

# ICBESA

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Personal impressions of our stay in Egypt (Cairo & Luxor)

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Venue: Pyramisa Hotel Luxor, Nile river



**1st International Conference on Biological and Environmental Sciences & Applications (ICBESA-2017) 23-25 March 2017, Luxor, Egypt**

The **ICBESA-2017** aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Applications (BESA). It also provides the premier interdisciplinary forum for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted in the field of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Applications (BESA).





**1<sup>st</sup> day of the Conference in Luxor**





Erika Paternina



Mahmoud Abdel-Aty



Lecture of Bernd



Lecture of Simone



Naglaa Youssef & Steven McCutcheon





**Excursion to the Karnak Temple  
together with Ahmed Abdellatif,  
Sherry and Steven McCutcheon**



**Ahmed Abdellatif**





24 March

Excursion to the Valley of the Kings and visiting the tomb of Tutanchamun and the temple of Hatshepsut.





Driving by boat on the Nile River to Banana Island.





In the evening the section for young students has been chaired by Simone.





25 March

Last day of the conference.







This is the lighthouse from North West Germany that we presented to Naglaa for her tremendous efforts to collect so many fantastic scientists and humans for our conference in Luxor.





**26 March**

Together with Mohammed and a driver we moved by a small van to Nag Hammadi (130 km northwest of Luxor), where no tourists are going to. Nearby, at the place of Hamradom, we wanted to see the side where the „Gnostic Gospels“-texts have been found in 1945. Very famous is the script of the Gospel of Thomas. Nowadays the scripts can be seen in the Coptic Museum of Cairo.





We reached Hamradow. Visiting this place was not undangerous, because several times a group of Egyptians are kidnapping people. So in the back of the van we had to pull the curtains, Bernd has to wrap up a turban and Simone hid herself in the car.





Hamradow



Here the scripts were found.

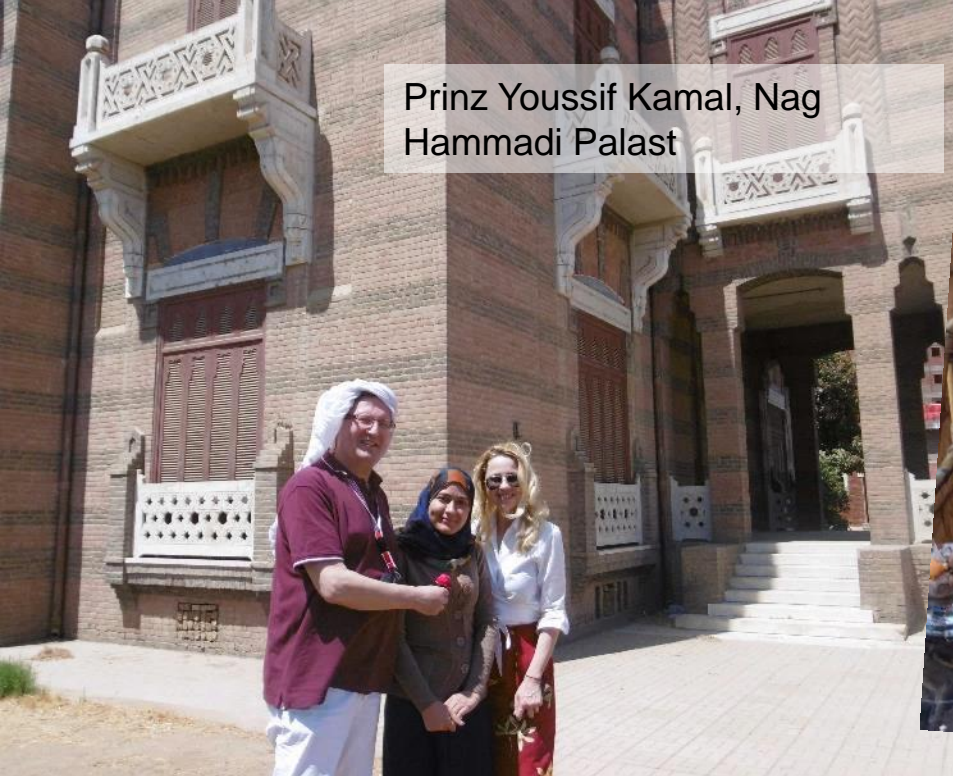


Happy, that after leaving that place nothing serious happened.





