

Oğuz Soysal

In 2004/2005 **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 this, his research activities have continued to focus on Hittite culture and history and the Hattian language. The following articles were published in 2004: “Review of *Kulturgeschichten. Altorientalische Studien für Volkert Haas zum 65. Geburtstag*,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123 (2003): 664–66; “On Hittite ‘Bull-leaping’ Again: With a Lexical Examination of the Verb *watku-* ‘to jump’/ Corrections to my Notes in N.A.B.U. 2003 N° 4 and in N.A.B.U. 2004 N° 1,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires*, 2004 nr. 3 (2004): 64–65; “Review of *Hattisch-Hethitischen Bilinguen II. Textbearbeitungen 2, 3*, by H.-S. Schuster,” *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 61 (2004): 355–78; “The Angry Priests in a Hattian-Hittite Narrative,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 4 (2004): 75–98; “On Hittite ^(LÜ)*ānt-* (the) equal (one) > rival Again,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 4 (2004): 99–105.

Furthermore, two articles, one on necrology, and two reviews have been printed.

In September 2004 he participated at the International Conference of Hittites, Greeks and Their Neighbors in Ancient Anatolia at the Emory University and presented a paper with the title “On the Origin of the Royal Title *tabarna / labarna*.” The revised version of this paper is to appear in 2005 issue of the Dutch periodical *Anatolica*.

After the publication of his book *Hattischer Wortschatz in hethitischer Textüberlieferung* (Leiden, 2004), Soysal was interviewed by the Turkish newspapers *Dünya* (April 17–18, 2004) and *Hürriyet* (November 7, 2004) where he found the opportunity to express the importance of the studies on the ancient Anatolian civilization to a wider public.

Between February and June 2005 Soysal held the position of visiting assistant professor at Bilkent University in Ankara and taught three Hittite classes. Hopefully, this enterprise will help establish Hittite studies at Bilkent in the near future.



Soysal with his Bilkent students in May 2005