

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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Oriental Institute World-Wide Web-Database: New and Developing Resources in 2003/2004

(NOTE: all Web-addresses below are case-sensitive)

General News

At the beginning of the year, the Oriental Institute went into partnership with the Web development group of the University of Chicago's Department of Networking Services and Information Technologies. Since the middle of the year the Oriental Institute Web site is hosted on secure servers centrally maintained by the University. We are now well into the development of an entirely new design concept intended to improve both the organization and the aesthetics of the Web site. As a part of this reorganization, on March 30, 2004, the official name, or Web-address, of the Oriental Institute Web site was changed. Known for a decade as www-oi.uchicago.edu, we have now adopted the simpler, shorter name oi.uchicago.edu. Links using the old name remain active, and the change is seamless to the world at large.

Several Oriental Institute units and projects either updated existing pages or became a new presence on the Institute's Web site during the past year.

New Documents

Oriental Institute 2001–2002 Annual Report

The full text of the *2001–2002 Annual Report* is now available online, and links to its respective chapters and entries have been added to homepages of the appropriate projects and departments.

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/01-02/01-02_AR_TOC.html

We now have eleven *Annual Reports* online. All together these eleven reports cover 2,260 printed pages.

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/Annual_Reports.html

The Edgar and Deborah Jannotta Mesopotamian Gallery

An illustrated description of the Oriental Institute Museum's Mesopotamian Gallery that opened to the public on October 18, 2003.

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/GALLERY/MESO/New_Meso_Gallery.html

Museum Education, Kid's Corner: Prepare a Mummy for Burial

An activity in the Kids Corner of the Museum Education's Teacher Resource Center on the Oriental Institute Web site.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/ED/mummy.html>

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/ED/kids.html>

Research Archives: A Bibliography of Ugaritic Grammar and Biblical Hebrew Grammar in the Twentieth Century, by Mark S. Smith

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/bibs/BH-Ugaritic.html>

Research Archives: Iraq Bibliographies

A collection of bibliographies compiled in response to the cultural heritage crisis in Iraq since war broke out in spring 2003.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/IraqBibs.html>

Research Archives: ETANA-Abzu-news

Inaugurated in January 2003, this list will provide occasional (i.e., monthly) reports on developments at ETANA and Abzu (see below).

<https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/etana-abzu-news>

The Middle East Librarians Association Committee on Iraqi Libraries

Library of Congress Mission To Baghdad. Report on the National Library and the House of Manuscripts, October 27–November 3, 2003.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/mela/LCIraqReport.html>

The Iraqi Jewish Archive Preservation Report

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/mela/IraqiJewishArchiveReport.htm>

“Bosnian Libraries: Their Fate in the War and Responses to It, with Lessons for Iraq,” by Jeffrey B. Spurr.

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/mela/CAA_Spurr.htm

Names and Contact Information for Senior Administrators and Librarians at Institutions in Iraq.

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/mela/University_contacts.htm

Lost Treasures from Iraq: Digital Photographs of Archaeological Sites

These photographs were taken by U. S. Army SPC William Peterson during visits in late 2003/early 2004 and generously forwarded to the Iraq Working Group at the Oriental Institute.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/sites/sitesintro.htm>

Modeling Ancient Settlement Systems (MASS)

Announcing research papers and progress reports for this joint Oriental Institute/Argonne National Laboratory project. It is engaged in modeling and attempts to explain trajectories of development and demise of Bronze Age settlement systems for both the rain-fed and irrigated zones of Syria and Iraq.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/MASS/Mass.htm>

Chicago Demotic Dictionary

Three new letters, ‘ayin, Q, and G, giving the full dictionary entries for fourteen letters of the Demotic alphabet. For more information on the development of this tool, see the Demotic Dictionary, Computer Laboratory, and Publications Office sections in this *Annual Report*.

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/PUB/SRC/CDD/CDD_c.pdf

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/PUB/SRC/CDD/CDD_Q.pdf

http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/PUB/SRC/CDD/CDD_G.pdf

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and the entire Dictionary at:

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/PUB/SRC/CDD/CDD.html>

Revised and Updated Documents

Abzu: Guide to Resources for the Study of the Ancient Near East Available on the Internet

Published by the Oriental Institute Research Archives in cooperation with ETANA: Electronic Tools and Ancient Near Eastern Archives. More than a thousand entries have been added in the past year.

<http://www.etana.org/abzu/>

See also Research Archives: ETANA-Abzu-news (above)

Lost Treasures from Iraq: Objects from the Iraq Museum

Since April 2003, scholars at the Oriental Institute have been compiling a comprehensive database of objects from the Iraq Museum. While the primary objective of this project is to help in the recovery of the missing objects, we also hope that this site will be found useful as an educational resource for schools and the general public. At the moment nearly a thousand objects are in the database.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/dbfiles/Iraqdatabasehome.htm>

Research Archives Catalog Online

Web-version of the Research Archives Catalog. About ten thousand new records have been added this year. The total number of records is more than 130,000.

<http://oilib.uchicago.edu/oilibcat.html>

ANE: Discussion List for the Study of the Ancient Near East

A joint project of the Computer Laboratory and the Research Archives. During the past year 4,192 messages were distributed to 1,336 subscribers.

<https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/ane>

ANENews

A moderated sub-set of ANE: Discussion List for the Study of the Ancient Near East. During the past year 1,178 messages were distributed to 596 subscribers.

<https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/anenews>

IraqCrisis

A moderated list for communicating substantive information on cultural property damaged, destroyed, or lost from Libraries and Museums in Iraq during and after the war in April 2003, and on the worldwide response to the crisis. During the past year 469 messages were distributed to 697 subscribers.

<https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/iraqcrisis>

ETANA-Abzu-news

Providing occasional reports on developments at ETANA and Abzu. During the past year twelve messages were distributed to 387 subscribers.

<https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/ETANA-Abzu-news>