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PREFACE

Due to the technical problems connected with the creation of a journal, especially when its layout and its production depend solely on the editors' skills, this issue of *Lingua Aegyptia* appears later than expected. We received questions to this effect, and we apologize for the delay—but the same token we rejoice in the fact that the publication of each new issue of our journal is so eagerly awaited by our readers!

In order to correct this year's delay, the two next issues of *LingAeg* will both appear in 1995. The first one, *LingAeg* 4 (1994), will be of regular size, whereas *LingAeg* 5 (1995) will contain the proceedings of the *Crossroads III* conference. It will follow the model of our first issue, *LingAeg* 1 (1991), which consisted of the papers read at the *Crossroads II* event, and will be, therefore, larger than usual, probably 400 pages.

Crossroads III, the third international conference on Egyptian grammar, took place at Yale University in April 1994, under the auspices of the William K. and Marilyn M. Simpson Endowment for Egyptology and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We wish to thank the two organizers, James P. Allen and William K. Simpson, and their students for their perfect management of the event, the kind support they offered in all technical matters, and the attractive setting they provided for scholarship, debate, and relaxation.

A monographic series connected with our journal (*Lingua Aegyptia. Studia monographica*) has recently been established in order to provide a forum for monographs covering the area of Egyptian language and literature studies. The first volume has just appeared, and we hope that the new series may enjoy the same support among our readers that *LingAeg* has experienced thus far.

The Editors