

CHARLES E. JONES

Charles E. Jones' research centered, as always, on the development and maintenance of the collections and catalogs of the Research Archives (see separate report), and, in collaboration with John Sanders, on the development of the Electronic Resources of the Oriental Institute (see separate report).

Jones was appointed to the steering committee of [achemenet.com](http://www.achemenet.com) (<http://www.achemenet.com>), a website focusing on Achaemenid studies under development at the Collège de France under the leadership of Pierre Briant. He participated in a conference organized under its auspices in December and met again with the steering committee in June in Paris.

Beginning more than a year ago Jones has been working with colleagues from a number of universities towards the development of an electronic library for ancient Near Eastern studies. This project, called ETANA (Electronic Tools and Ancient Near Eastern Archives), received a \$100,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Under the leadership of the Vanderbilt University Libraries, ETANA is a cooperative project supported by the American Oriental Society, the American Schools of Oriental Research, Case Western Reserve University Library, the Cobb Institute of Archaeology at Mississippi State University, the Institute of Archaeology (Tel Aviv University), the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, the Society of Biblical Literature, Vanderbilt University Press, and the Vanderbilt Divinity Library. Further information will appear at <http://www.etana.org> as the project develops.

In his capacity as coordinator for text encoding, available web resources, and tool developments relating to the ancient Near East for the online journal *Ariadne* (<http://www.ariadne.ac.uk>), Jones solicited and saw through to press a number of articles on ancient subjects.

Along with authors Mark Garrison and Margaret Root, Jones read final proofs of the volume on the seal impression on the Persepolis Fortification Tablets. This volume might well appear from the Oriental Institute Publications Office by the time this *Annual Report* is in circulation.
