

Clemens D. Reichel

Following the 2006 excavation season at Hamoukar in September and October, and its press release in January 2007, **Clemens D. Reichel** was busy with lectures on the new discoveries at Hamoukar. They included presentations at the University of Pittsburgh in December 2006, a symposium “Archaeology of Conflict” held at George Mason University (March 2007), at Brown University (March 2007), a membership lecture at the Oriental Institute, the Illinois Arab-American Medical Association (April 2007), the Mid-America Club, and the South Suburban Archaeological Society (June 2007). In March, he participated in the symposium held on the occasion of Ray Tindel’s retirement, presenting a lecture (“Digging Old Data”) on the work of the Diyala Project. In May he gave a lecture on the history of the Diyala expedition called “Lobster for Dinner, Ransom Money Assured” to the Breasted Society. He also presented two lectures on the topic of divine kingship in Mesopotamia: “King and Cult: Temples to Deified Kings in Mesopotamia” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the American Oriental Society in Beaurbonnais, and “The King is Dead — Long Live the King: The Last Days of the Shusin Cult at Eshnunna and Its Aftermath” at

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the Oriental Institute's post-doc conference, "Religion and Power: Divine Kingship in the Ancient World and Beyond." Both conferences were held in February, 2007. During 2006/2007, Reichel continued his cooperation with ARCANE (www.uni-tuebingen.de/arcane/) as Regional Coordinator for Central Mesopotamia.

Reichel is overjoyed by having received a \$337,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete the work on the "Diyala Virtual Archive." This grant will start in July 2007.
