

Work on the Demotic Dictionary Project and preparations for the Symposium "Life in a Multi-Cultural Society: Egypt from Cambyses to Constantine (And Beyond)," held at The Oriental Institute in conjunction with the Fourth International Congress of Demoticists, September, 1990, occupied most of the year's research time of **Janet H. Johnson** (see the separate report on the Demotic Dictionary). Her work in Demotic studies has led to her appointment as the American representative on the International Committee for the Publication of the Carlsberg Papyri; this committee is overseeing the cataloging and eventual publication of an extensive collection of Demotic texts (mostly but not exclusively Roman period literary materials, frequently unattested in other collections) which were purchased with funds from the Carlsberg Foundation and are housed in the Carsten Niebuhr Institute of The University of Copenhagen. She was invited to present a paper on "The Persians and Continuity of Egyptian Culture" to the 10th Annual Workshop on Achaemenid History, held this year in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her major publications which appeared during the year include "Multiple Meaning and Ambiguity in the 'Demotic Chronicle'," with Robert Ritner, (which appeared in *Studies in Egyptology Presented to Miriam Lichtheim*, a study of the conscious literary usage of vocabulary in a Persian or early Ptolemaic period text), and a section on the knowledge the ancient Egyptians had about the way their own language worked, which appeared in *Storia Della Linguistica*, edited by Giulio C. Lepschy. During the year, Jan was appointed a member of the James Henry Breasted Prize Committee of The American Historical Association, elected Vice-President of The American Research Center in Egypt, continued to serve on the Board of The Institute for Semitic Studies, and continued to serve as an advisor to the Departmental "Workshop on The Society and Religion of Ancient Egypt."