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# Materials for the Sumerian Lexicon

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The fourteenth volume of this corpus of native Mesopotamian lexicographic materials announced in previous reports is still in the hands of the printer, delayed by strikes and technical problems. The publisher of the collection is the Biblical Institute in Rome and the volumes are printed in Italy with the help of a subvention from UNESCO. The work of preparing the manuscripts for the coming volumes, though, has progressed better than expected. Irving Finkel will have the edition of the long series *Alan = nabnitu* ready by the end of the year (volume XVI). Antoine Cavigneaux, after his return from Iraq, is working again on his portion of volume XVII. The Old Babylonian forerunners and the Ugarit and Boghazköy recensions of *Diri* are finished and only the canonical recension remains to be revised to have volume XV ready for the press. Volume XVI is expected to appear in 1978, followed as closely as publisher and printers will allow by volumes XV and XVII. The complete eighteen volumes of the series MSL will certainly be published or at least in the hands of the printer by 1980.