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### Academic News

#### Simon Hopkins awarded with the British Academy “Edward Ullendorff Medal”

The “Edward Ullendorff Medal” of the British Academy “for scholarly distinction and achievements in the field of Semitic Languages and Ethiopian Studies”, newly established thanks to the generous support of Edward Ullendorff’s widow, Dina, to mark the former’s long association with the Academy (he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1965), “which he valued greatly”, was awarded for the first time in 2012 to Simon Hopkins, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (s. journal and website of the British Academy: *British Academy Review* 21, 2013, p. 47; [http://www.britac.ac.uk/prizes/Ullendorff\\_Medal\\_2012.cfm](http://www.britac.ac.uk/prizes/Ullendorff_Medal_2012.cfm)). The medal was awarded on 8 November 2012, on the occasion of the annual ceremony to award prizes and medals to Hopkins, a pupil of Ullendorff’s, “one of the most respected scholars in the field of Semitic Philology”, who “has made ground-breaking contributions to the research of an impressively wide range of Semitic languages and texts”. Among Hopkins’ most important contributions his researches on Arabic papyrology, medieval Arabic and Judaeo-Arabic philology, and Aramaic dialectology, with special focus on the languages spoken by the Jewish communities of Iran and Iraq must be mentioned.

#### In memoriam Paolo Marrassini (1942–2013)

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Prof. Paolo Marrassini passed away on 10 January 2013. He was almost 71 years old. In the last years of his life, he suffered from a progressive disease that hardly diminished his energy and undefatigable determination. He retired from active service at the university in 2009, but gave courses till 2011. He leaves his wife Maria Antonia, a daughter, and a son.

The son of Dante, a cartographer employed at the Istituto Geografico Militare, Florence, from whom he might have inherited a singular taste for meticulousness and details, his mother Clara Bosi was an appreciated primary school