

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

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In 2002/2003 **Oğuz Soysal** continued his work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project. He has spent most of his time writing articles on words beginning with *ta-*.

Aside from this, his research activities have continued to focus on Hittite culture/history and Hattian language. The following articles were published between 2002 and 2003: “Zur Herkunft eines gemeinsamen Wortes in Altanatolien: *parninka/i-*,” in *Silva Anatolica. Anatolian Studies Presented to Maciej Popko on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, edited by P. Taracha, pp. 315–37 (Warsaw, 2002); “Einige vermißte, übersehene oder verkannte hattische Fragmente,” *Anatolia Antica: Studia in Memoria di Fiorella Imparati 2*, edited by St. de Martino and F. Pecchioli Daddi, pp. 753–81 (Eothen 11; Florence, 2002); “Ortak Bir Eski Anadolu Kelimesi *parninka/i-*’nin Kökeni Hakkında,” *Archivum Anatolicum 5* (2002), pp. 171–91 (in Turkish); “Corrections to readings of Konya-Seal Inscription (1997.12.1),” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* No. 3 (2002) p. 67; with Rukiye Akdoğan, “Yayınlanmamış Boğazköy AnAr fragmanlarından değişik içerikli metinler,” *Anadolu Medeniyetleri Müzesi 2002 Yıllığı* (2003), pp. 172–95 (in Turkish); “Kantuzzili in Siegelinschriften,” *Bibliotheca Orientalis 60* (2003), pp. 41–56; “Zu einer Lesung und Bedeutung,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* Nr. 1 (2003), pp. 17–18.

As one of the philological results of Soysal’s Hattian research, the Hattian origin of a common Ancient Anatolian word *parninka/i-* (borrowed also into Hittite and Luwian), designating a certain trouble for the human body, has been determined. Having spent the whole summer of 2002 in Chicago, Soysal also had time to study two Hittite seals with hieroglyphic Luwian inscriptions. One of them originated in the Sivas region and is deposited in the Sivas Museum; another one is in the Konya Museum. He dedicated a long article to Sivas and related seals, which appeared in *Bibliotheca Orientalis 60*. Also, a brief notice on the Konya seal is published in *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* Nr. 3 2002. The latter object is a uniquely shaped silver Hittite seal and belonged to a person named Šarkuili, the charioteer (a very common profession noted on Hittite seals). The owner of the Sivas-Seal, however, is a very special personality. His name is Kantuzzili and he bears the title “the great lance man,” the highest ranking official in the Hittite court. Furthermore, in April 2003, Soysal published, with his Turkish colleague R. Akdoğan, six unpublished Boğazköy tablets from Ankara Museum that appeared in the *Annual of the Ankara Museum 2002* (pp. 172–95). The article deals with some Hittite, Akkadian, and Hattian fragments. R. Akdoğan made the text copies, and Soysal provided philological comments.

After eight years of intensive work, the *Hattischer Wortschatz in hethitischer Textüberlieferung* is now in the final stage before its publication. In mid-April, Soysal received from Europe a very positively written recommendation letter for publication of his work, and since then he has focused on the final formatting of the book. Tom Urban, very kindly, took over this complicated job and is now preparing a PDF-generated camera-ready version of the book. It is expected that the book will come out in early 2004.