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Dear Swiss Friends of Oxford University,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the grant support provided to attend and present at the international CAMNES conference in Florence, Italy, on March 14-15, 2024. Your generous assistance made it possible for me to participate in this enriching academic event dedicated to the topic of 'Sacredness at Deir el-Medina'.

I am thrilled to report that my attendance at the conference was incredibly beneficial both academically and professionally. As a DPhil student in Egyptian Archaeology at the University of Oxford, I am focusing on the study of non-royal statuary from the site of Deir el-Medina, particularly examining contexts of production and display.

Presenting a paper at this conference provided me with an excellent opportunity to test some of the ideas and approaches outlined in my doctoral project. Additionally, it allowed me to showcase previously unpublished material in a new academic context. The feedback received during the presentation and discussions was precious, and I am confident that it will contribute to the development and refinement of my research.

Furthermore, attending the various sessions and panels enabled me to gain insights from other presentations and build new academic networks. Engaging with leading scholars in the field and sharing ideas with fellow researchers has broadened my academic horizons and provided me with inspiration for further research avenues.

In summary, my participation in the conference has not only enhanced my academic and professional development but has also validated the importance and potential impact of my doctoral project. I am deeply grateful for your support, which has enabled me to seize this unique opportunity and contribute to my field.

Thank you once again for your invaluable assistance.

Sincerely,

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