

## Oğuz Soysal

**Oğuz Soysal** continued his job with the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD) Project. Much of his time was spent writing articles on words beginning with *tu* and preparing the transliterations of the recent cuneiform editions, *Keilschrifttexte aus Boğazköi* volumes 47, 51, 56, 58, and 60 for the CHD files. His personal research has continued to focus on Hittite history/culture and the Hattian language. Soysal published the following articles in 2010–2011: “Philological Contributions to Hattian — Hittite Religion (II). On the Origin and the Name of the *ḫazkarai*-women,” in *Pax Hethitica: Studies on the Hittites and their Neighbours in Honour of Itamar Singer*, pp. 340–50

(Studien zu den Bogazköy-Texten 51; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2010), and “Eski Anadolu Toponomisi’nde değişik yorumlara açık bir yapım ögesi hakkında: Hititçe — *aš+ḫapa* ‘... nehir(i)’ ya da Hattice *š(a)ḫap* ‘tanrı’ ?,” in *Acts of the 7th International Congress of Hittitology, Çorum, August 25–31, 2008*, edited by Aygül Süel, volume 2, pp. 783–91 (Ankara: Anıt Matbaa, 2010)

Furthermore, Soysal’s long-term cooperation with Dr. Rukiye Akdoğan and Tom Urban brought its fruitful result as the cuneiform publication entitled *Ankara Arkeoloji Müzesinde Bulunan Boğazköy Tabletleri II/ Boğazköy Tablets in the Archaeological Museum of Ankara II* was published by the Oriental Institute in June 2011.

In addition, in winter 2010/2011 Soysal started a new project involved with the unpublished Hittite texts bearing the siglum “Bo,” which were transferred from the Staatliches Museum in Berlin to the Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara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. After the decision of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Turkey in 2010, a new team of Turkish Hittitologists was formed to continue working on the unpublished Bo fragments, wherein Soysal too received an invitation to become a part of that project. The fragments in question are in the number range from Bo 8 to Bo 9736 and they are divided up among twenty-one Hittitologists. Each team member receives about 170 pieces and is primarily obligated to make hand copies of them. Soysal’s share includes the range between the numbers Bo 9536 and Bo 9736. In June 2010 he visited the Ankara Museum to check these fragments, which can be utilized as primary source for the works of the Hittite Dictionary Project. To enlarge the material, Soysal also received permission from some of his Turkish colleagues to work on their share of Bo-texts. In winter 2010/2011 and summer 2011 Soysal took digital pictures of about 500 Bo-fragments in the Ankara Museum and started to transliterate the texts, which are to be added to the lexical files of the Hittite Dictionary Project. This would be a great benefit for the Hittite Dictionary Project since the unpublished Bo-texts cannot be used otherwise unless they are cited elsewhere in the secondary literature.



*Soysal working on the Bo-texts at the Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations, Ankara, in January 2011*