



EDITORIAL NOTE ON THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF EJARS:
A THANK YOU LETTER

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1. Introduction

This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the Egyptian Journal Archaeological and Restoration Studies (*EJARS*). As Editors-in-Chief, we are deeply grateful for the contribution and support of several contributors who have made the growth of the journal a reality over the past decade. We thank the authors from relevant disciplines worldwide and their viewers who have dedicated their time and effort. We also express our gratitude to the editorial board and our determined editorial team. Finally yet importantly, we thank millions of readers worldwide. Thank you all!

2. How did it start?

As a student at the Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo Univ., a researcher, then a faculty member at the Faculty of Archaeology, Sohag Univ., I thought about having a journal specialized in the studies of *archaeology, restoration studies*. At the time, there were only a few specialized journals. They did not almost cover most of these

specializations. In other words, these journals covered one specialization or another. After my appointment as a faculty member, I had intensive discussions with specialists and concerned bodies. Finally, the dream came true only ten years ago; *EJARS* was established as one of the few specialized journals. It is biannually published by Sohag University Publishing Center (*SUPC*) under:

- *ISSN Print (2090-4932)*
- *ISSN Online (2090-4940)*.

3. EJARS “Aim & Scope”

Our journal *EJARS* is an international bi-annual periodical specialized in archaeological and restoration fields. It is an open-access, journal, featuring high-quality studies that provide historical, experimental, and applied up-to-date insights in these fields:

- *Archaeological materials deterioration*
- *Weathering*
- *Diagnosis and analyses*

- *Material treatment*
- *Ancient archaeology*
- *Exploitation of cultural heritage*
- *Egyptology and Egyptian Philology*
- *Islamic archaeology*
- *Management of archaeological projects*
- *Computer applications on cultural heritage*
- *Excavation reports*

4. Ten Years of Growth

For ten years, *EJARS* has witnessed continued success and collaborated with unique and distinguished scholars who together form our editorial and reviewer boards to ensure the highest standards of selection and review. *EJARS* was indexed by several global indexing databases, including *ISI-web of Science* (ESCI), *EBSCO*, and *SAJE*. etc... In early 2020, *EJARS* was indexed in *Scopus*. Thus, it is one of the few journals in the field that have been indexed in all these global databases. Hundreds of

authors apply for the journal every year, but only a few are accepted for publication after intensive review. Moreover, only minor changes are tolerated.

5. Articles in EJARS

Many articles were submitted to *EJARS* only about two-thirds of them were published, as follows:

- *Submitted Articles (249)*
- *Published Articles (154)*
- *Rejected Articles (95)*
- *Rejection Rate (38%)*

6. Moving Forward

We are determined to make *EJARS* a truly open platform for researchers and practitioners to share knowledge and learning and to engage in debate so as to improve international, regional, national, and local archaeological and restoration research and studies worldwide.

EJARS Founder & Editor-in-Chief

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