Prinz Youssif Kamal, Nag  
Hammadi Palast



Mohammed and our driver







Quena, nearby Nag Hammadi





We spent an exciting day with Mohammed in an area away of tourism. Finally, we had a good time at the restaurant of Klaus, the German, near Luxor, before returning to the Nile river by the "old" car of Mohammed. We crossed the Nile river again by boat and reached our hotel. It remains an unforgettable day.







Last evening in Luxor together with the very intelligent bar keeper and Mohammed.



27 March, very early in the morning – last view to the Nile river before flying to Cairo.





Cairo – the largest city in the Arab World.







Radisson Blu Hotel, in the northeast of Cairo





28 March, visiting the SOS Children Village Cairo











After visiting the SOS Children Village, Manal Badr and her colleagues took us downtown to a place where she is guiding the project „Family strengthening Programm“. Here, mothers with their children are provided by volunteers.





Volunteers of the project for helping families with no income.



Manal, the leader of the project



Mothers are taught



Children are performing a singing act for us.





On our way back to the hotel – a lot of traffic!



Memorial to Anwar As-Sadat  
who has been murdered  
here in 1981



New buildings  
nearby the Airport



29 March

Pyramids of Giza and Sphynx.





# Egyptian Museum







The throne of  
Tutanchamun



Hatshepsut

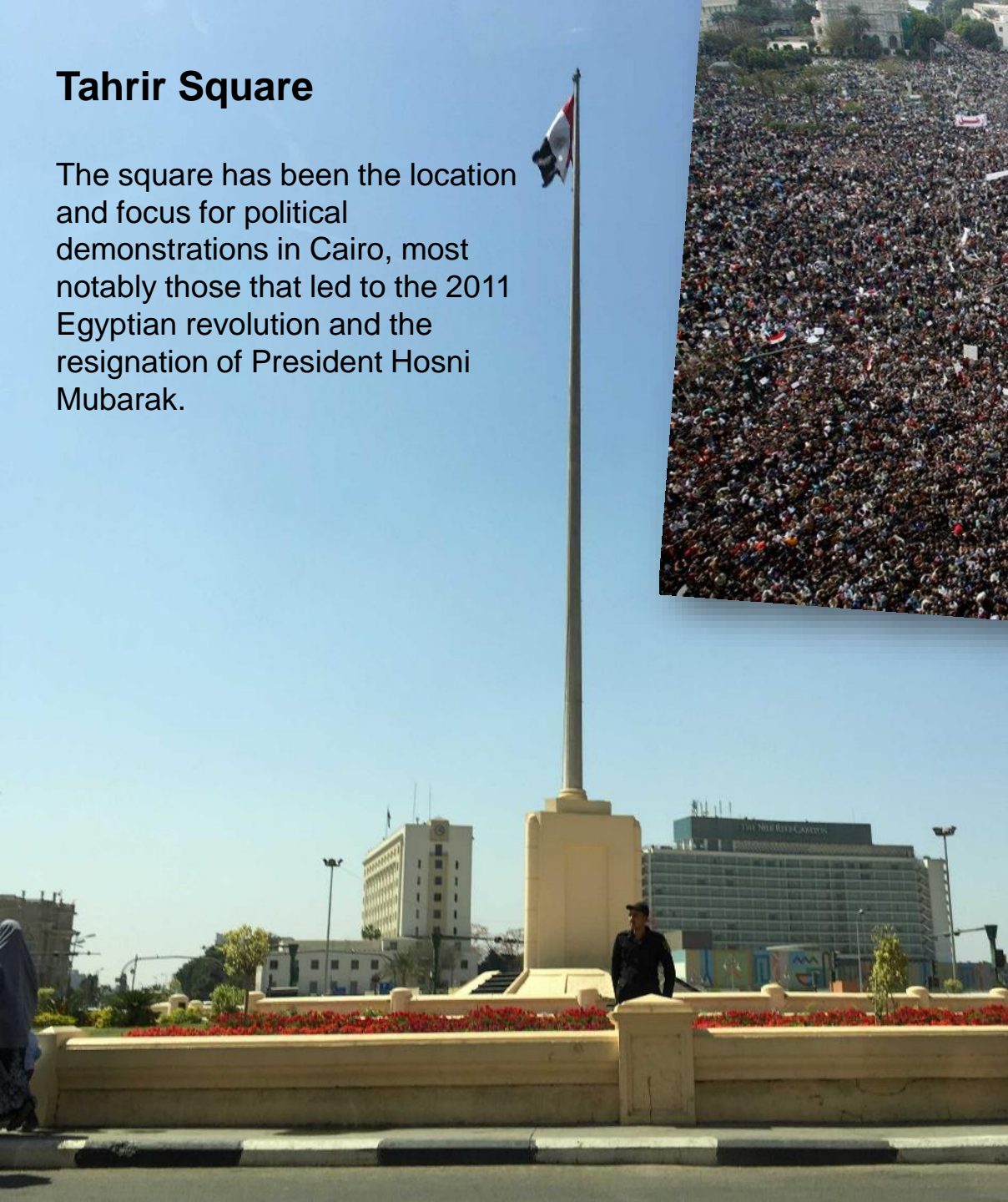


Rahotep  
and Nofret



# Tahrir Square

The square has been the location and focus for political demonstrations in Cairo, most notably those that led to the 2011 Egyptian revolution and the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak.





What a surprise! Mahmoud and his lovely wife visited us nearby our hotel!





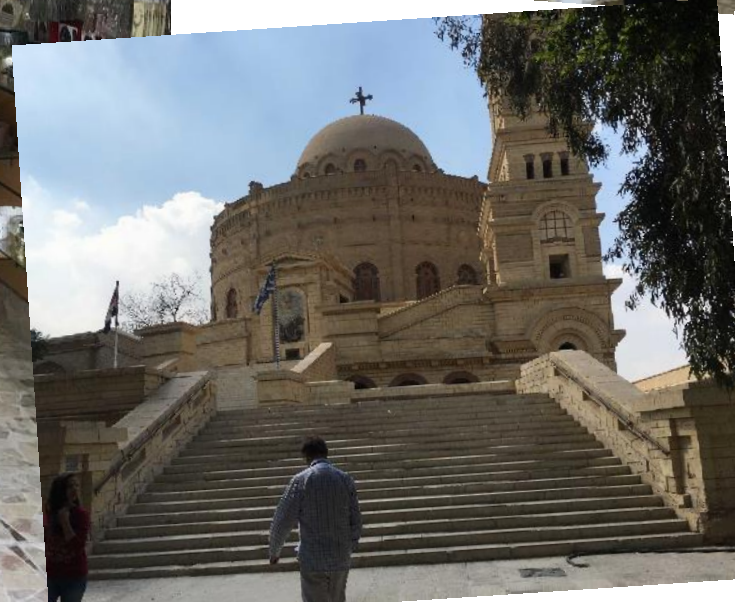


**2 April:** Last day in Cairo.

Visiting the famous Hanging Church. The Hanging Church is the most famous Coptic Christian church in Cairo, as well as possibly the first built in Basilican style. It was probably built during the patriarchate of Isaac (690–692), though an earlier church building may have elsewhere existed dating as early as the 3rd or 4th century.



Coptic quarter





## Impressions of Cairo





**Egypt**, thank you so much for so many impressions and exciting days of your countryside. Hopefully that much more conferences will take place there. Thank you also to all people we have got to know especially to Mohammed from Luxor; he is quite a funny and very clever guy. It was fantastic with all of you!

