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Once again, in 1996/97, **Harry Hoffner** used the majority of his research time directing and editing the *Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago* (see separate report). In addition to teaching and committee work, he traveled, lectured, and authored or edited several articles and books.

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In June 1996, President Hugo Sonnenschein summoned Hoffner to his office and notified him that he had been appointed the third John A. Wilson Professor in the Oriental Institute. Previous holders of this prestigious chair were the late A. Leo Oppenheim and Erica Reiner.

Publications which appeared in 1996/97 included the book *Perspectives on Hittite Civilization: Selected Writings of Hans Gustav Güterbock*, edited by H. A. Hoffner, Jr. (Assyriological Studies 26; Chicago: Oriental Institute, 1997), in which a number of articles of general interest on Hittite civilization are made available to a wider audience. Previously, one had to retrieve these articles from old and difficult to find journals and books published abroad. Now a new generation of American readers can enjoy them.

The following are articles that appeared in 1996/97: "Appu and His Two Sons," in *The Context of Scripture: Canonical Compositions, Monumental Inscriptions and Archival Documents from the Biblical World*, edited by William W. Hallo and K. Lawson Younger, Jr. (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1997); "Hittite," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*, edited by Eric M. Meyers (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp. 81–84; "Hittite Archives," in *The Archaeology of Anatolia: An Encyclopedia*, edited by G. Kenneth Sams (New York: Garland Publishing, 1997); "Hittites," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*, edited by Eric M. Meyers (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp. 84–88; "Mühle, bei den Hethitern," in *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, edited by Dietz Otto Edzard (Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1997); "Nachlass, bei den Hethitern," in *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, edited by Dietz Otto Edzard (Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1997); "On Homicide in Hittite Law," in *Crossing Boundaries and Linking Horizons: Studies in Honor of Michael C. Astour on his 80th Birthday*, edited by Richard Averbeck, Mark Chavalas, and Gordon Young (Bethesda, Maryland: CDL Press, 1997), pp. 297–318; "On Safari in Hittite Anatolia," in *Studies in Ancient Languages and Philology in Honor of Jaan Puhvel*, edited by Dorothy Disterheft, Huld and John Greppin (Washington, DC: Institute for the Study of Man, 1997), pp. 5–21; "The Queen of Kanesh and the Tale of Zalpa" and "The Sun God and the Cow," both in *The Context of Scripture: Canonical Compositions, Monumental Inscriptions and Archival Documents from the Biblical World*, edited by William W. Hallo and K. Lawson Younger, Jr. (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1997).

Works in press include the third and final fascicle of *The Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume P (Chicago: The Oriental Institute, 1997), due out in late 1997. In addition he has been working for the past two years on a new edition of the Hittite laws. He has recently sent the camera-ready copy to the press. It will appear in late August as *The Hittite Laws: A Critical Edition* (Documenta et Monumenta Orientis Antiqui 23; Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1997). Also in press are various articles, among them "On the Denominative Verb *arāwe*—" in a Festschrift to be published by the Institut für Sprachwissenschaft der Universität Innsbruck.

Research in progress, but not yet submitted, includes *The Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume Š (Chicago: The Oriental Institute); an introductory grammar of the Hittite language; a second revised edi-

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tion of Hoffner's book *Alimenta Hethaeorum* (American Oriental Series 55; New Haven: American Oriental Society, 1974); a volume of English translations of Hittite Military Annals for the series *Writings from the Ancient World* (Atlanta: Scholars Press), and a *Hittite-English Glossary* published on the Oriental Institute's World-Wide Web site.

He delivered the following invited public lectures: "Agricultural Perspectives on Hittite Laws §§167–169" on 17 September 1996 at the Third International Congress of Hittitology, held in Corum, Turkey; "On Homicide according to Hittite Law" on 7 October 1996 at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and "The Treatment and Use of Prisoners of War in the Maşat Texts" at a special session on Ancient Anatolia at American Academy of Religion Meetings in New Orleans, 24 November 1996.

Together with Professors Güterbock and Yener, Hoffner planned and presided at a day-long panel of international scholars on the subject of Recent Developments in Hittite Archaeology and Textual Studies. The papers delivered at these sessions are being collected for publication.

Hoffner and other members of the Hittite Dictionary staff were interviewed by Pulitzer Prize-winning *Chicago Tribune* staff writer Bill Mullen for a feature article. The article appeared in the Sunday 18 May *Tribune*.

Hoffner also continued to function as a member of the editorial board of the Society of Biblical Literature's *Writings from the Ancient World* series and as the Hittitological consultant for the project *The Context of Scripture*, edited by W. W. Hallo and Lawson Younger, the first volume of which was recently published by E. J. Brill.
