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- §2 *Pylon* 1 is the first issue of the P3's online, peer reviewed journal. It publishes 18 articles and notes covering a range of documentary and literary papyri. The articles appearing here can be downloaded in PDF. New text editions and corrections will be transferred directly to papyri.info and should be available there shortly. As a result of the close connection between the journal and papyri.info, the display of the Greek texts in *Pylon* largely conforms with the conventions of papyri.info.
- §3 The journal aims to appear semiannually and welcomes contributions from the broader academic community. While it features new editions and corrections to published editions, it is not restricted to these formats and accepts synthetic articles related to papyrological sources that are not focused on textual criticism. For information on how to submit an article, consult the journal [website](#). We recommend that articles in the journal be cited in the following way: R.S. Bagnall, "SPP 22 60 Revisited," *Pylon* 1 (2022). Because of the absence of page numbers, individual parts of the articles should be referred to by paragraph number (e.g., §6).
- §4 This inaugural issue is dedicated to the memory of Federica Micucci, a brilliant young papyrologist and a friend of digital publishing who contributed in many ways to papyri.info in recent years. Federica responded with great enthusiasm to our invitation to publish an article in *Pylon* 1, and we are very happy to include the piece she submitted before her death in December 2021. Her absence is keenly felt.

The Editors
