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Scott Branting

During 2005/2006 **Scott Branting** continued to direct CAMEL (see separate report) as it grew to support forty different projects this year. He received two major grants in support of CAMEL. The first was an Academic Technology Innovation Grant to acquire a large format scanner and plotter for CAMEL and to begin the process of digitizing and georectifying the map collections

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held in the Research Archives. The second was a Women's Board Grant to acquire and georectify numerous declassified Corona images for inclusion within CAMEL's growing coverage of the Near East. Branting also made two trips to meet with government agencies on CAMEL's behalf. One was to Huntsville, Alabama, to lay the groundwork for a pending partnership between CAMEL and NASA. The other was to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for successful negotiations with the USGS to secure discounts for CAMEL for the purchase of a large number of Corona images. Here in Chicago he served as co-chair of the Integrated Database Committee, and he also negotiated for the Oriental Institute's new Multi-Terabyte Storage Server that will provide secure computer storage space for the Institute's large and growing digital collections.

At the same time Branting continued as co-director of the Kerkenes Dağ Project in Turkey, an international and interdisciplinary archaeological project now in its thirteenth year (see separate report). He gave two public lectures on his work at Kerkenes, a Member's Lecture in October and a lecture for the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society in November. He also gave five papers at academic conferences and invited symposia including: The Knowledge Economy and Technological Capabilities of the Early Mediterranean World International Symposium in Paris in December; the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Chicago in March; the Computer Applications in Archaeology Annual Meeting in Fargo, North Dakota, in April; the Uluslararası Bozok Sempozyumu in Yozgat, Turkey, in May; and the Türkiye Onbirinci ESRI ve ERDAS Kullanıcıları Grubu Ankara Toplantısı in Ankara, Turkey, in June. Publications on the work at Kerkenes include *Kerkenes News 7, 2004* with Geoffrey and Françoise Summers published by METU Press and "Simulating Movement, Communication and Flows of Knowledge at Kerkenes Dağ" in the forthcoming volume edited by Myriam Wissa emerging from the Knowledge Economy Symposium in Paris. In addition he worked on finalizing the edited volume, *Analyzing Space in Time*, to be published by Archaeopress in which his article "Modeling Ancient Transportation" will appear.

Branting also taught the two-course Ancient Landscapes sequence and directly oversaw three Master's projects in both the Social Science Division and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.
