

Article 1

(Denomination and Nature)

1. Current Research in Egyptology (CRE) is an annual international academic conference (hereinafter referred to as "the Conference"), held at a location to be determined in advance, intended for the presentation of papers and posters on any subject related to Ancient Egypt and Sudan.
2. CRE shall be conducted exclusively in English.
3. In accordance with the motion approved at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Conference shall incorporate the edition number in its official title (e.g., CRE 30, CRE 31) to highlight the conference's rich legacy and institutional memory, reinforcing its enduring significance and honouring past achievements.

Article 2

(Objective)

CRE's primary objective is to provide an academic platform for students and early-career scholars, prioritising the presentation of their work over that of those with already established academic careers.

Article 3

(Eligibility of Presenters)

CRE accepted speakers and poster presenters must be either students or early-career scholars. Anyone falling outside these categories is not eligible to apply.

1. Students are individuals enrolled in any level of a higher education programme.
2. Early-career scholars are individuals within five years of obtaining their highest academic degree.

Article 4

(Papers and Posters)

1. Papers and posters submitted for presentation at the Conference shall be prepared exclusively in the English language.
2. Papers and posters are unrestricted in scope and may cover any subject within the field related to Ancient Egypt and Sudan.
3. In accordance with the motion approved at the 2022 AGM, whilst some papers may be delivered remotely via online platforms selected for that purpose, the general rule is that papers shall be presented in person. The decision of which

and how many papers are to be delivered remotely falls unto the Organising Committee (OC).

4. An individual participant may submit only one abstract and must choose the format of the intended presentation beforehand — a long presentation, a short presentation, or a poster. However, a participant may also be the co-author of up to one additional paper or poster if the principal contributor to that submission lists them as a co-author. Therefore, participation is limited to a maximum of two contributions per individual, only one of which may be as first author.

Article 5

(Annual General Meeting (AGM))

1. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at each iteration of CRE.
2. All registered participants present at the meeting may vote on any matters raised at the AGM, except for those participating remotely.
3. All decisions approved at the AGM are binding upon the organisation of CRE.

Article 6

(Permanent Committee (PC))

1. The Permanent Committee (PC) comprises five members, drawn from various backgrounds and institutions, each of them serving for a mandate of two conference iterations.
2. The election of the PC members takes place annually at the AGM.
3. The renewal of PC members' mandates follows a rotational system, according to the following criteria:
 - a) In one year, three members shall be elected;
 - b) In the following year, two members shall be elected.
4. The rules set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be maintained successively, alternating between three and two members in consecutive years, ensuring the continuity and functional stability of the PC, while avoiding simultaneous renewal of all its members.
5. It is encouraged that the Permanent Committee maintain a balanced gender representation among its members. When electing new members, voters are encouraged to take gender representation into consideration alongside the qualifications, experience, and suitability of candidates.
6. The PC holds custody of the Conference, and supports the OC, advising and ensuring its work.

7. The Committee is expressly prohibited from making any alterations to the CRE's statutory guidelines without express approval by relative majority at the AGM.
8. The person receiving the highest number of votes during the election of new PC members shall assume the role of Chair when the previous Chair's mandate expires. Should the person with the highest number of votes decline to serve as Chair, the role shall pass to the person with the second-highest number of votes.
9. One of the elected PC members, to be chosen internally by the Committee, shall serve as webmaster, responsible for the maintenance of the CRE website and updating of its contents.
10. The PC may internally designate additional roles and responsibilities among its members (such as social media manager or other operational functions) provided that such assignments do not contravene these Statutory Guidelines or exceed the PC's defined powers and responsibilities.

Article 6A

(Non-Consecutive Re-election of the Permanent Committee Members)

1. In accordance with the motion approved at the 2023 AGM, former PC members are permitted to stand for re-election to a new mandate, provided that the maximum limit of two mandates per person is respected.
2. The two permitted mandates may not, however, be consecutive.
3. This limitation is intended to ensure rotation and promote broader participation of students and early-career researchers in the management of the Conference, particularly during the period when they remain integrated within their respective study programmes.

