LA "COOPERATION" A LA XXXIe RENCONTRE ASSYRIOLOGIQUE/DE "COOPERATION" OP DE XXXIste ASSYRIOLOGISCHE ONTMOETING Leningrad (1984)

R. BIGGS (Chicago)

1. Chicago Assyrian Dictionary : The S volume will appear in 1984 ; Part I of Š is in galley proofs ; P and R are in preparation.
2. Materials for the Sumerian Lexicon : vol. 17 (Erimhuš and Antagal) is in press and will appear in 1984 ; vols 15 (Diri) and 18 (Group Vocabularies and assorted lexical texts) are ready to be printed from camera-ready copy. Several fascicles of Supplemantary Studies are in preparation.
3. Other publications : Braidwood, Braidwood, et al., Prehistoric Archeology along the Zagros Flanks (OIP 105) has appeared ; The Hilly Flanks and Beyond : Essays on Prehistory of Southwestern Asia Presented to Robert J. Braidwood November 15, 1982 (SAOC 36) has also appeared. The manuscript of I.J. Gelb, Earliest Land Tenure Systems in the Middle East (the "ancient kudurrus") (OIP 104) has been submitted.
4. Dissertations completed :
   Richard L. Zettler, "The Inanna Temple at Nippur in the Ur III Period" Suzanne K. Howe, "The Religious Iconography of Anatolia in the Assyrian Colony Period and Later".
5. Dissertations in preparation :
   Richard Beal, "The Organization of the Hittite Army"
   JoAnne Scurlock, "The Mesopotamian Ghost Texts.

L. CAGNI (Napoli)

1. Il volume "Il bilinguismo a Ebla" (= Atti del convegno di Napoli del 1982) apparira il prossimo mese di ottobre.
2. Sono pronti per la stampa due volumi della serie "Materiali Epigrafici di Ebla".
3. E'previsto un terzo convegno su Ebla, sempre a Napoli, per il 1985.
4. Per quanto riguarda il progetto achemenide, e ormai pressima la pubblicazione dell'elaborazione dei testi di Ciro, pubblicati in copia cuneiforme da Strassmaier.

J. COOPER (Baltimore)

1. I am continuing work on my Sumerian and Akkadian Royal Inscriptions, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The first volume, covering the Presargonic period, will appear in 1985.
2. A student in our department, Mr. John Mitchell, is completing a dissertation entitled "Private Ownership and Transferability of Temple Offices in the Old Babylonian Period".

M. DANDAMAYEV (USSR)

1. "A Political History of the Achaemenian Empire" (in press, 1985).
2. An up-to-date English version of "Slavery in Babylonia in the First Millennium B.C." (November 1984).
3. "Iranians in Babylonia" (a prosopographical study, supposed to be published by the Iranian Centre, Columbia University).
4. An English version of the book "Culture and Economy of Ancient Iran" (in collaboration with Lukonin) (will appear in two or three years).

5) "Citizens and Aliens in Babylonia in the First Millennium".

I.M. DIAKONOFF (USSR)

I. Institute of Oriental Studies, Leningrad Branch, Academy of Sciences :

1. First stage of Larsam project finished : books by N.V. Kozyreva "Economics of Larsam", V.A. Jakobson "Law at Larsa" and I.M. Diakonoff "Men of Ur during the Larsa Kingdom " are at the publishers.
2. A "Comparative Historical Vocabulary of Afrasian Languages" (by Diakonoff + team) is being prepared ; first fascicle published by Undena in 1984.
3. I.M. Diakonoff, "Prehistory of the Armenian Nation" published by Caravan Series, Delmer N.Y. in 1984, and "Phrygian Language", ibidem, 1985.
4. Work on Akkadian Grammar (Kaplan), Sumerian Grammar (Kaneva), Babylonian economics (Kozyreva) and law (Jakobson) is being continued.

