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This Month in Mongolian Studies - December 2007

A publication of the American Center for Mongolian Studies

This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place in Mongolian Studies in Ulaanbaatar and around the world. This list is based on information the center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to renew your membership, have information you would like to submit to future e-mails or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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ACMS Membership Renewals

The ACMS is a member supported organization, and its members are a critical aspect of the long term development of research and academic study in the Inner Asian region. If you have not renewed your 2007-2008 academic year membership yet, please do so now online at <http://mongoliacenter.org/join> or join by mail by filling out the membership form at mongoliacenter.org/docs/2007-2008MemberFormEng.pdf. If you join online, you may also renew your membership for up to three years. As of December 3, 2007 the ACMS membership stood at 277 individual and student members and 33 institutional members. Please do your part to keep this community strong and healthy by remaining a member of the ACMS. We greatly appreciate your support.

ACMS Speaker Series

"Transition, Technology, and Community Health Workers: Bagiin Emch in Mongolia"

Speaker: Jaspal Sandhu, PhD Candidate UC Berkeley and Fulbright Fellow

December 6th, 2007, 5:00 PM Room 305, Building No.5 NUM

Bagiin emch, mid-level health professionals that work in the Mongolian countryside, are a critical part of the national health care system, providing primary care to pastoralist households that would otherwise be unable to access health services. This research is focused on developing a comprehensive understanding of information management practices of bagiin emch in order to design improved information systems to support their work. The talk will discuss key issues of a workforce in transition and how these relate to the design and use of technology. The primary fieldwork in this research consists of short-term participant observation with bagiin emch from 15 soums in 3 aimags.

More information at: <http://mongoliacenter.org/ss>

ACMS Speaker Series - Call for Speakers

ACMS Spring 2008 Speaker Series

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites researchers and scholars to present public lectures during the ACMS spring 2008 Speaker Series. If you are planning to visit Mongolia between February and July 2008 to conduct research or study, please contact info@mongoliacenter.org to schedule a date to participate in this public lecture series. The lectures must be conducted in English, and all academic disciplines are welcome. The Speaker Series is a great opportunity for scholars to present their work and for the general public to learn about academic research in Mongolia. Please notify the ACMS at least two weeks prior to your proposed date to speak in order to allow enough time to advertise the lecture. For more information about past lectures, please visit <http://mongoliacenter.org/ss>.

ACMS Inner and Central Asian Film Series**Begins January 3rd, 2007, SOS Medica Mongolia Clinic**

The American Center for Mongolia Studies and the SOS Medica Mongolia UB International Clinic are co-sponsoring an Inner and Central Asian Film Series to promote knowledge of the region using film presentations within an educational context. Each film presentation is complemented with a directed discussion about the interesting and important aspects of the film. Those who wish to engage in the discussions are encouraged to do so. Films will be presented on the 1st Thursday of every month from 6:30-9:00pm at the SOS Clinic Conference Room. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information visit: http://mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=87&Itemid=124

ACMS Annual Meeting - Call for Presenters**April 4, 2008, 7pm-11pm, Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel**

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) and North Georgia State College and University are organizing a poster session and reception on topics related to Mongolia to be held on Friday, April 4, 2008, 7pm-11pm at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel in conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies' annual meeting and the ACMS annual meeting. For more information visit: mongoliacenter.org.

ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship – Call for Applicants

Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), with funding support from the American Overseas Research Centers Program of the US Department of Education, is pleased to announce the third year of the ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program to support student field research in Mongolia in summer 2008. For more information visit: mongoliacenter.org/fellowship.

CIEE and ACMS - International Faculty Development Seminar

Application Deadline: February 15, 2008

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) and the American Center for Mongolian Studies are partnering to offer an International Faculty Development Seminar in Mongolia from June 1-11, 2008. This program is the first of what we hope will be regular tour offerings for groups of faculty and students to visit Mongolia with the support of the ACMS. More information on the International Faculty Development Seminars, and the Mongolia: Empire and Democracy offering, is available at: <http://www.ciee.org/IFDS/seminars/mongolia.aspx>.

ACMS Facebook Group

The American Center for Mongolian Studies has established a Facebook group that is open to anyone with an interest in Mongolian academics and research. The group will complement the ACMS website, and we will post announcements about events on the group page. We encourage you to post your own announcements and to invite people you think will benefit from being a part of the group. The group can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=5705654617>. If you are not a Facebook user yet, please sign up at www.facebook.com.

