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This is the first fascicle (a) of a lexicon of the Latin loanwords (hereafter Lexikon) which occur in Greek documentary texts from Egypt; Coptic sources have also been reviewed—a welcome novelty. The Lexikon appears not long after the second edition of S. Daris, Il lessico latino nel greco d'Egitto (1991), which has served as the standard work of reference since its first edition in 1971, but is little more than an index locorum. The bulk of the evidence derives from texts of the fourth to eighth centuries. Not surprisingly, administration, law, and army are heavily represented, but everyday-life items also receive a fair share. One of the aims of the Lexikon is to show that these loanwords are not isolated to Egypt, but can, as they should, be viewed within the context of the continuous exchange between Latin and Greek in the Greek-speaking East.

The Lexikon delivers much more than its title indicates. Each lemma is followed by translation(s), the Latin equivalent, graphic variants (including the Coptic ones), abbreviations, etymologically related words, Greek synonyms, all known examples arranged chronologically and cited verbatim, bibliography, and (sometimes very detailed) discussion of individual points. All this more than fulfils two primary desiderata of any lexicon: clarity and ease of reference. The editors noted that their decision to reproduce the references in full aims to facilitate its use by non-specialists. This, coupled with the generous layout, has increased the size of the volume; but any user of the Lexikon would be grateful. However, one feels that a good deal of the treatment of details should preferably have appeared elsewhere (the 'Lemmata Delenda' is one such case). Apparently for the sake of comprehensiveness even the most banal shortcomings of other works are meticulously recorded; sometimes this is useful, but not in the case of Daris's lexicon, the recipient of most of the criticism, set to be replaced by the Lexikon.

 Augustalis', but rather to his court (cf. 1.13 of the same text), and the use of $\mu \epsilon \gamma a$ in conjunction with courts (see now P.Oxy. LXIII 4394.21-2, 29-30 $cvv\eta\gamma\rho\rho\sigma \tau \sigma \hat{v} A\dot{v}\gamma\sigma vc\tau a\lambda iavo\hat{v}\phi\rho\sigma v)$. It is doubtful whether the Coptic **ATOTPIBOYNON** provides secure evidence for the existence of the word * $\dot{a}\pi\sigma\tau\rho\mu\beta\sigma\hat{v}\nu\sigma$, or whether one should understand $\dot{a}\pi\dot{v}\tau\rho\mu\beta\sigma\dot{v}\nu\omega v$ to be the prototype; compare **TATOAOYKUN** in R.-G. Coquin, *BSAC* 30 (1991), 5. On the other hand, the deletion of the lemma $\dot{a}\pi\sigma\nu\sigma\nu\mu\epsilon\rho\dot{a}\rho\iota\sigma$ is rash. To the literature on *archistatores* add H.-G. Pflaum, *Scripta Varia* i.155ff. For the *dux et augustalis* see also CPR V 18 introd. No bibliography is given on the *augustalis* of the Arab period; one should consult Grohmann's works cited by F. Morelli, *ZPE* 115 (1997), 199 n. 5. PLond. III 1135 and 1322, said to be unpublished (p. 79), have been edited by G. M. Parássoglou, *Hellenika* 38 (1987), 31, 38.

But these are minor quibbles that in no way tarnish this splendid work. The *Lexikon* will be invaluable to papyrologists, philologists, historians, Byzantinists, and other scholars for many decades to come. C.-E. and D. deserve our warmest congratulations and thanks; and we look with anticipation to the future fascicles ('Faszikel II' $[\beta-\eta]$ is planned to appear in 1998).

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