II. Dissertation on OB Dilbat prepared by S. Kushuvrikov (Leningrad University).

III. The Hermitage : A.A. Vaiman is continuing work on Archaic Sumerian texts, N.B. Jankowska on Kaniš and Nuzu texts and V.K. Afanasjeva on Sumerian literary texts.

IV. Moscow

The work of hittitologists and assyriologists is being carried out in the Institute of Oriental Studies, the Institute of Baltic and Slavonic Studies and the Institute of General History.

1. This year has been published a book on the "History of Slavonic and Balcanic Names of Metals" by professor Ivanov. The author suggests a number of new ideas in the light of the linguistics and the history of culture on a very large area including the Near East.
2. The first volume of the collection "Ancient Anatolia" is going to appear in the next months. It includes articles by soviet hittitologists, hurritologist, caucasologists and specialists in culture studies.
3. A group of scholars from Moscow and Tbilisi have prepared "a Historical and Etymological Dictionary of the Anatolian Languages". The first fascicle of this dictionary prepared by Eichenwald, Bayun and Ivanov is in press now. This fascicle contains lexical material beginning with labial consonnants.
4. The first part of "The Comparative Grammar of the Anatolian Languages" by Bayun including the study of the vocabulary phonology and phonetics and the nominal system of the hittite-luwian languages, has been finished this year.

5. Two volumes on "The Diplomacy in the Ancient Near East" are being prepared for press at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow. The work has been carried out by scholars from several oriental centres of the S.U.
6. The work on the volume, "Culture of the Ancient East and World civilization" has been finished. A great number of scholars have taken part in this work.
7. Besides, a lot of articles by Vyacheslav Ivanov, Edvin Grantovskij, Igor Klochkov, Zilya Bayun, Vladislav Ardzinba on hittitology and assyriology are in press or have appeared.

G. DEL OLMO LETE (Barcelona)

1. Aula Orientalis
   Se ha completado el primer volumen de la revista con la publicacion del segundo numero de 1983. El primero (agosto) y el segundo (diciembre) de 1984 contienen abundante material asiriologico. El volumen de 1985, dedicado a la cultura fenicia en Espana, aparecera en septiembre del ano proximo. Contendra 45 colaboraciones.

2. Publicacion
   G. del Olmo Lete, Interpretacion de la mitologia cananea. Estudios de semantica ugaritica. Valencia 1984, Institucion San Jeronimo, pp. 266. El presente volumen se presenta como el complemento de la obra anterior del mismo autor Mitos y Leyendas de Canaan segun la tradicion de Ugarit. Madrid 1981, Ediciones Cristiandad. De esta obra se prepara actualmente la version inglesa.

3. En preparacion
   J.L. Cunchillos, La literatura epistolar de Ugarit (1985)
   R. Lemisin, Los heterogramas arameos en languas iranies medias, tesis doctoral que se presentara proximamente en la Facultad de Filologia de la Universidad de Barcelona.

C.H. GORDON (New York)

To appear in 1985 : Volume I, of the Publications of the Center for Ebla Research (of New York University), edited by Cyrus H. Gordon, containing the following articles :

1. A. Archi, "Ebla and Eblaite"
2. C.H. Gordon, "Toward Reconstructing the Eblaite Language"
3. C.H. Gordon, "WM- 'and' in Eblaite and Hebrew"
4. C.V. Wallace, "WM- in Nehemiah 5:11"
5. G. Rendsburg, "Eblaite Ù-MA and Hebrew WM-"
6. R. Stieglitz, "Ebla and Dilmun"
7. A. Archi, "Reflexions on the System of Weights from Ebla"
8. A. Archi, "The Syllabary from Ebla"
9. A. Archi, "Gifts for a Princess".

A.K. GRAYSON (Toronto)

1. The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia Project :
   a) Supplements (RIMS) 1, Royal Inscriptions on Clay Cones from Ashur Now in Istanbul by V. Donbaz and A.K. Grayson, published, autumn 1984 ;
   b) Assyrian Periods (RIMA) 1, From the Beginning to Aššur-rēša-iši I to be published, spring 1985 ;
   c) Annual Review (ARRIM) 2 (1984) published.

