The Assyrian Dictionary Project Erica Reiner

The Assyrian Dictionary, which has appeared steadily since 1956, is now complete from A through N, plus Q, S, and Z. This year the project made rapid progress on the production of two more volumes, S and Š. Continuing support from the NEH allowed the addition of collaborators to the staff, thus maintaining the pace.

A major achievement for 1983-84 was the completion of the S volume. It

is now in press and will be distributed this year.

Work on the multi-volume Š was the second important effort. Virtually all of the Š volume is written. Over 3000 manuscript pages, or approximately one-third of the projected total, were assembled and sent to the printer in August 1983. Most of the galleys have been received and corrections and proofreading are in progress. The first

70 galley pages have already been returned for setting in page proofs. A substantial portion of the second part of Š has also been edited.

In addition to the regular Assyriological and editorial staff, our visiting scholars have greatly advanced the work. Professor Joachim Oelsner from the University of Jena remained in residence through the summer of 1983.

Dr. Burkhart Kienast of the University of Freiburg returned, as did Dr. Hermann Hunger of the University of Vienna for four months. Professor Dietz O. Edzard of the University of Munich arrived in March for five months and has been working on the P volume. Dr. Joan Westenholz again served as visiting research associate for the entire year.