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## Preface

The publication of the “Proceedings of the First Neapolitan Congress of Egyptology” represents one of the former international projects by A.N.S.E. (Neapolitan Association for Egyptological Studies) aimed to the diffusion of scientific and didactic activities related to ancient Egyptian culture in the Italian region of Campania.

Despite its renowned Egyptological tradition and the archaeological researches undertaken by the University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Naples had in fact never been (until June 2008) the seat of an international congress of Egyptology.

The major aim of the editors has been to focus the attention onto the most recent Egyptological researches carried out by Italian and International Universities and Research Institutes. It was our intention as well, to promote in our city the interest for Ancient Egypt as a strictly scientific discipline and we were also very proud and glad to show the participants part of the extraordinary local archaeological heritage.

The organization of the congress was totally supported by the principal regional institutions (Regione Campania, Assessorato alla Cultura del Comune di Napoli, Assessorato Turismo e Cultura della Provincia di Napoli, Istituto degli Studi Filosofici di Napoli, Soprintendenza ai Beni Archeologici delle Province di Napoli e Caserta) and it was performed under the High Patronage of the President of Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano.

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Finally, the editors would like to dedicate this volume to the memory of Prof. Claudio Barocas, first Chair of Egyptology at the University of Naples “L’Orientale”, in the twentieth anniversary of his untimely demise.

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