2. Gilbert McEwan, OECT 10, published, autumn 1984.

3. T.C. Young will lead a joint Canadian-Iraqi expedition to excavate Tell Jekkan in the Eski Mosul region.

4. Theses :
   a) Completed

      C.D. Meltzer, Concluding Formulae in Ancient Mesopotamian Royal Inscriptions : the Assyrian Sources 1983

   b) In Progress

      H. Galter, Middle Assyrian Royal Inscriptions : An Historical and Literary Analysis
      L. George, Historical Omens in the Ancient Mesopotamian Tradition
      N. Hannoon, Studies in the Historical Geography of Ancient Northern Iraq
      A. Harrak, The Military Campaigns of Middle Assyrian Kings

B. HRUŠKA (Praha)

Aus dem Orientalischen Institut der Tschechoslowakischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Lazenska 4, CS-118 37 Praha 1) sind folgende Arbeiten anzumelden:

Blahoslav Hruška beschäftigt sich mit der Technologie der traditionellen Landwirtschaft des Nahen Ostens im 3.Jt. vor Chr. Die primären Quellen bilden die Aussagen in den archaischen und altsumerischen Wirtschaftstexten. Für die Rekonstruktion des ganzen Bezugssystems (Umwelt, Fruchtbarmachung, Produktion und Lagerung) werden auch als Kontrollmittel archäologische Quellen, ethnographische Beschreibungen und agrarwissenschaftliche Literatur (FAO, UNESCO) in Betracht gezogen. Bereits eingeleitet ist die Zusammenarbeit mit dem Altorientalischen Seminar der FU Berlin (West) mit dem Ziel, eine möglichst umfangreiche Bibliographie zur altmesopotamischen Landwirtschaft zu sammeln (J. Renger, K. Butz).

Jana Pečírková studiert weiter die sozialen Verhältnisse und das System der politischen Macht in Assyrien des 1.Jt; vor Chr. (Königsinschriften, juristische Texte, Briefe usw.).

Jiří Prosecký widmet sich der graphemischen Analyse der akkadischen literarischen Texte und der altmesopotamischen Mythologie.

Die Ergebnisse der genannten Forschungen werden in loser Folge entweder in Archív orientální, oder in Studien des Orientalischen Institutes Prag als Sonderhefte erscheinen.

A. Draffkorn KILMER (Berkeley)

1. Isaac Kikawada and Arthur Quinn have a book in press concerning the Rhetoric of Primeval Historiography.
2. David Pearson Wright has completed a doctoral dissertation "The Disposal of Ritual Impurity in the Bible and the Ancient Near East".
3. Anne Kilmer will publish shortly "Additions and Corrections to Lists of Coefficients (igi.gub.ba)", and plans to bring to completion "The Akkadian Synonym Lists" within a years time.
4. Wolfgang Heimpel and Daniel Foxvog have initiated a computerized project for Ur III texts.
5. Doctoral dissertations in progress : Toshi Kuwabara, subject : The Netherworld; Anne J. Marchant, subject : unpublished OB letters in the Babylonian Collection of the Lowie Museum.

H. KLENGEL (Berlin DDR)

1. Keilschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi (KUB) :
   KUB 54 (H. Klengel), erscheint noch 1984
   KUB 55 (H. Freydank), erscheint 1985
   KUB 56 (H. Klengel), erscheint 1985

   In Vorbereitung :

   KUB 57 (A. Archi, Hethit. Briefe und Texte verschiedenen Inhalts)
   KUB 58 (M. Popko, Hethit. Rituale und Festbeschreibungen)
2. Die "Altorientalischen Forschungen" (AoF) erscheinen seit 1983 (Band 10) als Zeitschrift mit 2 Heften im Jahr.

