Theo van den Hout

Last year was the first of Theo van den Hout’s second term as chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC). This meant very little time for his own research besides the work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD; see separate report). Theo was invited to Johns Hopkins University in October and talked about “Scribes and Scholars at Hattusa.” In November 2012 he presented at an interdisciplinary symposium on Scale Models, organized by the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. He read a paper on “Kingship and the Hittite Royal Funerary Ritual” at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago in December, and gave two talks at Brown University in April 2013.
Theo submitted for publication a brief history of Dutch Hittitology for a volume (in Dutch) to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten (NINO, Dutch Institute for the Near East) in Leiden, an obituary of his former adviser Philo Houwink ten Cate for the Archiv für Orientforschung, and an article for the catalog of the upcoming Oriental Institute special exhibit on the Zincirli excavations.