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As usual, many of **Harry Hoffner**'s scholarly activities are included in the report for the Hittite Dictionary Project. Much time in the late summer and early fall of 1991 was spent finishing and submitting the renewal application for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which was granted in the summer of 1992, for the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project.

October 1991 witnessed the University of Chicago's Centennial Convocation, at which Hoffner was chosen to present Professor Oliver R. Gurney of Oxford University for an honorary degree. It was a festive and joyous occasion and a privilege to be Professor Gurney's host in Chicago.

In late December 1991 he presented a paper, "Syrian Cultural Influences on the Hittites," at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association as part of a symposium on ancient Syria. The paper will be published in 1993 as "Syrian Cultural Influence in Hatti" in *New Horizons in the Study of Ancient Syria*, edited by Mark Chavalas (Malibu: Undena Publications).

In late March 1992 he traveled to Boston for the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society and presented a paper there, "Akkadian *šumma immeru* Texts and Their Hurro-Hittite Counterparts," which will be published in 1993 in a *Festschrift* for William W. Hallo, to be edited by Mark Cohen.

Late spring and early summer months were spent on articles for the Chicago Hittite Dictionary in the P volume (*pi* and *pu* words) and in preparing for publication his English translation of the latest German edition of Arthur Ungnad's classic *Akkadian Grammar*, to be published in late fall of 1992 by Scholars Press.

During 1991-92 his reviews of the following books appeared in print: *Althethitische Ritualtexte in Umschrift*, by E. Neu (Wiesbaden: Otto

Harrassowitz, 1980) in *Orientalia*; and *Hethitica VII and VIII*, edited by P. Cornil and R. Lebrun (Louvain: Peeters, 1987) in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 51: 148–49.

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