W.G. LAMBERT (Birmingham)

1. Excavations in Oman under the direction of J.J. Orchard have continued.
2. The thesis of A. Livingstone on esoteric texts should appear in 1985. That of A.George on the topography of Babylon is nearly completed.
3. The researches of W.G. Lambert on gods lists, creation myths and tamītu texts continue.

R. LEBRUN (Leuven)

Hethitica VI paraîtront à la fin de 1984

Hethitica VII sont en voie d'achèvement.

H. LIMET (Liège)

1. Dernières publications :
   a) depuis la Rencontre de Leyde est paru un volume collectif de 627 textes administratifs, soit ARM 23 (qui indique le programme futur des publications).
   b) M.A.R.I. 3 a connu quelque retard, mais sortira dans l'été (les épreuves paginées sont corrigées).
2. A paraître :
   a) Ph. Talon, vol. 24 des ARM : en cours de fabrication et sortira à l'automne.
   b) H. Limet, vol. 25 des ARM : manuscrit déposé à l'automne, pourrait être publié dans le courant de 1985.
   c) M.A.R.I. 4 : consacré à la publication du Colloque du Cinquantenaire qui s'est tenu à Strasbourg l'an passé ; parution en 1985 programmée.

P. MACHINIST (Tucson)

Norman Yoffee :
1. "Old Babylonian Texts on Kish Conserved in the Istanbul Archaeological Museum", co-authored with Veysel Donaz, about to be published in the Bibliotheca Mesopotamica series by Undena Publications.
2. Co-editor of volume on Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. This is a group of essays by anthropologists and sociologists, including two on Mesopotamia by Robert Mc. Adams and Norman Yoffee. To be published by School of American Research, Sante Fe, New Mexico.
3. Working on Old Babylonian texts from Kish and related sites now in Oxford.

Peter Machinist :
1. Edition of the Epic of Tukulti-Ninurta I to go to press shortly, in Studia Pohl series.
2. Working on synthetic study of Assyrian relations with the Levant.

Lady MALLOWAN (London, British School of Archaeology in Iraq)

1. Now published : O.R. Gurney, The Middle Babylonian Legal and Economic Texts from Ur (U.E.T. 7)
2. Printed and to appear in the autumn : N. Postgate and S. Dalley, Tablets from Fort Shalmaneser, Administrative Lists and Letters and Legal Texts (Cuneiform Texts from Nimrud III).

W.R. MAYER (Roma, Institutum Biblicum)

1. Verlag des Bibelinstituts

   a) Studia Pohl, series minor, in Vorbereitung : Charles W. Carter, Hittite Cult Inventories.

   b) Studia Pohl, series maior, in Vorbereitung : Amedeo Alberti - Francesco Pomponio, Presargonic and Sargonic Texts from Ur, published in UET 2, Supplement ; Jeremy A. Black, Sumerian Grammar in Babylonian Theory ; Tuviah Kwasman, Neo-Assyrian Legal Documents in the Kouyunjik Collection of the British Museum ; Peter Machinist, The Epic of Tukulti-Ninurta I.

   c) MSL, im Druck : MSL 17 = The Series Erim-ḫuš = anantu and An-ta-gal = šaqû, ed. by A. Cavigneaux, H.G. Güterbock, and M.T. Roth, with the assistance of G. Farber.

2. Veröffentlichungen der Professoren : Jan van Dijk bereitet für die "Vorderasiatischen Schriftdenkmäler" einen Band mit literarischen Texten aus Babylon vor.

G. McEWAN (Tübingen)

1. Répertoire Géographique :

   Vol. 4 : Old Assyrian Toponyms (Dr. Nashef) is in preparation : will be ready in 1986 ;
   Vol. 8 : Neo- and Late-Babylonian Toponyms (Dr. Ran Zadok) will be ready for printing in September ;
   Vol. 13 : Toponyms in literary texts (Dr. G. McEwan) is in preparation ; will be ready in 1986.

