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The big news publication-wise this year is the long-anticipated appearance on July 15, 2007, of the two-volume *A Grammar of the Hittite Language*, by Harry A. Hoffner, Jr., and H. Craig Melchert, published by Eisenbrauns of Winona Lake, Indiana. It is the first comprehensive grammar of the Hittite language in English since the classic *Comparative Grammar of the Hittite Language* by Edgar H. Sturtevant and Adelaide Hahn in 1933 (2nd rev. edition, 1951). The first volume comprises an exhaustive grammatical analysis of the Hittite language with copious citations and references to the texts. The second volume is a series of graded lessons for beginners in the study of the language. The timing of its appearance is appropriate since, as announced in the Summer 2008 issue of *News & Notes*, this year marks what would have been the 100th birthday of Oriental Institute Professor Hans G. Güterbock. For the authors of this two-volume grammar have dedicated it to three giants of Hittitology in whose shadow we all stand: Hans Güterbock, Emmanuel Laroche, and Heinrich Otten. Of the three, only Heinrich Otten is still living.

Congratulations to the Güterbock family on this milestone and many thanks to them for their continuing generous support for the Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute, which Hans and Harry Hoffner founded.
