

## Oğuz Soysal

In 2007–2008, **Oğuz Soysal** continued his job with the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project. Much of his time has been spent writing articles on words beginning with “te- / ti-” and preparing the transliterations of the recent cuneiform edition *Keilschrifttexte aus Boğazköy*, Vol. 53, for the CHD files. His personal research has continued to focus on Hittite history, culture, and the Hattian language. Soysal published the following articles in 2007–2008: “KBo 8.67 (8/m) und KBo 17.23 (113/b): Ein indirekter Join und einige Bemerkungen zum Textinhalt,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2007 (no. 4): 87–90; and “Review of J. Hazenbos, *The Organization of the Anatolian Local Cults During the Thirteenth Century B.C.: An Appraisal of the Hittite Cult Inventories*” for the *Journal of the Near Eastern Studies* 67 (2008): 117–20. Furthermore, six more articles, including one on necrology, have been prepared and are awaiting publication.

In 2007, Soysal also devoted time to research activities mostly for international representations. He read two papers dealing with the enigmatic and highly controversial cult expression “to drink a deity” in Hittite: “A New Look at the Hittite Cult Term ‘to drink a deity’ in a Special Consideration of the Hattian Language” at the 53rd Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, 23–28 July 2007, Moscow/Saint-Petersburg; and “Göttertrinken bei den Hethitern” at the Probevortrag held at the Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, on December 20, 2007. In further connection to this subject, since January 2008 Soysal has examined the designations of the drinking vessels and cult drinking practices among the Hittites. The first results will be made public in a festschrift (Germany) and at the 7th Hittitological Congress in Çorum, Turkey, in August 2008.

In addition, Soysal, in cooperation with Dr. Rukiye Akdoğan, the curator of the Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara, has edited nearly four hundred unpublished tablets from Boğazköy with the siglum “AnAr” in a cuneiform publication entitled *Ankara Arkeoloji Müzesinde Bulunan Boğazköy Tabletleri II* (ABoT II), which was successfully completed in May 2008. Dr. Akdoğan prepared the tablet copies while Soysal categorized the texts and supplied a catalog and an index for the book. This group of fragments consists mainly of very small pieces, thus their determination as to text genre has been a difficult two-year intensive project. Thanks to the lexical files of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project, it has been possible to find many duplicates to well-known compositions from Boğazköy. This will certainly further enrich the Hittite text corpus.

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