2. In cooperation with the excavation at Tell Shech Hamad/Dūr Katlimmu by Prof. H. Kühne/Berlin the work on the Middle-Assyrian archive is in progress (W. Röllig).

3. In continuation of the Ḫābūr-Survey by the Tübinger Atlas of the Near East the region east of the lower Ḫābūr near Shech Hamad will be surveyd this autumn.

4. In cooperation with the German Archaeological Institute Baghdad Dr. Uwe Finkbeiner finished the survey in the city of Uruk/Warka in a third campaign.

5. PhD-thesis : Helene Sader, Les Etats araméens de Syrie depuis leur fondation jusqu'à leur transformation en provinces assyriennes. (ready)

A. MILITAREV (Moscow)

"Sumero-Afrasian Lexical Contacts". First there is an analysis of several Sumero-Accadian cultural isoglosses usually regarded as Sumerisms in Semitic which point to a Common Semitic and Afrisian (Semito-Hamitic) origin of these terms (such as MAR 'hoe', NAGAR 'carpenter', ABUL 'gate', ŠE 'barley' and so on). Secondly,

there is a comparison of two dozens of terms, cultural and "basic", attested in Sumerian as well as in several branches of Afrasian (Chadic and Cushitic). According to the author, the home of Proto-Afrasians was in Palestine and is to be associated with the Natufian archaeological culture, so the ethnic groups which spoke Proto-Chadic and Proto-Cushitic migrated to their historical habitats through Upper Mesopotamia, East arabia, then South Arabia and via Bab-el-Mandeb to Africa. The author's hypothesis is that those Proto-languages could have been the substratum under Sumerian.

T.C. MITCHELL (London, British Museum)

1. Publications

   a) In press :

   E. Leichty, Catalogue of Babylonian Tablets in the British Museum, VI and VII.
   D. Barag, Catalogue of Western Asiatic Glass in the British Museum, I, Ur III - 2nd Century AD.

   b) Manuscripts in an advanced state of preparation :

   D. Collon, Catalogue of Western Asiatic Seals in the British Museum : Cylinder Seals, III, The Old Babylonian Period.
   R.D. Barnett and E. Bleibtreu, Sculptures from the Palace of Sennacherib (including all the Ashurbanipal sculptures found in this palace.
   A. Shaffer, UET VI. Literary Texts, 3.
   M. Sigrist and D. Loding, UET X, (additional volume of Ur III economic texts).

2. Excavations

   J.E. Curtis at Khirbet Qasrij, Achaemenid site, c. 400 B.C. in the Eski Mosul Dam Rescue area in Iraq.
   J.N. Tubb at Tiwal esh-Sharqi, EB.IV B cemetery, c. 2300-2150 B.C., in Jordan.

   It is hoped that both of these excavations will be published before the next Rencontre.

3. British Institute of Persian Studies Publication :

   J.E. Curtis, Nuš-i Jan. The Small Finds (1984).

J. OELSNER (Jena)

Arbeiten an der Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (J. Oelsner) :

1. Die Monographie "Materialien zur babylonischen Gesellschaft und Kultur in hellenistischer Zeit" wurde abgeschlossen. Sie wird veröffentlicht in der Serie "Assyriologia", Budapest.
2. Die Arbeit am "Corpus der Keilschrifttexte zur sozialökonomischen Geschichte Babyloniens in hellenistischer Zeit" (Gemeinschaftsunternehmen mit Gagik Chorenowitsch Sarkisjan, Erewan) wird verstärkt fortgeführt. Mit dem Manuskriptabschluss wird in etwa 2 Jahren gerechnet.

3. Der Abschluss des nächsten Bandes der "Texte und Materialien der Frau Professor Hilprecht-Sammlung Vorderasiatischer Altertümer" verzögert sich.

