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Speaker: Dr. Ahmed Ellaithy, Director-General of the Mallawi Museum El Minia, Egypt

The speaker is a member of the joint Egyptian-Italian project "The Complete Geophysical Survey of the Valley of the Kings", coordinated from the Italian side by Politecnico di Torino.

Introduces: **Prof. Franco Porcelli**, Department of Applied Science and Technology (DISAT)

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ABSTRACT

For four years, Egyptian archaeologists under the supervision of Dr. Zahi Hawass, with the help of 150 qualified workmen, searched for hidden tombs at the Valley of the Kings in Luxor. Although they excavated many sites on the basis of strong circumstantial evidences and scientific reasons, they gained respectable results, but no new tombs were discovered. In this talk, the possible impact of new technologies applied in support of archaeological research will be discussed.

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The Museum, about 40km south of El Minia (middle Egypt), was established in 1963 to house finds from local excavations, most notably Tuna el-Gebel, Hermopolis, Antinopoli e Amarna, and held an important collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. It was looted and badly damaged in August 2013. Fortunately, most (more than 90%) of the looted artifacts have been recovered. The Museum was reopened in September 2016. The cost of museum renovation (about 1 M €) was covered in part by the Italian Government through the Cooperation Development (Debt Swap) Program of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.