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Donald Whitcomb divided his time during the past year between his current work in Egypt and earlier work in Iran. His volume *Before the Roses and Nightingales: Excavations at Qasr-i Abu Nasr, Iran* has now appeared. He participated in the 2nd International symposium on work in the regions surrounding the Persian Gulf and in a conference on the long-term excavations of Susa, in Iran. In both cases he concentrated on the later, Parthian, Sasanian, and Islamic, materials from these sites. He also gave one of the Institute's Members' lectures on Museo-Archaeology, presenting Istakhr, the Islamic city near Persepolis which was excavated by the Oriental Institute in the 1930's. At the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, he gave an introductory talk on the work on medieval Luxor which he will begin in December. He has also continued working with Janet H. Johnson on the publication of the third season of excavations at Quseir al-Qadim. This work has been assisted throughout the year by the editing and proof-reading skills of long-time volunteer Sally Zimmerman, whose enthusiasm and dedication have been extremely valuable and greatly appreciated.