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Oğuz Soysal continued his job with the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD) Project. Much of his time was spent preparing the transliterations of the recent cuneiform editions, Keilschrifttexte aus Boğazköy volumes 51, 55, 56, 58, and 60 for the CHD files. He made also the Turkish translation for the electronic CHD (eCHD) covering the words šaptamenzu- to -ši-, which were already published in CHD Š, fascicle 2.

As a personal study Soysal published in the Turkish journal Colloquium Anatolicum (11 [2012]: 309–46) an article on the Middle Hittite History, “Kantuzzili: A Regent for Tuthaliya ‘the Younger’?”

In addition, Soysal continued in 2012–2013 his new project involving the unpublished Hittite texts bearing the siglum “Bo,” which were transferred from the Staatliches Museum in Berlin to the Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara in 1987. As part of his
duties in the CHD Project, he prepared transliterations of 170 cuneiform fragments from the range between Bo 9536 and Bo 9736, whereby he noticed a number of joins and duplicates of some important Hittite compositions. The first results are now found online at the Kon-kordanz der hethitischen Keilschrifttafeln (http://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/hetkonk/) under their relevant text categories; a related article “Joins, Duplicates, and More from the Unpublished Bo 9000-fragments” appeared in the Dutch journal Anatolica (38 [2012]: 169–90). The pictures, transliterations, and other textual treatments of the entire material are now ready for the monograph entitled Unpublished Bo-Fragments in Transliteration (Bo 9536–Bo 9736), an upcoming volume of the series Chicago Hittite Dictionary Supplements.

After an agreement with Ms. Başak Yıldız, the curator in the Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara, Soysal started in December 2012 to take digital pictures of another group of tablets. These 170 fragments are in the number range from Bo 8695 to Bo 9535 and are being considered for another volume of Unpublished Bo-fragments in Transliteration under co-authorship with Ms. Yıldız.