

## CHICAGO HITTITE DICTIONARY AND ELECTRONIC HITTITE DICTIONARY (CHD AND eCHD)

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The two main areas of activity this past year were the final fascicle of the letter Š of our dictionary and the preparations for the big 10th International Congress of Hittitology that we will be hosting at the end of August 2017. We, the CHD team, Richard Beal, Petra Goedegebuure, Oğuz Soysal, and Theo van den Hout, have now sent off the final batch of words starting with šu- to our outside consultants, Professors Gary Beckman (Ann Arbor), Craig Melchert (Chapel Hill), and Gernot Wilhelm (Mainz, Germany). Once their feedback is in and incorporated we can start the final phase of putting the volume together and sending the manuscript to our Publications Office. Meanwhile, Goedegebuure, Beal, and Soysal continued work on revising and updating the letter “L,” the first one of the CHD that came out in 1980. This means looking for newly found or newly published references, new studies on the works we have already cited, adding new or differently understood meanings, adding dates to texts not previously dated, and rearranging the articles in accordance with the way we have been doing things in later volumes. In addition, Soysal worked on transliterating further unpublished material (Bo 6087–6434) from the earliest German excavations at Boğazköy, the site of the former Hittite capital Hattusa, as well as the most recent textual finds from the site of Kayalıpınar/Samuha.

A lot of time was spent on preparing for the upcoming conference. We originally hoped for about 80 participants, but as I am writing this report we already have 100 people registered! The organizing committee consists of the CHD staff including: James Osborne and Oya Topçuoğlu, with the invaluable assistance of Brittany Mullins and Kiran Webster from the OI’s Development Office, and our dedicated students Antonio Cruz Uribe, Thalia Lysen, Robert Marineau, Ryan Schnell, and Emily Smith. Petra developed our website ([ich10.uchicago.edu](http://ich10.uchicago.edu)) and made sure that registration for the conference and lodgings proceeded smoothly. In cooperation with the OI designer, Emily has been busy with posters and a banner while Oya and Rich worked on two exhibits in connection with the conference. With the invaluable assistance of Helen McDonald, Laura D’Alessandro, and Alison Whyte, Oya has been preparing an extra display case in the Syro-Anatolian Gallery featuring objects from the Oriental Institute Museum, not normally on display. All objects were selected for having a link with entries in our dictionary, showing the link between philology and archaeology. After the conference, some of the objects picked by Oya will be added to the permanent display in the large Alişar case. The other show will be a history of Anatolian-Hittite studies at the University of Chicago from its beginnings in 1892 up to the present day. With the assistance of Anne Flannery, the OI’s Archivist, Rich and Oya have uncovered numerous documents and photos telling the fascinating story of Chicago’s involvement in the area. Since they uncovered so much material, Rich will devote a separate presentation to this history during the conference. Thalia is organizing specific events for student participants that will also be open to the wider UChicago student body.

I should also mention with gratitude the enthusiastic willingness of Jean Evans, our Chief Curator, and her staff to completely re-install the permanent Syro-Anatolian Galleries in our museum for the benefit of our participants. In many meetings we all poured over the text panels, labels, and maps, establishing information that we hope will be as accessible and updated as much as possible to all future visitors. A final, and very special exhibit, will be that of two very large canvases by Audrius Plioplys. They were the result of his visit to several Hittite sites in Turkey and will be exhibited in Breasted Hall during the week of the conference.

Amid all this work for the conference, the usual dictionary activities continued. Barbara Jillson, our volunteer, spent many hours behind the computer expanding our bibliographic database. And under the watchful eye and dedicated support of Oya, students Antonio Cruz Uribe, Thalia Lysen, Robert Marineau, Katherine McFarlin, and Ryan Schnell helped in making a push to bring our dictionary files more up-to-date. This added work force was made possible by the generous support of Mr. Philip Elenko, our now long-time donor.

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