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### **Directors of U.S. Excavation Mission to Meet Egyptian President Morsi**

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Dr. Elena Pischikova and Anthony Browder have been selected, from a field of foreign missions excavating in Egypt, to meet President Mohamed Morsi Friday August 3, 2012 at Karnak Temple in Luxor, Egypt.

Dr. Pischikova, Director of the South Asasif Conservation Project and Mr. Browder, Director of the ASA Restoration Project, have collaborated on the excavation and restoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> dynasty tomb of Karakhamun since 2008. They were the first foreign team to return to Egypt following the 2011 revolution, and are to be acknowledged for their dedication to their work and their desire to maintain close relations with the people of Egypt.

The discoveries made during the excavations by Browder and Pischikova will greatly expand the knowledge of the 25<sup>th</sup> dynasty – an often ignored period of ancient Egyptian history. Karakhamun was buried in an elaborate tomb on the west bank of Luxor over 2700 years ago. He was a priest of Amun and is believed to be a member of the royal family of Shabaka, the 2<sup>nd</sup> king of the 25<sup>th</sup> dynasty.

Dr. Pischikova and Mr. Browder will present their findings at an international gathering of Egyptologists at a conference to be held in the Mummification Museum in Luxor, Egypt on October 1 thru 4, 2012.

For more details on Karakhamun and the October conference visit [www.southasasif.com](http://www.southasasif.com) or [www.asarestorationproject.com](http://www.asarestorationproject.com)