

In Memoriam

The Board of Directors and Members of the Canadian Society for Coptic Studies (CSCS) would like to honor the memory of Professor Rachad Mounir Shoucri, a devoted and active member of our society since its inception.

Born in Alexandria on October 1, 1940, Professor Shoucri's upbringing in the city fostered his passion for science and literature. His father, Dr. Mounir Shoucri, co-founder and director of St. Mina Society for Coptic Studies in Alexandria, instilled in him a deep appreciation for Coptic heritage. Following the completion of a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alexandria, Rachad migrated to Canada in 1967 to pursue a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics at Laval University in Québec City.

After working as a Professor of Computer and Applied Science for more than four decades at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, Professor Shoucri gained recognition in the field of Applied Mathematics, Mathematical Physiology, and Cardiac Dynamics for his notable achievements. Alongside his professional endeavors, he held a deep interest in the history of Egypt. Through the application of rigorous scientific methods, he scrutinized primary ancient texts and sources, highlighting the influence of early Egyptian Christianity on the development of Christian Theology and Monasticism.

Professor Shoucri demonstrated unwavering dedication as a member of the CSCS, regularly attending all its meetings and actively engaging in its proceedings. His commitment extended to multiple international societies for Coptic studies, such as the International Association of Coptic Studies (IACS), the Association francophone de coptologie (AFC), and the St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society. As an accomplished scholar, he presented several papers in these meetings, and his contributions were published in their proceedings. Interested readers can access a list of his publications via the following URL: <https://www.rmc-cmr.ca/en/mathematics-and-computer-science/dr-r-shoucri>.

Professor Shoucri's profound thoughtfulness and generosity touched the hearts of those who knew him. He was a discreet person with a subtle sense of humor and held a great affection for his loved ones. On August 31st 2022, he departed from this world peacefully, in the presence of his family, in Montreal.

While this note is not enough to serve his memory justly, we would like to pay tribute to the breadth of Professor Shoucri's passion and contributions to the field of Coptic Heritage.



Professor Rachad Mounir Shoucri (1940–2022)