

Foreword

Volume 23 of *Isimu* is entitled *With a solid Ground we will continue our Path* (Con base sólida seguiremos nuestro sendero). Our journal begins a stage of the journey, which we hope will be long, with a new editorial team. On a solid foundation (twenty-two previous volumes) we continue, but the paths must be walked at each stage in different outfits. *Isimu* will continue to have the same spirit that saw it born, the one that its founder and director up to now, J. M^a Córdoba Zoilo, left in writing in the prologue to the first volume: “History as a whole twinned with Archaeology and Philology. Will of interdisciplinary, in short, between the human, exact, physical and natural sciences, assumed as a norm of scientific conduct”.

This volume includes contributions from Portuguese, Italian, and Spanish colleagues, and gives the round number of ten articles distributed in Egypt, Syria, Mesopotamia, Persian Gulf and Iran. The reader will cross that world led by travellers, scholars of antiquity, directors of excavation projects and with the joy of welcoming two new doctors in 2020: Zahara Gharekhani and Juan Álvarez García. We at the *Isimu* editorial team are delighted that they have obtained their doctorate and invite them to participate in this edition.

This volume of our journal also presents a note of appreciation to Federico Lara Peinado, who is considered by the editors to be a master and a great transmitter of the ancient Near East and Egypt in Spain.

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