Call for Interns**"Asia Foundation Mongolia Summer Internship Program"**

Asia Foundation, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Summer 2008

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2008

The Asia Foundation's Mongolia office is recruiting faculty, students, and professionals for an exciting program entitled: Securing our Future: Mongolia Natural Capital Conservation and Environmental Security Program. This program was launched in December 2006 and is comprised of elements that will build a body of ecological knowledge and understanding, and engage citizens and local schools in order to promote responsible resource use in Mongolia. For more information visit:

http://mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=286&Itemid=47

Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships**"Travel Grants In Mongolian Studies"**

Center for East Asian Studies of Western Washington University

DEADLINE: January 1, 2008 for research during Spring

The Center for East Asian Studies of Western Washington University (WWU) is offering travel grants for research in the WWU Libraries on any subject dealing with Mongolia and the Mongols. Two grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded in any one calendar year to scholars, including doctoral candidates, who at the time of application reside more than 500 miles from Bellingham. Applicants from institutions with no or few Inner Asian resources are given preference. Applications must be submitted by August 1 for research during September through January and by January 1 for research during February through June. They should include a brief description of the research project, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, and an estimated budget. When completed, they should be sent to: Director, Center for East Asian Studies, Western Washington University Bellingham, WA 98225-9057

"The Next Generation: Leadership in Asian Affairs"

June 2008-2009, National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle, WA

Application Deadline: January 14, 2008

The National Bureau of Asian Research's "The Next Generation: Leadership in Asian Affairs" fellowship for

2008-2009 is intended for recent master's and professional degree recipients interested in bridging the gap between scholarship and policymaking. The fellowship will be based at NBR's headquarters in Seattle. Fellows will collaborate with leading scholars to publish research and share their findings with the policymaking community in Washington, D.C. For further information and application materials please visit <http://www.nbr.org/NextGeneration>.

"Professorial and Visiting Research Fellowships 2008-2009"

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Application Deadline: December 15, 2007

Central European University (CEU) Research Fellowship is a program for teachers and researchers holding Ph.D. or equivalent, working in Central and Eastern Europe (except EU), former Soviet Union, Mongolia and Palestine. Fellows are supported for a research period of one to six months, depending upon the type of research being undertaken. This program is publication-oriented and promotes original research. Find the relevant fields of research, the application requirements and more information on the Special and Extension Programs Website: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/fellowships.html>

Call for Presentations/Panels/Papers

"Contemporary Mongolia - Transitions, Development and Social Transformations"

November 15-17, 2008, Vancouver, Canada

Submission Deadline: January 18, 2008

In the year of the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Mongolia, a major conference will be organized under the auspices of the Program on Inner Asia at the Institute of Asian Research of the University of British Columbia. We are now calling for proposals for presentations at this conference. Interested scholars should email their presentation proposals of no more than 250 words in English to mongolia@dierkes.net by January 18, 2008. For more information visit:

http://mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=272&Itemid=115

"Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference (2008)"

August 4-7, 2008, Royal Beach Hotel, Choq Tal village, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2008

The Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) announces that its first regional conference will be held the summer of 2008 in Kyrgyzstan. Panel and paper topics relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship on Central Eurasia are welcome. The geographic domain of Central Eurasia extends from the Black Sea and Iranian Plateau to Mongolia and Siberia, including the Caucasus, Crimea, Middle Volga, Afghanistan, Tibet, and Central and Inner Asia. Practitioners and scholars in all humanities and social science disciplines with an interest in Central Eurasia are encouraged to participate. For more information see the CESS's website: http://www.cess.muohio.edu/regional_conf_08.html.

New Publications

"The Silk Road, Vol. 5, No. 1"

Edited by Dan Waugh

The Silkroad Foundation announces publication of the new issue of The Silk Road, the semi-annual journal of the Silkroad Foundation. The new issue (Vol. 5, No. 1, Summer 2007) may be accessed in pdf format from: <http://silkroadfoundation.org/newsletter/vol5num1/>. Please contact the editor, Daniel Waugh (dwaugh@u.washington.edu) if you have suggestions or wish to submit a contribution for a future issue. The winter 2008 number will focus on archaeology in Mongolia but also contain a range of other interesting material.

Musical Event

"Alash Ensemble, Throat Singing Music of Tuva"

4-5:30pm, January 23, 2008, New England Conservatory, Boston

Admission: Free

New England Conservatory's (NEC) Intercultural Institute presents the Alash Ensemble. This Throat Singing quartet formed in 1999, is one of the most adventurous groups driving the revival of Central Asian traditions since the end of the Soviet era. The traditional techniques they learned as students of revered Tuvan masters like Kongar-ool Ondar combine with influences from elsewhere in Asia and the West to create beautiful vocal and instrumental combinations which are contemporary, but distinctly Tuvan.

More information at: <http://www.newenglandconservatory.edu/worldmusic/events.html>

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