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Oğuz Soysal continued his work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary. He has spent most of his time writing articles on words beginning with "šu-." In March 2001, after six years work and about one hundred and fifty articles, he finally completed the "šu-" words.

Aside from this, his research activities have continued to focus on Hittite culture/history and Hattian language. The following articles were published in 2000 or currently in press for publishing in 2001: "Bazı kayıp, gözden kaçmış ve yanlış saptanmış Hattice fragmanlar," Archivum Anatolicum 4 (Turkey, 2000), pp. 177-205; "Analysis of a Hittite Oracular Document," Zeitschrift für Assyriologie 90/1 (Germany, 2000), pp. 85-122; "Hattice Araştırmalarında Son Durum," in Fourth International Congress of Hittitology, Würzburg, Germany, 4-8 October 1999, for Studien zu den Boğazköy-Texten 45 (Germany, 2001); "Zum Nomen [↑]šuwaru-," for a second festschrift for Günter Neumann (Germany, 2001); "A Practical Vocabulary from Ortaköy," with Aygül Süel, in a festschrift for Harry A. Hoffner (USA); Review of Systematische Bibliographie der Hethitologie 1915-1995, by V. Souček and J. Siegelová, Journal of Ancient Oriental Studies 121 (USA, 2001), pp. 296-98; "Ortak Bir Eski Anadolu Kelimesi parninka/i-'nın Kökeni Hakkında," Archivum Anatolicum 5 (Turkey); "Einige vermißte, übersehene oder verkannte hattische Fragmente," for a gedenkschrift for an Italian colleague; "Zur Herkunft eines gemeinsamen Wortes in Altanatolien: parninka/i-," for a festschrift for a Polish colleague; "Ist das hattische Wort für "Kuh" gefunden?" Altorientalische Forschungen 28 (Germany, 2001); and "Labarna (I)," "Hattušili (I)," and "Telipinu and His Proclamation," for Encyclopedia of the Ancient World (USA, 2001).

In addition to these activities he has also been preparing since January 1996 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.). The list in question currently consists of about 10,000 computer-stored entries (words and word complexes; 100% of published material). The content of the book in progress entitled as "Hattischer Wortschatz in hethitischer Textüberlieferung" has been recently enlarged with additional chapters on the Hattian text corpus, phonology, grammar, lexicography, and bibliography of 1,000 pages. It is expected to be published next year. For this summer, Oğuz Soysal plans to visit Germany in order to manage publishing this book.

The planned trip to Germany will allow him to temporarily cease work on the original Ortaköy tablets in Turkey this year. However, the Ortaköy team is preparing a text edition with title The Hattian-Hittite Foundation Rituals from Ortaköy (I) — Fragments of CTH 726 "Rituel bilingue de fondation d'un temple ou d'un palais," which will probably go to the press next year.

During Spring Quarter 2001 he had the opportunity to offer a class entitled "Hattian-Hittite Bilingual Texts on the Sacred Buildings." Class participants included both Hittite students and members of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary staff. The more advanced knowledge of Hattian language will also be helpful to the staff of dictionary project in future works. We are now able to better understand and interpret Hattian words, which are frequently mentioned in the Hittite Dictionary.