

MIGUEL CIVIL has for all practical purposes finished the Materials for the Sumerian Lexicon project except for the overseeing of printing and for the preparation of addenda from new lexical texts as these appear. He collaborated with Giovanni Pettinato on a volume of lexical texts from Ebla, which is now in print, and was able to prove that two Ebla texts represent one of the earliest forerunners of the HAR-ra series and its Semitic translation. Microcomputer programs put together last year are already helping significantly in reconstructing Sumerian literary texts, especially in identifying joins and duplicates.