperity, is not as prevalent during 19 Dynasty than in the next ones. Reduced reuse during 22 Dynasty perhaps due to changing economy or practices (K. Kooney).
- Demolished Ptolemaic town’s inhabitants abandon their archives, enabling identification of socio-economic behaviours through the individuals mentioned in contracts and receipts (L. Tambs).
- Women inherited professions and rights the same way as men, even in the funerary sphere: existence of female embalmers (G. Baetens).
- In support of A.M. Rosso’s theory, it may be that increased interactions among Greek and Egyptian middle and lower classes brought a higher level of emancipation to the Greek women than in the Macedonian upper classes.
- Pharaonic blocks reused in medieval times in Cairo come from different ancient monuments, suggesting either the reuse of these blocks in a past structure or an intermediary stage (M. Kacem).

Thanks to all for your participation and presence, from the Cairo 2019 Committee.
2023 ICE Committee invites you to Leiden from 6-12 August, ice2023@hum.leidenuniv.nl