

François Gaudard

François Gaudard continued his work as a Research Associate for the Chicago Demotic Dictionary (see separate report). He collaborated with Rodolphe Kasser, Marvin Meyer, and Gregor Wurst on the publication of the second edition of *The Gospel of Judas* (Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2008). The new edition of this fascinating and much-debated Coptic Gnostic text presents a thoroughly updated translation that reflects the recent placement of additional fragments, as well as expanded footnotes providing further information on difficult or controversial passages.

In the course of the year, Gaudard also wrote articles and book reviews which, for the most part, are now in press. He is currently working on several text editions, such as the publication of mummy labels. In 2007 Gaudard was contacted by Sofía Torallas Tovar and Raquel Martín Hernández to join the Mummy Labels Database (MLD) project, hosted by the Instituto de Lenguas y Culturas del Mediterráneo y Oriente Próximo, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales – CSIC, Madrid. This project is focused on making the approximately 2,500 known mummy labels already published in various series, journals, and monographs easily accessible to scholars as an online database. In addition, the project also aims to publish as many of the still-unpublished labels as possible, as well as republish all those that have been defectively or incompletely edited. A full description in six different sections will be given for each label. The mummy labels of the Oriental Institute's collection will be included and published in the database. Gaudard is indebted to Gil Stein, Geoff Emberling, John Larson, Helen McDonald, and Susan Allison, and he would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their help and invaluable assistance.
