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### \**uerbh*-/*urembh* AND PREHELLENIC ρέμβομαι, ρύμβος

Greek ρέμβομαι 'sich herumtreiben' Frisk *GEW* Lief. 17, 1966, 648–9 (cited *IEW* 1153 as ρέμβω), ρύμβος with the variant ρύμβος, diminutive ρυμβίον immediately remind us with their β and υμ of Prehellenic phonology; forms with εμ and ομ can easily be Hellenized as we find with ἄγαρά etc.

We then have \**urembh*-, which also satisfies Welsh *gwrym*, and the lexemes in ραμφ- are seen to be singly conflations with Prehellenic vocalism. The accentuation of Lith. *vības*, Latv. *virba*, Srb.-Cr. *víba* acc. *v̄bu*, Blg. *v̄rbà* shows by lack of Winter's lengthening that the consonant was \**bh*, which settles Pokorný's (1153) question.

In that case, these lexeme descended from \**u(e)rbh*-/*urembh*- might be related to *werpan/wrimpen* etc. as the bases of Eng. *grab* (*IEW* 455) and *grip* (*IEW* 457) are related. On these last see my discussion *Glossología* 7–8, 1988–89, 7–11, esp. 9.