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## **IAE Computer Group Meeting 2008**

### **First Announcement and Call for Papers**

**Dear Colleagues:**

It is our pleasure to invite you to Vienna for the next meeting of the IAE Computer Group (*Informatique et Egyptologie*). The meeting will take place in the media room of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, on 8-11 July 2008.

#### **Themes:**

The meeting will cover any theme related to the application of Information Technology to the field of Egyptology. Building on the success of the last meeting of the group in Oxford in 2006, we would like to suggest the following mixture of old and new themes:

**Bibliography:** There are various bibliographic projects active in Egyptology, pre-eminently the Annual Egyptological Bibliography and the Bibliographie Altägypten, but there are many more specialised data-sets on which reports are invited.

**Unicode and the encoding and processing of hieroglyphs:** hieroglyphs have been at the core of the reasons for the existence of I&E since its foundation. Tools for hieroglyphic processing are still evolving, and the Unicode standard for hieroglyphs has yet to be adopted.

**Museums, Archiving, the Internet:** many of the most heated discussions in Oxford related to these issues. It is essential for our subject that the latest developments are considered, as I&E can act as a source of advice for the wider Egyptological community.

**Databases:** other than the use for writing, the storage of data is the core of the use of IT in Egyptology. Contributions are strongly encouraged from those developing

databases, particularly those which can be shared among colleagues for the benefit of all.

**New theme: Complex Systems:** Complex systems is a fast-growing field which brings together many disciplines. Early civilisations provide interesting backgrounds for models. The area crosses over between computational science and sociology and can, in some cases, provide insight into the development of cultural practices.

**New theme: Modelling and animation:** many of the most exciting applications of technology concern its use for the visualisation and modelling of ancient buildings, sites, and landscapes. Egyptology has played a part in this, but we would like to see more contributions from this area.

**Projects:** The meetings of I&E over the years have seen the launching of projects by many individuals. Individuals are invited to present projects which have a considerable IT component that will be of interest to participants. As before, speakers who have previously reported on their projects at these meetings are asked to present major changes rather than incremental progress reports.

### **Practical Information:**

Registration will take place on Tuesday, 8 July 2008, from 15-17:00 in the entrance hall of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, Maria Theresien Platz, A-1010 Vienna. The actual conference will start on Wednesday, 9 July 2008, at 10:00 (Registration starts at 9:00 in front of the Media room which is situated in the lower level left from the entrance hall).

Presentations (preferably in English) should last 20 -25 minutes, however colleagues who need more time should indicate this on their registration forms.

All participants will have free entrance to the Kunsthistorisches Museum and the Tutanchamun Exhibition in the Museum für Völkerkunde just across the street ([www.tut.khm.at](http://www.tut.khm.at)).

On Wednesday evening we will organize a visit to a Heurigen restaurant – a typical Viennese event.

The full conference fee is € 30,00 (including coffee and tea as well as the “Heurigen” party on Wednesday evening).

The fee for guests who will not attend the lectures, but will have access to the museum and the exhibition as well as the Heurigen party is € 20,00.

If you plan to participate in the meeting, please fill in the attached form and email it to [info.aeos@khm.at](mailto:info.aeos@khm.at) and copy it also to [regina.hoelzl@khm.at](mailto:regina.hoelzl@khm.at). Please register until 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2008.

After we have received the completed registration form we will send out an invoice with all the details for the payment.

Information about the meeting will soon be made available through the *Egyptology Resources* site in Cambridge (<http://www.newton.cam.ac.uk/egypt>).

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you in Vienna!

Yours sincerely

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