Article 7

(Host Institutions Bids)

1. Institutions wishing to host the Conference must submit and present their application at the preceding year's AGM.
2. The host for the following year is decided by relative majority at the AGM.
3. In the absence of eligible or approved proposals for organising the next CRE, the Permanent Committee shall take necessary measures to ensure the continuity of the Conference.
4. In accordance with the motion approved at the 2024 AGM, the Conference may not be hosted consecutively in the same country, unless no other institution offers to host the event in the following year. This policy is designed to promote equitable opportunities for universities globally to host the

Conference, foster international collaboration, ensure fair geographical rotation, and maintain the event's dynamic nature whilst ensuring continuity without interruption

Article 8

(Organising Committee (OC))

1. The host institution shall designate an Organising Committee (OC), responsible for preparing the Conference for the following year.
2. The Committee may comprise as many members as are needed, but must consist of at least two individuals associated with the institution that will organise the event.
3. It is the OC's responsibility to establish a Scientific Committee (SC), responsible for reviewing paper proposals. Members of the SC should be experts capable of judging the scientific value of both conference abstracts and articles. They should not be members of the OC, and preferably be from a wide range of institutions and nationalities.
4. Responsibility for gathering the funding, organising the conference, supervising the review and acceptance of papers, as well as publishing the proceedings rests entirely with the OC.
5. Whilst the OC is encouraged and expected to liaise with the PC on CRE organisational practice, the final decisions on the specifics of each iteration ultimately lie with the OC.
6. Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, it is within the PC's capacity to intervene should any decision taken by the OC violate the Statutory Guidelines.

Article 9

(Abstracts Review)

1. Paper and poster proposals submitted to the Conference shall be evaluated by the SC, in accordance with the terms and criteria established in the guidelines available at the Conference Website.
2. For evaluation purposes, the following provisions shall be observed:
 - 2.1 Blind Review:** All proposals shall be evaluated anonymously, i.e., without any identifying elements, including personal name(s), institutional affiliation, email address, or other data that would permit identification of the proposer. Each submission shall be assigned an identification number, with reviewers provided only with the title, respective abstract, and said reference number. Moreover, the abstracts themselves should be subjected to double-blind peer review.

2.2 Review Criteria: Analysis of each proposal shall focus primarily on its content. The following guiding criteria shall be considered, amongst others:

- a. General quality of the abstract
- b. Clarity and depth of content
- c. Relevance and thematic scope
- d. Originality and potential interest for a broader academic audience

2.3 Feedback on Non-Selected Papers: The decision whether to provide comments or justifications regarding rejected papers and poster proposals shall remain at the exclusive discretion of the OC, who shall liaise with the SC. However, it is recommended that such procedure be clarified and communicated at the time of proposals submission.

Article 10

(Review, Selection and Editing Process for CRE Conference Proceedings)

1. Any person who presents a paper or poster at the Conference shall be entitled to submit an article for publication in the proceedings volume. Publication is contingent upon successful completion of the peer review process and editorial approval as outlined in the following paragraphs.

2. In accordance with the Author Guidelines and the complementary guidance set forth below, the review, selection, and editing process of papers submitted for publication in the CRE Conference proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

2.1 OC members will act as Editors of the Conference Proceedings of the iteration they organised. They will thus be tasked with supervising the entire peer review process, as well as the subsequent selection and editing of the final proceedings volume.

2.2 All submissions shall be subject to a blind peer review process, i.e., they shall be evaluated without any identifying elements of the authors, including name, institutional affiliation, email address, or any other identification markers.

2.3 Each submitted paper shall be evaluated by two independent academic reviewers assigned by the OC.

2.4 The review shall be guided by standard academic practice criteria, including, amongst others:

- a. General quality of the article
- b. Soundness and relevance of the content
- c. Methodological and argumentative rigour
- d. Quality of academic English
- e. Research originality.

