

## CONSERVATION WORK AT KOM EL-DIKKA IN ALEXANDRIA IN THE 1991-92 SEASON

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Over a period from October 15, 1991, until May 5, 1992, the Polish-Egyptian Joint Mission at Kom el-Dikka<sup>1</sup> continued the conservation of the monuments located in the area.

**The Baths.** In the Southern Portico a further 54 m<sup>3</sup> of foundations were prepared, following guidelines presented already in previous reports.<sup>2</sup> The reconstruction of the missing parts of the foundations which have been dismantled in medieval times will permit the first stage of the *Zona Monumentale* project, accepted for the realization by the Egyptian Antiquities Organization, to be completed. Stage I of the project assumes the Baths and Cistern will be made partly accessible to tourists by 1994.

It will now be possible to complete the anastylosis of the original columns of the Southern Portico, and in the future of the columns of the eastern and western porticos of the South Gymnasium. Furthermore, the reconstructed foundation of this portico will also close off the cellar complex of the Baths from the south.

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<sup>2</sup> W. Kołataj, Conservation Work on Kom el-Dikka in Alexandria in the 1989 season, *PAM* II, 1989-90 (1991), pp. 15-18; *id.*, Report on the Conservation Activities at Kom el-Dikka in Alexandria in the Spring Season of 1991, *PAM* III, 1991 (1992), pp. 15-18.