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Once again, in 1998/99 **Harry A. Hoffner, Jr.**, used the majority of his research time for the directing and editing of the *Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*. In addition to teaching and committee work, he also traveled, lectured, and authored or edited several articles and books.

In summer 1998 in accordance with university guidelines he gave a two year advance notice of his intention to retire from active faculty status effective summer 2000. The Oriental Institute and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations with authorization from the University appointed a search committee chaired by Walter Farber and on which Hoffner served as a member to identify the best candidate for the faculty position in Hittitology. The job description also includes the on-site direction of the Hittite Dictionary Project. Hoffner therefore used 1998/99 as the first of two years during which he will make the smoothest possible transition in the administrative leadership of the Hittite Dictionary Project as well as the academic preparation of current graduate student majors in Hittitology.

Publications from his hand that appeared in 1998/99 include "Agricultural Perspectives on Hittite Laws §§167–169," in *Acts of the IIIrd International Congress of Hittitology* (Çorum, 16–22 September, 1996), edited by S. Alp and A. Süel (Ankara: Grafik, Teknik Hazırlık Uyum Ajansı, 1998), pp. 319–30; "From the Disciplines of a Dictionary Editor," in *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 50 (1998), pp. 35–44; *Hittite Myths* (Second Revised Edition; Writings from the Ancient World 2; At-

lanta: Scholars Press, 1998); "Hurrian Civilization from a Hittite Perspective," in *Urkesch and the Hurrians: Studies in Honor of Lloyd Cotsen*, edited by G. Buccellati et al. (Malibu: Undena, 1998), pp. 167–200; "Nachlass, bei den Hethitern," in *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, Band 9, edited by E. Ebeling et al. (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1998); "Namen. B. Bei den Hethitern," in *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, Band 9, edited by E. Ebeling et al. (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1998), pp. 116 ff.; and "On the Denominative Verb *arāwe-*," in *Mír Curad: Studies in Honor of Calvert Watkins*, edited by J. Jasanoff et al. (Innsbruck: Institut für Sprachwissenschaft der Universität Innsbruck, 1998), pp. 275–84.

Work accepted and forthcoming includes "Hittite Archives" in *The Archaeology of Anatolia: An Encyclopedia*, edited by G. K. Sams (Ankara: Bilkent University, 1999); "The Royal Cult in Hatti," in a volume on *King and Cult in the Ancient Near East*, growing out of a paper delivered at a conference in April 1998 at the Center for Judaic Studies in Philadelphia; and the jointly edited volume *Recent Developments in Hittite Archaeology and History*, edited by H. G. Güterbock, H. A. Hoffner, and K. A. Yener (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1999).

Research in progress, but not yet submitted, includes the next volume of the *Hittite Dictionary*, containing the beginning of the Š words.

Hoffner was invited to deliver a public lecture, *Daily Life in Ancient Hatti*, at the annual meeting of the Midwest Branch of the American Oriental Society in Cincinnati, Ohio, 14 February 1999. A slightly modified form of this lecture will appear in a volume on the theme of *Daily Life in the Ancient Near East* to be edited by M. Chavalas, R. Averbeck, and D. Weisberg and published by CDL Press. Hoffner also continued to function as a member of the editorial board of the Society of Biblical Literature's *Writings from the Ancient World* series and as Hittitological consultant for the project *Scripture in Context*, edited by W. W. Hallo and Lawson Younger, to be published by E. J. Brill in Leiden, The Netherlands. As a member of the editorial board of the *Writings from the Ancient World* series, he attended the board's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida on 19 November 1998.
