Forming Material Egypt: 
the support of the Friends of the Petrie Museum

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The Friends of the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology were delighted and
honoured to be invited to participate in the Forming Material Egypt Conference
in May 2013.

The purpose of the Friends is to support the archaeological heritage of
Flinders Petrie through conservation, publication and display of the collection.
We seek to enhance public awareness of the Petrie Museum and to promote
discussion of current issues relating to archaeology, the importance of archives,
and the vulnerability of both object and memory.

The results of Forming Material Egypt were outstanding. The Conference
stimulated wide international debate between colleagues from Egypt, Europe
and North America; combined incisive examination of past and present archae-
ology and scholarship; and formulated new agendas for future co-operation
between scholars and between countries.

We are delighted to support the publication of this volume which will
bring the proceedings of the Conference to a wider audience.