

## Oğuz Soysal

In 2001/2002 **Oğuz Soysal** continued his job on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project. He has spent most of his time writing articles on words beginning with “*ta-*”. Aside from his work on the dictionary, his research activities continue to focus on Hittite culture and history and Hattian language. The following articles were published during the year: Review of *Systematische Bibliographie der Hethitologie 1915–1995*, by V. Souček and J. Siegelová, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121 (2001): 296–98; “New Materials for the Hattian Text Corpus,” *Nouvelles assyriologiques brèves et utilitaires* 2001 nr. 3 (2001): 67–68; “Ist das hattische Wort für ‘Kuh’ gefunden?” *Altorientalische Forschungen* 28 (2001): 282–88; “Hattusilis I, Labarnas I, Telipinus,” *Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*, pp. 605 and 716 in Volume 2 and pp. 1062–63 in Volume 3 (Hackensack: Salem Press, 2002); “Nochmals zu Hethitisch <sup>NA4</sup>*taḫapšetai-/taḫupaštai-* usw.,” *Nouvelles assyriologiques brèves et utilitaires* 2001 nr. 4 (2001): 87–89; “Hattische Araştırmalarında Son Durum (Zum gegenwärtigen Stand der hattischen Studien),” in *Akten des IV. Internationalen Kongresses für Hethitologie* (Würzburg, 4.–8. Oktober 1999), edited by Gernot Wilhelm, pp. 642–51 (Studien zu den Boğazköy-Texten 45; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2001); “Eine hattische ‘Notzeit’ Beschreibung,” *Nouvelles assyriologiques brèves et utilitaires* 2002 nr. 1 (2002): 8–9; and “Zum Nomen : šuwaru-,” in *Novalis Indogermanica: Festschrift für Günter Neumann zum 80. Geburtstag*, edited by S. Zeilfelder and M. Fritz, pp. 465–74 (Graz: Leykam, 2002).

As a result of his philological research on the Hattian language, he identified the names of the following animals: *milup* “ox,” *tariš* “horse,” and *šup* “bull.” In another short article, Soysal dealt with a Hattian passage on famine on earth with interesting onomatopoeic descriptions about suffering oxen, sheep, and human beings.

In addition to these activities, since January 1996 he has also been preparing a Hattian word list based on texts in the Hattian language from Boğazköy (Hattian-Hittite bilinguals, Hattian recitations, Hittite rituals and festivals with Hattian elements, etc.). At present the list consists of about 10,000 computer-stored entries (words and word complexes from all of the published Hattian material). The content of the book in progress, entitled *Hattischer Wortschatz in hethitischer Textüberlieferung*, was enlarged with additional chapters on the Hattian text corpus, phonology, grammar, lexicography, and bibliography — totaling more than 1,000 pages. It is expected to be published at the end of this year. During summer 2002, Soysal plans to format the camera-ready version of the book for submission to a European publisher.

In co-operation with his German colleagues, he plans to edit some unpublished texts from Boğazköy that he was able to determine as duplicates of some important historical documents from the Old Hittite Kingdom. The texts are mostly tiny fragments; however, they are a remarkable contribution to the corpus of Old Hittite historical documents. Furthermore, with a Turkish colleague he is working on other unpublished fragments of Hittite texts with various contents.

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