

## EAIS Publishing First Cahier

*The Egyptian Antiquities Information System (EAIS) is part of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) and has the official SCA mandate to create a bilingual (Arabic and English) Geographic Information System (GIS) for ancient Egyptian, Islamic, and modern sites in Egypt. Jointly supported by the SCA and the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EAIS collaborates with other organizations but is entirely independent from groups such as CultNat, the Theban Mapping Project, and the Giza Plateau Mapping Project. The GIS is intended to aid the SCA in mapping, documenting, and protecting archaeological sites. We invite you to read further to learn what we have accomplished and how mutual cooperation will allow you to benefit from our system.*

EAIS is in the process of publishing its first cahier, a collection of maps and information on ancient Egyptian sites in the governorate of ash-Sharqiyyah. Intended for use by government officials, archaeologists, and the interested public, the cahier will contain details on location and extent of its 110 registered sites and 17 unregistered sites.

The cahier will include five maps per site, including topographical, agricultural, and legal information. It will also include information on

the legal status of each site, the period or periods of its use, the type of site, its history, its archaeological description, and a bibliography of sources used in research.

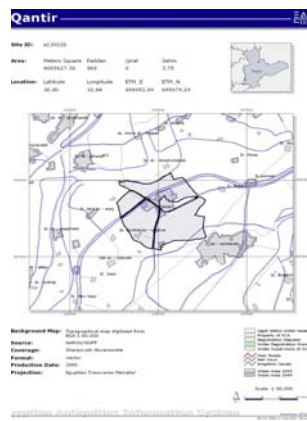
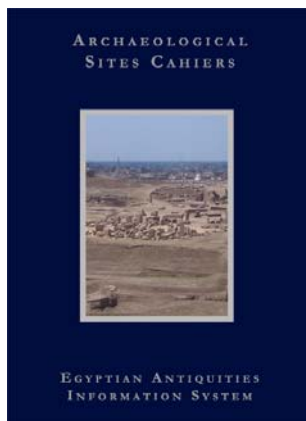
It is hoped that this cahier, and all those to follow, will serve to disseminate information to those involved in historical site preservation and research, and will be an important source for the protection of Egypt's contribution to world heritage.

The cahier will be ready for use in

governmental offices and educational and cultural institutions in the near future. EAIS is grateful to the many people and organizations that have made the creation of this cahier possible. Without your assistance, EAIS would not be able to fulfill its mission to protect Egypt's historical sites and monuments.

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**A SAMPLE OF THE QANTIR PAGE IN THE UPCOMING CAHIER ON THE GOVERNORATE OF ASH-SHARQIYYAH, WITH A MAP AND DATA DESCRIBING THE SITE.**



**DR. NAGUIB AMIN (EAIS TEAM LEADER) GIVING THE WELCOMING ADDRESS.**

**THE EAIS SYSTEM IS NOT MEANT TO BE A FILING SYSTEM FOR AN UNUSED DATABASE. IT IS INTENDED TO BE A DYNAMIC AND CONTINUOUSLY DEVELOPING INSTITUTIONAL TOOL FOR SITE PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT AND VALORIZATION.**



**DR. NAGUIB AMIN WITH HE MR. HANNU MANTYVARRA, THE FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT.**

## Conference on Collaboration Held

EAIS has hosted a conference on how to improve collaboration with individuals and organizations concerned with historical site protection in Egypt. On the 20th of May 2003, an international group of researchers and government officials convened at the Conrad Hotel in Cairo to discuss ways of using and contributing to EAIS's Geographical Information System.

The Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Dr. Zahi Hawass, and the Finnish Ambassador to Egypt, Hannu Mantyvarra, gave the opening remarks. The Secretary-General stressed the importance of the

EAIS project in the protection of Egyptian cultural heritage, while the ambassador underscored its role as a forum for international cooperation built by international cooperation.

EAIS presented attendees with information on the

showed the GIS at its most flexible, and roundtable discussions at the end of the conference day provided thought-provoking discussion on the project's work and its applications. Summaries of the presentations and the roundtables will



**DR. ADEL YEHIA (FORMER CHAIRMAN, NARSS) POSING A QUESTION DURING THE OPEN FORUM.**

methods and issues of the mapping and legal protection of historical sites, as well as the collection and organization of data relevant to their preservation. Live system demonstrations

be posted on [www.eais.org.eg](http://www.eais.org.eg) in the near future. Those who were not able to attend are invited to view them and contact the project, either by telephoning or by sending an email to [eais@eais.org.eg](mailto:eais@eais.org.eg).

The conference strengthened the EAIS's rapport with national and international institutions, opening channels of communication between the project, those who contribute to the preservation of historical material, and those who make the official decisions on the future of the legacy of Egypt's past. It allowed EAIS to build stronger ties within the SCA and with other governmental, educational and cultural institutions, helping to put crucial land use information at the hands of those who need it most: the officials, scholars, and professionals whose diverse contributions make historical site protection possible.



**ARCHAEOLOGICAL MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DISCUSSING METHODS OF COLLABORATION DURING THE ROUNDTABLES.**

## Recent Collaborations

EAIS is continuing to work with national and international parties toward historical site preservation.

EAIS working with ash-Sharqiyyah Taftish, benefiting from their intimate knowledge of the area. EAIS has just provided maps of ancient Egyptian sites in ash-Sharqiyyah, al-Isma'iliyyah, Port Sa'id and North Sinai to Amlaak and the Ministry of Agriculture for inclusion in their records, helping both

organizations to accomplish their work more effectively. They will now review the information and EAIS will work with them to ensure consistency with their records. As always, our partners at Amlaak and the Ministry of Agriculture have been of invaluable assistance.

Several archaeological organizations and missions have recently offered to share data with EAIS. The University College, London mission to

Kafr Hassan Dawud, led by Fekri Hassan, provided the project a datasheet on their site. EAIS would like to offer its thanks to Dr. Hassan and Site Supervisor GJ Tassie for their assistance. Paola Davoli of Lecce University has provided the project with a datasheet on Tall Saft al-Hinnah with information that she has gathered from her research. Dr. Davoli's contributions are greatly appreciated.

**THE EAIS HAS COMPLETED ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND THE DRAWING OF VECTOR LINES FOR ANCIENT EGYPTIAN SITES IN THE GOVERNORATE OF AL-ISMA'ILIIYAH.**



**A PHOTO OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF TALL SAFT AL-HINNAH, SHOWING A VILLAGE COVERING THE SITE.**

## Mapping and Research Continues

The EAIS has completed archaeological research and the drawing of vector lines for ancient Egyptian sites in the governorate of al-Isma'iliyah, although site visits have not yet been conducted. Vector lines have also been drawn for Port Sa'ïd and North Sinai, and research on their sites is nearing completion. Ninety percent of

the data for the aforementioned governorates has been verified through consultations with Amlaak, and three quarters of the corresponding raster background maps have been collected.

The project has drawn almost half of the governorate of al-Fayyum and begun collection of raster maps. Research on al-Fayyum is well underway.

Research on South Sinai has begun, and the mapping of the governorate is next on the agenda.

EAIS is conducting a case study on Tinnis, using it as a model for further work on non-urban Islamic sites. The project has visited the site and is in discussions with experts on the area.



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EAIS's Geographic Information System is intended to be a valuable cultural protection resource for government decision-makers, archaeologists, and land use planners, but the system has a variety of capabilities and uses. If you or your organization are interested in collaborating on its expansion and improvement, please contact EAIS at [eais@eais.org.eg](mailto:eais@eais.org.eg). You are also welcome to contact our office in Cairo directly, at 735-0287 or 735-0289.



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