

MIGUEL CIVIL completed his Catalogue of Sumerian Literary Texts, and aided Rykle Borger with his *Assyrisch-babylonische Zeichenliste*. With Maurice Lambert he is preparing *Textes sumériens littéraires de Suse*. He compiled the catalogue of inscriptions from the 13th season at Nippur. He is also working on Sumerian grammatical and lexical studies, and on editions of texts. In the spring he lectured in Paris on the consequence of the fact that the modern researcher is not

the intended audience of the ancient scribes: it is the unusual, rather than the everyday, occurrence that is likely to be recorded, so taking the documents at face value is liable to result in a distorted understanding of ancient society.