

CHICAGO HITTITE DICTIONARY (CHD)

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When you read this, the final fascicle of the letter Š will be out. With this fourth installment we have completed our fifth and largest letter to date: L, M, N, P, and Š. During the past year we went through several rounds of painstaking proofreading, and the Publications Office with its usual meticulous professionalism turned it into the well-known two-column format and guided it to press. In honor of our deceased colleague and cofounder of the CHD, we have dedicated the Š-volume as a whole to the memory of Harry A. Hoffner.

Now, we will embark this fall on the new (and even larger!) letter T. We will take this opportunity to review our practices and make a number of changes to our *modus operandi*. In close consultation with and with essential input from our graduate students Thalia Lysen, Robert Marineau, and Emily Smith, we have already taken steps to change and better document the workflow in order to speed up the actual dictionary-making process. This fall we will finalize all this, and editors van den Hout, Goedegebuure, and Beal will start the actual editing of all words starting in t-.

Over the past year we started work on the Proceedings of the 10th International Congress of Hittology, which we organized in 2017. All manuscripts are being read through, and first proofs should be sent to all individual authors this academic year.

This past year we also changed the layout of the CHD office (see photo). Formerly, we had all file cabinets in the center of the room, but following up on an idea of grad student Robert Marineau, all cabinets are now lined up along the walls freeing up a large center space for two big tables where students can work, where our Anatolian Circle can have its quarterly lectures, and where we can have our CHD meetings.

We had several visitors: Professor Amir Gilan from Tel Aviv University; Dr. Susanne Görke from Germany; Dr. Peter Raulwing from Saratoga, CA; and Dr. Valeria Zubieta Lupo from Los Angeles. Professor Gilan attended the OI postdoctoral conference, and Drs. Görke and Zubieta Lupo consulted our files, the latter for her work on Hittite medical texts.

This spring we said goodbye to Antonio Cruz Uribe, former MA graduate student, who worked for the CHD since 2016, and we welcomed Naomi Harris, another MA graduate student, to our team. We also took leave of Barbara Jillson, volunteer and OI



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Advisory Council member, who worked on our digital bibliographical database for the past years. We are deeply grateful to all of them for their work on the CHD!

Last year our long-time junior editor Dr. Oğuz Soysal went back to Turkey and Germany and we can happily report that the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft approved his new project “Unpublished Boğazköy-Fragments: Edition and Research.” The research will be lead and carried out by Soysal in cooperation with his Turkish and German colleagues at the Philipps-Universität Marburg, which is still one of the important centers for Hittitological studies, and he is taking this opportunity to work together with his colleagues there in conjunction with other projects like the *Corpus der hethitischen Festrionale* and *Kayalıpınar Ausgrabungen*.

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