

MIGUEL CIVIL Miguel Civil has finally seen his 1982 Naples paper “Bilingualism in Logographically Written Languages: Sumerian in Ebla” published in *Il bilinguismo a Ebla*, L. Cagni, ed. He has published “New Historical Texts Mentioning Ur-Namma” (*Festschrift van Dijk*) which includes, besides a historical cylinder and the first fragment of a royal hymn of Ur III date ever found, a collection of the inscriptions on votive objects in the Inanna temple in Nippur compiled by an Old Babylonian scribe from Nippur. “Sur les ‘livres d’écolier’ à l’époque paléo-babylonienne” (*Mélanges Birot*) is a study of a literary text which mentions by name the different “text-books” used in the schools and throws new light on the Mesopotamian didactic methods. Civil was able to identify a recently published (D. O. Edzard, *Archivi Reali di Ebla*, Testi V no. 39 text—considered as some sort of understandable “bilingual proverb”—as the immediate continuation of the syllabic Sumerian lexical list of food items he had published in *Oriens Antiquus* 21 three years ago. A note

about it is in press in *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*. A corpus of Sumerian riddles with special attention to their phonological and grammatical patterning will be published this Fall in *Aula Orientalis*. He is also working on the early history of the series 𒀭AR-ra and on some long range projects already mentioned in the last report.