

This Month in Mongolian Studies – June 2010

This is a monthly listing of selected academic activities and resources related to Mongolia. This list is based on information the ACMS has received and is presented as a service to its members. If you would like to submit information to be included in nextmonth's issue please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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ACMS Holiday Schedule

The ACMS will be closed for the Naadam holiday from July 9th until July 19th. For assistance with urgent issues, please contact Robin Charpentier at (+976) [9973-9869](tel:+97699739869) or Baigalmaa at [\(+976\) 9917-0042](tel:+97699170042). Both Robin and Baigalmaa will have limited access to cell phone coverage during this time, so you may also try sending an e-mail to info@mongoliacenter.org. Someone at the ACMS will respond to your e-mail as soon as they can. Happy Naadam!

Spring Newsletter 2010

ACMS Update, the Center's biannual newsletter, is now available online at: <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/newsletters/nlspring2010.pdf>

Online Mongolian Language Course Fall 2010

The American Center for Mongolian Studies is pleased to announce a new online Mongolian language course being offered at University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) from August 30 to December 18, 2010. The course is co-organized by UMA and ACMS. The course is open to anyone (you do not need to be a student at UMA to participate), and it is the first semester in a two semester offering of Beginning Mongolian.

Visit: http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

New Acquisitions at the ACMS Library

Each month the ACMS publishes a list of materials acquired and added to the collection. The complete list for June 2010 can be viewed on the ACMS library website at http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=654&Itemid=54

Here are a few highlights:

“Archaeology and Landscape in the Mongolian Altai: An atlas” Meacham, J. E., Tepfer, G., & Jacobson-Tepfer, E. (2010), Redlands, Calif: ESRI Press

“Mongolian grammar: Textbook” Baatarsukh, K. (2009), S.l.: Munkhbayar Batmunkh

“Mongolian Statistical yearbook 2009” Mongolia. (2010), Ulaanbaatar: National Statistical Office

“The Mongols of the West” Halkovic, S. A. (1985), Bloomington: Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies, Indiana University

“Voyager from Xanadu: Rabban Sauma and the first journey from China to the West” Rossabi, M. (2010), Berkeley: University of California Press

Meetings, Conferences and Workshops

Call for Papers for AAS Panel

Sadie Munson, on behalf of the ACMS is organizing a panel entitled "The Contemporary Mongolian Family" for the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference to be held March 31-April 3rd, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Chaired by Nancy Nix, Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska-Ancorage, this panel aims to examine the present day Mongolian family from a variety of disciplines including health, economics, environment, public policy, sociology, and history. Persons interested in participating in this panel as a presenter or discussant or who have questions are encouraged to contact Sadie Munson at smunson2@wisc.edu before July 20th, 2010.

“Mongols Against Manchu and Chingunjav of Khotogoid”

July 18 –25, 2010 Mongolia.

International Conference dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the birth of Chingunjav Khotogoid, organized by the Institute of History, Mongolian Academy of Sciences. The rebellion against Manchu Empire policy was one part of the range of events that took place in Khalkh Mongolia in the 18th century. This conference will reconsider this crucial event and set the stage for new research in Mongolian history in the Manchu period.

Contact: info@history.mas.ac.mn

The International Conference on Optimization, Simulation and Control (COSC'2010)

July 25-28, 2010 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The conference is sponsored by the National University of Mongolia and co-sponsored by a number of other higher education and research institutions. The working language of the conference is English.

The goal of COSC'2010 is to bring together engineers, scientists, and mathematicians from a variety of related disciplines, which are at the forefront of their research fields, to exchange ideas and present original high level unpublished research in the areas of optimization and optimal control. <http://www.ise.ufl.edu/cao/cosc2010/>

Young leaders Training and Research Program, Mongolia

August 13-29, 2010, Ulaanbaatar

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF) will hold the 2010 *Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development* at the School of Foreign Service at National University of Mongolia. The Training and Research Program consists of in-depth seminars by leading academics and policy-makers and collaborative group work devoted to regional cooperation. This is followed by participation of the Young Leaders in the two-day annual Northeast Asia Economic Forum (August 26-27, 2010) which brings together practitioners from countries across Northeast Asia and the U.S. to make progress on issues of importance to the region.