G. WILHELM (Hamburg)

1. Edition des Archives des Šilwa-teššup aus Nuzi (Anf. 14. Jhdt.) : Ein weiterer Band ist im Manuskript abgeschlossen und wird im nächsten Jahr erscheinen ("Das Archiv des Šilwa-teššup, Heft 3 : Rationenlisten II", Text Nr. 69-183).

2. Für das von Volkert Haas, Mirjo Salvini, Ilse Wegner, Gernot Wilhelm herausgegebene Corpus der hurritischen Sprachdenkmäler :

   a) Der 1. Band der I. Abteilung ("Die Serien itkaḫi und itkalzi des AZU-Priesters, Rituale für Tašmišarri und Tatuḫepa sowie weitere Texte mit Bezug auf Tašmišarri" von Volkert Haas) ist im Druck und wird voraussichtlich im August 1984 erscheinen.

   b) Ein weiterer Band ("Die nicht zu den Serien itkahi und itkalzi gehörigen Rituale des AZU-Priesters" von Mirjo Salvini und Ilse Wegner) ist im Manuskript abgeschlossen und soll bis zum Jahresende in Druck gehen.

M. YON (Lyon, Mission de Ras Shamra-Ougarit)

1.1. Une campagne de fouilles est prévue pour l'automne 1984.

1.2. Depuis août 1984 la collection d'étude de Ras Shamra léguée par le prof. Schaeffer est entrée au Musée du Louvre : elle comporte plusieurs milliers d'objets, céramique, bronzes, ivoires, faïences etc... L'équipe de la mission de Ras Shamra achève l'inventaire avec photo et dessin de cet ensemble. Des études d'analyses en laboratoire (métallurgie, matières vitreuses, céramique) ont été entreprises en liaison avec les institutions suivantes : Laboratoire de Recherche es Musées de France, Paris, Oxford University, Tuff University, Medford, Ma, et GIS Lyon, Laboratoire de céramologie.

1.3. La documentation informatique des collections de Ras Shamra conservées dans les musées français (Louvre) et syriens (Alep, Damas) se poursuit.

1.4. Publications de fouilles : deux rapports remis à SYRIA, à paraître. Synthèses : O. Callot, Une Maison à Ougarit, Paris Ed. Recherche sur les Civilisations, 1983.

2.1. Entreprise d'une collection intitulée La Trouvaille Epigraphique d'Ougarit :
Fasc. I : Concordance et muséographie, par Daniel ARNAUD, Pierre BORDREUIL et Jesus-Luis CUNCHILLOS (remise en 1984).
Fasc. II : Bibliographie, par Jesus-Luis CUNCHILLOS (remis à l'éditeur).

2.2. Reprise par genre des textes : édition complète (copies, photographies, concordance et commentaire) :
en composition : D. PARDEE, Les textes hippiatriques de Ras Shamra-Ougarit.
en préparation : D. PARDEE, Les textes para-mythologiques de la 24e campagne à Ras Shamra-Ougarit.
en projet immédiat : P. BORDREUIL, J.-L. CUNCHILLOS, D. FRELICH, D. PARDEE, Les textes rituels en langue ougaritique.

en projet immédiat : P. BORDREUIL, J.-L. CUNCHILLOS, D. PARDEE, Les textes épistolaires en langue ougaritique.
en projet à long terme : Les textes administratifs en langue ougaritique, sous la direction de P. BORDREUIL.

2.3. D. ARNAUD, P. BORDREUIL, H. GONNET, S. LACKENBACHER, D. PARDEE, L'onomastique du royaume d'Ougarit, projet à long terme.

PERSONALIA

Nous venons d'apprendre le décès de nos membres :

D. Baramki (Beyrouth), W. Culican (Australie), E. Heinrich (Berlin), Y. Yadin (Jérusalem).

Nous exprimons nos sincères condoléances à leur famille.

We vernemen het heengaan van onze collega's :

D. Baramki (Beyrouth), W. Culican (Australia), E. Heinrich (Berlin), Y. Yadin (Jérusalem).

We betuigen onze innige deelneming in de droefheid van hun familie.