Press Release

Steindorff goes online

After many years of research and archival work, the correspondence of Georg Steindorff is now online. This marks the conclusion of the project "Scientific background knowledge and research transfer as exemplified by the Egyptologist Georg Steindorff (1861-1951)" and was realised in cooperation with the German Archaeological Institute and the Institute of Archaeology of the University of Cologne. The private archive was donated to the Egyptian Museum of the University of Leipzig by Thomas Hemer (1923 – 2013), a grandson of Georg Steindorff, up until 2012.

The archive consists of 2576 letters to and by Georg Steindorff dating from 1881 – 1951. They deal with Egyptology and Coptology, the editorship and membership in academies and other institutions, and also give descriptions and comments on political and social issues throughout seven decades of German history. Making the archive accessible online supplements the publication "Georg Steindorff und die deutsche Ägyptologie im 20. Jahrhundert. Wissenshintergründe und Forschungstransfers" which was edited by Susanne Voss und Dietrich Raue and issued in 2016 as Beiheft 5 of the Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde.

The archive is available via iDAI.objects/Arachne

(<u>https://arachne.dainst.org/project/steindorff</u>). Letters can be accessed and research questions relating to people connected with Steindorff can be pursued. In addition the archive is listed at iDAI.bibliography/ZENON (<u>https://zenon.dainst.org/Record/001427424</u>), with links to the digitalised documents.

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The archive of the Egyptian Museum Georg Steindorff houses a number of other legacies of historical interest. Future archival work will make these collections of photographs, travel journals, diaries and correspondence accessible to the wider public in the same way. Dietrich Raue, Ägyptisches Museum – Georg Steindorff – Universität Leipzig

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