

Theo van den Hout

Theo van den Hout divided his time between research, teaching, and committee work. Besides his activities on the search committee for a new director of the Oriental Institute and other smaller committees, much time this year went to teaching. There were the regular Elementary Hittite course, the Second Year Seminar, and the Anatolian part of the Ancient Near Eastern History sequence. An advanced class dealt with the so-called shelf lists, that is, texts that must have played a role in the information management within the Hittite Kingdom. The latter is a subject that he will definitely give more attention to in years to come. As far as other languages were concerned van den Hout taught Lycian and, with Gene Gragg, Hurrian. In

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both cases they surveyed the grammar and read the most important texts. The Hurrian class was especially exciting because in 2000 two new Hurrian grammars, in German and Italian, were published. Hurrian was an important language in the second millennium in the Upper Euphrates area. For Hittite Anatolia it has a special significance in that Hurrian civilization served as a major intermediary for many Mesopotamian cultural influences. Recent text finds have greatly contributed to a better understanding of this language that is neither Semitic nor Indo-European, nor is it related to Sumerian.

Van den Hout's research concentrated on his work for the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (see separate report). Remaining time was spent on class preparations and on the writing of several entries for the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, for which he wrote the entries on Omens, Oracle, Ordeal, and "Pacht."

Apart from the first fascicle of the *Chicago Hittite Dictionary* (with H. G. Güterbock and Harry A. Hoffner, Jr.), the following articles appeared: "Neuter Plural Subjects and Nominal Predicates in Anatolian," in *Anatolisch und Indogermanisch/Anatolico e Indoeuropeo* (Akten des Kolloquiums der Indogermanischen Gesellschaft Pavia, 22.–25. September 1998), edited by O. Carruba and W. Meid, pp. 167–92 (Innsbrucker Beiträge zur Sprachwissenschaft 100; Innsbruck: Institut für Sprachen und Literaturen der Universität Innsbruck, 2001); "Bemerkungen zu älteren hethitischen Orakeltexten," in *Kulturgeschichten: Altorientalische Studien für Volkert Haas zum 65. Geburtstag*, edited by Th. Richter, D. Prechel, and J. Klinger, pp. 423–40 (Saarbrücken: SDV Saarbrücker Druckerei und Verlag, 2001); "Zur Geschichte des jüngeren hethitischen Reiches," in *Akten des IV. Internationalen Kongresses für Hethitologie* (Würzburg, 4.–8. Oktober 1999), edited by Gernot Wilhelm, pp. 213–23 (Studien zu den Boğazköy-Texten 45; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2001); and "Tombs and Memorials: The (Divine) Stone House and Hēgur Reconsidered," in *Recent Developments in Hittite Archaeology and History: Papers in Memory of Hans G. Güterbock*, edited by K. A. Yener and H. A. Hoffner, Jr., pp. 73–91 (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2002). His first Internet publication, "'I Have Given You My Advice': Educational Principles of the Hittite Empire" (fourteen pages), is found on-line at http://www.fathom.com/index.jhtml?pageName=/story/story.jhtml%3Fstory_id%3D122468. Also, this year saw the publication of the first issue of the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*, of which van den Hout is the managing editor.

Finally, among the papers of the late Hans Güterbock, van den Hout found an architectural design from probably the late 1930s for what is now the famous Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara. Güterbock was one of the leading figures in getting this museum established. The drawing had suffered some damage over the decades but was beautifully restored by Vicki Parry in the Conservation department and the result can now be admired in office 317!

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