

## Assyrian Dictionary Project

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The major focus of the Assyrian Dictionary Project the past year has been the writing of the manuscripts for what will be the largest volume of the dictionary, Š.

Continued support from the National Endowment for the Humanities enabled us to make substantial progress in the preparation of the basic manuscripts for this volume. An estimated two-thirds of the projected total has been

written and over a third edited.

The printing of the Q volume is now complete and it is scheduled to appear in the summer of 1982. Galley proofs for about a third of the Š volume were received from the printer during the past year and were proofread and critically revised by the staff and outside readers. The editing of the R volume by Professor Hans Hirsch continued in Vienna.

Apart from a core staff, partly on the faculty of the Oriental Institute, as Professors Martha T. Roth and Matthew W. Stolper, and partly research associates engaged full time on the project, Drs. Francesca Rochberg-Halton and Jeremy A. Black, we were happy to welcome back on

the CAD project such former collaborators as Professor Hermann Hunger of the University of Vienna and Professor Burkhard Kienast of the University of Freiburg who each joined us for a period of four months. Professor Dietz O. Edzard, who was a visiting scholar in 1979–1980, was able to join us for another two months in the fall of 1981, and Professor Simo Parpola, a former faculty member of the Oriental Institute in 1977–1979 who was not at that time affiliated with the Dictionary, returned to Chicago this time solely to contribute to the CAD project. The presence of such distinguished scholars helps to ensure the quality of the Dictionary as well as increasing its output.