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Editorial

Welcome to the eighth issue of *Rosetta*, in which we have a broad range of articles, notes and reviews which we believe truly reflect the diversity of our readership and the wide range of research interests found here at the Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity. This issue also has something of a 'family' theme, inspired by last year's Arachne Conference, '*Oikos Familia: The Family in Greco Roman Society: Framing the Discipline in the 21st Century*'¹ held in Gothenburg, attended by *Rosetta* Committee member Emma Southon and contributor Eve Davies, who also provide a special introduction for this edition.

The 'family' theme is central to many of the contributions in this issue. Emily Varto from Dalhousie University in Canada discusses approaches to the study of the family in "Lessons from the Decline and Renewal of Kinship studies", while Eve Davies from the University of Birmingham focuses on the Byzantine life course in "Byzantine attitudes towards foetuses, newborn babies and infants: a multidisciplinary approach".

We also have contributions from Egyptologist Caroline Hubschmann from Monash University in Australia on "Igai: a little-known deity of Dakhleh Oasis, Egypt", and a review-article from Michael Teichmann of Kiel University in Germany on a series of particularly innovative archaeological exhibitions held at Haltern am See, Kalkriese and Detmold in 2009.

Rosetta has continued to flourish this year, and we recently received the very welcome news that we are to host the 2011 Annual Meeting of Postgraduate Journals at the University of Birmingham, at which we hope to forge new links with other journals and share ideas and resources, helping *Rosetta* to raise its profile and reach a wider audience. We would not be in a position to lead such an event, however, without the invaluable help of the Roberts Fund and

¹ <http://www.iaa.bham.ac.uk/news/conferences/oikosfamilia/index.shtml>

the support of the Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, and I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to them on behalf of the *Rosetta* Committee.

Finally, given the theme of this issue, I would also personally like to thank the *Rosetta* 'family'. The many Specialist Editors, Editorial Board and Committee members have been, as always, incredibly generous in offering their time and expertise to *Rosetta*, and Deborah Kerr, although no longer a member of the Committee, has always been on hand to offer her advice and guidance. I would like to pass on my best wishes to the new Editorial team, and hope that they find their time with *Rosetta* as enjoyable and rewarding as I have.

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