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For Immediate Release:

EIU STUDY TOUR TO EGYPT TO FEATURE INSIDE LOOK AT RIVER NILE'S EXPANSION

CHARLESTON – Does a cruise on the Nile sound adventurous and challenging? Do you yearn to visit the classic sites of Egypt, including the Pyramids and the Great Sphinx?

Eastern Illinois University will sponsor a 13-day trip to Egypt, beginning Wednesday, May 30. The cost stands at \$3,880 per person (double occupancy), and includes EIU tuition (3 credit hours), round-trip travel between Chicago and Cairo, three domestic flights inside Egypt, a four-night Nile cruise, four-star hotels, all breakfasts, four lunches and six dinners, all English-speaking guided tours and entrance fees.

The trip's host, Wafeek Wahby of EIU's School of Technology and a native of Alexandria, Egypt, will accompany participants as they visit museums and many of the countless archaeological sites of Egypt, home to more than 50 percent of the world's monuments. Cities and sites on the tour will include Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, Luxor, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Aswan, Toshka, Abu-Simbel, the El Alamain World War II Memorial, industries in New Borgel-Arab, research in Mubarak Scientific Research City, the Wadin-Natroon Coptic Monastery, and more.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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As a special bonus, travelers will bear witness to history in the making as they view the creation of a new valley for the River Nile in the western desert of Egypt. They will meet the Toshka Project's engineers and officials to study its far-reaching effects on engineering, technology, geography, ecology, archaeology, society, business, trade, and economy.

Those interested in this once-in-a-lifetime experience should contact Wahby at Eastern Illinois University, School of Technology, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Ill. 61920; by phone at (217) 581-2318; by fax at (217) 581-6607; or by e-mail at cfwsw@eiu.edu. Information also can be found at the following web site: <http://www.eiu.edu/~tech/StudyAbroadPage.htm>.

The registration deadline is Feb. 15, 2001.