

### **Harry A. Hoffner, Jr.**

**Harry A. Hoffner's** activities as Executive Editor of the Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute are described in the project report (see separate report).

Hoffner traveled to Würzburg, Germany, to participate in the Fifth International Congress of Hittitology (3–8 October 1999). As part of his participation he gave a paper on Hittite Agriculture. He made the major presentations at the Site Visit of the National Endowment for the Humanities (visiting team George Farr and Helen Aguera), including a presentation on the growth of electronic resources for the Hittite Dictionary over the past twenty years and its plans for further growth in new areas (28–29 October 1999). From October 1999 through January 2000 he participated in the planning and conducting of visiting lectures by Hittitology candidates and deliberations of the search committee to choose its nominee.

Hoffner presided as President at the Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society Midwest Branch, meeting in Hyde Park (13–15 February 2000). On 14 February he delivered an invited lecture on “Hittitology and the Hebrew Bible” at this meeting and served on a panel on the same subject.

On 12 March 2000 Hoffner participated in the national Board of Directors Meeting of the American Oriental Society. On 13 March he gave an invited lecture on "Hittite Agriculture" at this meeting.

Hoffner continues to serve as a consulting editor (for Hittite) for E. J. Brill's series Context of Scripture, the managing editor of which is W. W. Hallo.

Hoffner is the current President of the American Oriental Society Midwest Branch.

Among his publications over the past year are "Thoughts on a New Volume of a Hittite Dictionary" in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 120 (2000): 68–75, and "Agricultural Perspectives on Hittite Laws §167–169" in *Acts of the IIIrd International Congress of Hittitology*, Çorum, 16–22 September 1996, edited by Sedat Alp and Aygül Süel, pp. 319–30 (Ankara: Grafik, Teknik Hazirlik Uyum Ajans, 1998); although bearing publication date 1998, this volume only appeared in late 1999.

Accepted for publication and forthcoming are the following: "Hittite Archives" in *The Archaeology of Anatolia: An Encyclopedia*, edited by G. Kenneth Sams (Ankara: Bilkent University, 2000); "Hittite for Hebraists" in *Beyond Babel*, edited by John Kaltner and Stephen McKenzie (Society of Biblical Literature); and "The Hittite King" in *Text, Artifact, and Image: Revealing Ancient Israelite Religion* (Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies), edited by Gary M. Beckman (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, Center for Judaic Studies).

Forthcoming publications with joint authorship include: with H. G. Güterbock and K. Aslihan Yener, *Recent Developments in Hittite Archaeology and History* (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns); and with H. G. Güterbock, *The Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume S, fascicle 1 (Chicago: Oriental Institute). Currently Hoffner is collaborating with H. Craig Melchert to produce an introductory grammar of the Hittite language.

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