

CHICAGO HITTITE DICTIONARY (CHD)

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As promised in last year's Annual Report, we completed the Š-volume of the CHD this past fall with the publication of the fourth and final fascicle of this letter. We worked closely with, and are deeply grateful to, the OI's Publications Office on this momentous occasion. Also, as reported last year we have reviewed our *modus operandi* with the invaluable help of our graduate students Thalia Lysen, Robert Marineau, and Emily Smith. The start of the new T-volume gives us the opportunity to change a number of procedures that should help us make the production of new fascicles more efficient. Editors Richard Beal, Petra Goedegebuure, and Theo van den Hout have already started work on words starting in T and D (because the Hittite cuneiform writing system makes no systematic differentiation between the two sounds at the beginning of words, T and D are traditionally treated as one letter in our field). T/D will be a huge letter and the first installment will comprise at least three very large entries: the conjunction *ta* "and," as well as the verbs *dā-* "to take" and *dai-* "to put, place." As you can imagine, these everyday words are very common, and each therefore has hundreds, if not more, attestations.

Meanwhile, work on the proceedings of the 10th International Congress of Hittitology is underway. Manuscripts have been returned to the individual authors with editorial remarks and suggestions, and once they have been resubmitted we can finalize the entire manuscript and bring it to the Publications Office.

We are happy to report that Naomi Harris, according to last year's report assisting us as an MA graduate student, not only concluded her MA but also was accepted in our PhD program! So, we will hopefully enjoy her assistance on the dictionary for the next few years. Robert Marineau, our most senior graduate student and long-time assistant in our project, successfully defended his dissertation in June and was accepted as a Humanities Teaching Fellow for the coming two years: congratulations on both achievements, Robert!

During the months of October and November, Elena Martínez-Rodríguez from Barcelona visited us and worked through the CHD files for her dissertation on Anatolian kinship terms. On November 18 she gave a wonderful lecture in our Anatolian Circle on her "Research on Luwic Kinship Terms: The Potentialities of an Old Lexical Field." After her return to Barcelona she likewise successfully defended the dissertation and is now Dr. Martínez-Rodríguez!

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge the ongoing wonderful and loyal support of the Güterbock family, and Mr. and Mrs. Audrius and Sigita Plioplys.
