The annual Coptic Studies Symposium for 2016 focuses on the many areas of confluence and divergence between the fields of Coptic Studies and Egyptology. While the conquest of Alexander the Great delimits the usual parameters of Egyptology and subsequent periods fall within the purview of specialists in Coptic Studies, these different chronological phases are essentially points along a continuum of cultural development that has spanned more than 5000 years.

One of the most striking areas of continuity and particularity is linguistic - grammatical, phraseological and lexical. Both Coptic and pre-Coptic, in use over four millennia, have been prominent objects of scholarly attention for centuries; yet the present rift between Coptological and Egyptological linguistics seems to be deepening as years go by, to the fateful loss of both Coptologists and Egyptologists. The 2016 Coptic Studies Symposium will encourage discussion and exchange of ideas between scholars in both fields of study carrying out linguistic research, as well as those whose interests focus on other aspects of cultural production.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Professor Tonio Sebastian Richter, Universität Leipzig and Freie Universität Berlin
“Whatever in the Coptic language is not Greek, might be considered to be Ancient Egyptian”.
From the beginnings of Egyptian lexicography to recent approaches towards an integrated lexicon of the Egyptian-Coptic language

SPEAKERS:
Professor Wolf-Peter Funk, Professeur associé, Université Laval Faculté de théologie et des sciences religieuses
Some lesser known prospective and causative conjugation forms in Coptic dialects and the problem of their ancestry

Professor Helmut Satzinger, University of Vienna (Austria), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Institute of Egyptology
Dialectical Variation of the Egyptian-Coptic Language in the Course of its Four Millennia of Attested History

Professor Ariel Shisha-Halevy, Professor Emeritus, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Reflections on the Historical Study of Egyptian

Dr. Mariam F. Ayad, Associate Professor of Egyptology, American University in Cairo
The Egyptian Ankh Revisited

Dr. Jitse H.F. Dijkstra, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa
The Life of Aaron: A Narratological Analysis

Dr. Rachad Mounir Shoucri, Independent Researcher on Coptic History and Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Royal Military College of Canada
The Egyptian Roots of Egyptian Monasticism, its Impact on the West