

CHICAGO ASSYRIAN DICTIONARY

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During the past year, the staff of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary worked on the four remaining volumes of the dictionary, P, T, 𐎶, and U/W. Editor-in-charge Martha T. Roth devoted much of the year to editing the final volume, U/W. Research Associate Jennie Myers and visiting scholar Joan Westenholz worked on solving the remaining problems and orphans in the volume. Linda McLarnan, the manuscript editor, read the words for stylistic consistency and incorporated the changes in a revised draft that will be available for checking.

Meanwhile, the in-house editorial board (Robert D. Biggs, John A. Brinkman, Miguel Civil, Walter Farber, Erica Reiner, Martha T. Roth, and Matthew W. Stolper) and outside scholars Simo Parpola (University of Helsinki) and Klaas Veenhof (University of Leiden) completed their reading of the galleys for the 𐎶 volume. Roth and Myers incorporated their corrections and additions, and most of the galleys have been returned to the printer and set as pages.

The P volume was published in July 2005. Thomas Urban in the Publications Office oversaw the bids for printing and binding and we are grateful for his assistance throughout the final stages of publishing the volume. The other two volumes in press, T and 𐎶, will be published in late fall/early winter 2005/2006. During the year we were aided by graduate student Katie L. Johnson, whose exemplary editorial skills have made quick work of proofreading the P, T, and 𐎶 volumes.

Our able volunteers from the College Research Opportunities Program, Sara Cohen and Benjamin Gage, were of great assistance this year. Gage undertook to transfer notes from hundreds of books that were being returned to Regenstein, learning much about Assyriology in the process. Cohen did much of the inputting for the U/W volume, a time-consuming task as many of the drafts have lengthy handwritten corrections and additions that need to be incorporated. Gage began inputting when he finished his earlier project and we are deeply grateful to both of them for their help.

Much of the second half of the year was occupied by planning for the Fifty-first Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, the annual conference of Assyriologists and Near Eastern art historians and archaeologists hosted by the Oriental Institute July 18–22 in celebration of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary project. Chicago last hosted the Rencontre in 1967 when just over one hundred people attended. The 2005 Rencontre had over 300 registrants and involved massive amounts of planning. The organizing committee — Walter Farber, Jennie Myers, and Roth — planned for housing, feeding, and entertaining the international group of Assyriologists and their families, in addition to organizing the scholarly presentations. The conference was a building-wide event and everyone in the Oriental Institute graciously gave their time and expertise to help make this an event we are all proud of. A complete report on the conference will be in next year's report.