To overcome the continuing institutional, cultural, and economic barriers to regional cooperation, NEAEF was created and formalized at conferences on Northeast Asian economic cooperation in 1991 in Changchun and Tianjin. Dr. Lee-Jay Cho, one of NEAEF's key founders, continues to serve as the organization's Chairman. Since 1991, through dialogue, education, and training, NEAEF has served as a vehicle for exchange of information and ideas among Northeast Asian and North American policymakers, businesspersons, academics, and members of nongovernmental organizations. Through an annual meeting, on-going working groups, and ad hoc meetings and seminars, the NEAEF network is dedicated to promoting NEAEF activities and goals in the area of policy, economics and culture. Contact: John Tichotsky, Senior Fellow and Advisor, Northeast Asia Economic Forum, jtichotsky@alaska.com or visit www.neaef.org

First France-Mongolia Workshop in Materials science

Aug 22-25, 2010, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The aim of this first Franco-Mongolian workshop is to bring together scientists (both experimentalists and theoreticians) from Mongolia and other countries to discuss the state of the art, recent research results and varying points of view about questions in the vanguard of materials science and relevant fields such as complexity research. The workshop focuses on theory and application of advanced techniques, methods of microscopy, optical and X-ray spectroscopy to characterize materials, including nano structures. <http://perso.univ-lemans.fr/~gibaud/oulanbaatar2010/>

“Eurasian Steppes: Status, Threats and Adaptation to Climate Change”

September 9-12, 2010 Hustai National Park, Mongolia

This international conference, organized primarily by the Hustai National Park Trust, will bring together experts from around the world to examine the effect of climate change on the Eurasian steppe ecosystems and the impact on livelihoods. This will be explored within the context of other environmental threats such as land-use change, overgrazing, hunting and mining. The aim of the conference is to promote ecosystem-based adaptation for the conservation and sound use of the steppe in response to climate change. Official language: English, with translation from and into Russian and Mongolian. Visit: <http://www.hustai.mn/?pageID=94>

Call for Abstracts - International Conference on Eurasian Economies

4-5 November 2010 Istanbul, Turkey

The International Conference on Eurasian Economies aims to bring together academicians and decision makers involved in research about Eurasian countries to discuss current and future economic and social issues of the region.

Abstracts on the following topics are being accepted: * Globalization: Are Eurasian countries able to participate in globalization adequately and if so do they benefit enough? * Growth and development: What are Eurasian countries' challenges and their strategies? * Energy and natural resources: Do Eurasian countries manage their energy needs and natural resources to their benefit? * International Trade and Transportation: Is the infrastructure sufficient to enhance economic development of Eurasian countries? * Economic ties of Eurasian countries with the US, with the EU, with Russia and with China. * 2008-2009 global economic crisis: What are the effects of the crisis on the growth and development of the Eurasian countries, what were the measures they took? Papers at the conference may be presented in English, Turkish or Russian. Deadline: September 10, 2010. Contact: Prof. Dr. Selahattin Sari, Chair, International Conference on Eurasian Economies, Vice President, Beykent University <http://www.eecon.info/>>

11th Conference of the Asian Scientific Council, Mongolia

2011, Ulaanbaatar

Mongolia will host the 11th Conference of the Science Council of Asia in Ulaanbaatar next year, where discussions will focus on regional cooperation among scientific organizations in the nature and environment sector, particularly on reducing decertification. This annual conference of scientists, engineers, policymakers, and students from Asia is held on a rotating basis so that each member country can actively participate in and contribute to the Council. Mongolia has been a member of the SCA since 2004 and is its 11th member country.

Publications of Interest

"Buddhism and Islam on the Silk Road," Johan Elverskog, 2010, University of Pennsylvania Press

"The Role of the Buddhist Church in the Mongolian National Movement (1905-1911)," Obrusanszky, Borbála: I. V. Otroshenko, 2005 (in Ukrainian)