- 2.5** All submissions must receive individualised written feedback, with specific comments on how the article meets (or fails to meet) the aforementioned evaluation criteria.
- 3.** In accordance with the resolution approved at the 2023 AGM, an Editorial Committee (EC) may be constituted to assist the Organising Committee in the preparation and editing of the proceedings volume.
- 3.1** The number of members and selection of individuals comprising the EC shall be at the discretion of the PC.
- 3.2** There shall be no limitation on the number of mandates for EC members; however, the PC shall review every two years whether members wish to continue serving on the Committee.
- 3.3** The OC may assign tasks to the EC as deemed appropriate.
- 3.4** The form of recognition for each EC member's contribution shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the OC. However, it is expected that substantial editorial work shall be acknowledged with co-editor status.
- 3.5** Recourse to the EC is optional and remains at the discretion of the OC.

Article 11

(Visual Identity, Web, and Social Media)

- 1.** The official CRE logo shall only be changed upon approval at the AGM, except regarding its colour.
- 2.** Notwithstanding the previous point, the graphic design may be individualised for each iteration.
- 3.** Annual expenses vis-à-vis the official CRE website shall be funded by the OC.
- 4.** In accordance with Article 5, paragraph 7, the webmaster in office shall be responsible for the maintenance of the website and updating of its contents.
- 5.** The management of the Conference's social media platforms shall be shared between the PC and the OC.

Article 12

(Financial Management)

- 1.** CRE does not maintain any associated bank accounts.
- 2.** The OC shall be responsible for securing all necessary funding and financial resources required to organise and conduct the Conference.
- 3.** Unless a special provision is voted at the AGM, the PC is not entitled to manage or administer any financial resources.

Article 13

(Committee Member Obligations, Resignation, Removal, and Vacancy)

Members of Current Research in Egyptology (CRE) committees are expected to perform their assigned duties diligently, responsibly, and in a timely manner, contributing actively to the effective functioning of their committee.

- 1.** Should a member find themselves unable to fulfil their responsibilities to the required standard or commit the necessary time and effort, they are expected to notify the committee of which they are a member promptly and may resign from their position without prejudice.
- 2.** Where concerns arise regarding a member's ability or willingness to fulfil their duties, the matter should first be addressed confidentially by the other members of the relevant committee through discussion with the member concerned. If, following such discussions, the member remains unable or unwilling to carry out their responsibilities, or fails to engage with the committee regarding these concerns, the committee may invite the member to consider voluntary resignation.
- 3.** If voluntary resignation is not forthcoming:
 - a. The Organising Committee may proceed to remove the other Organising Committee member at their own discretion.
 - b. The Permanent Committee may proceed to remove the member of the Editing Committee at their own discretion.
 - c. The Permanent Committee may prepare a report outlining the circumstances and submit it to the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM shall consider the report and may, by vote of the CRE participants present, remove the Permanent Committee member in question from office.
- 4.** Where such concerns arise during the second and final year of a Permanent Committee member's two-year term, and the member is due to leave office at the forthcoming AGM, no vote on removal shall ordinarily be held. Instead, the AGM may, upon consideration of the committee's report, vote to reduce the member's recorded term of office by one year. Such a decision shall be recorded in the official archives of Current Research in Egyptology to accurately reflect the member's period of active service.
- 5.** Any vacancy arising from resignation or removal shall be filled as follows:
 - a. Organising Committee: at the discretion of the remaining members of the Organising Committee
 - b. Editing Committee: at the discretion of the Permanent Committee

- c. Permanent Committee: at the next Annual General Meeting, by vote.

Article 14

(Final Provisions)

1. These Statutes shall come into force on the date of their approval at the AGM and shall apply to all subsequent editions of the Conference.
2. Any amendment to these Statutes must be discussed and approved by a relative majority at the AGM.