This Month in Mongolian Studies - July 2007

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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 Events
Spring Speaker Series

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites members of the public to attend a special Speaker Series lecture given by Michael Kohn on July 9th at 5 pm in Room 305 of Building No. 5 at the National University of Mongolia. Michael Kohn spent three years working at the Mongol Messenger in the late 1990s, an experience told in his new book Dateline Mongolia. Michael will discuss the book, recalling his experiences from that period and explaining how the early years of Mongolia's democracy will affect its domestic and foreign policy for generations to come. Michael will be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of his new book.

--The ACMS is located in Building No. 5 of the National University of Mongolia, which is the six floor, yellow building just northwest of the Chinese Embassy and across the street from Zaluuchuud Hotel on the Baga Toiruu.

Naadam Schedule

The ACMS will be closed for the Naadam holiday from July 6th-July 15th, with the exception of July 9th from 5 pm to 7 pm for the Speaker Series lecture. If you are traveling to Mongolia during this time and require assistance from the ACMS, please contact Resident Director Brian White at either bwhite@mongoliacenter.org or (976) 9973-9869. The ACMS will reopen on July 16th at 9 am.

Other Events
"Washington, DC Metro Area Naadam"
Washington Area Mongolian Community Association

JULY 15, 2007, 12 PM TO 6 PM
The Washington Area Mongolian Community Association invites members of the public to the Mongolian Summer Festival (Naadam) in the DC-area on Sunday, July 15th from 12pm to 6pm. The event will be held in Barcroft Park in Arlington, Virginia. Barcroft Park is at 4200 South Four Mile Run Drive between George Mason Drive and Walter Reed Drive in south Arlington.

Fellowships & Scholarships

Travel Grants In Mongolian Studies
Center for East Asian Studies of Western Washington University

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2007
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

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies
Academic Year 2008-2009

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2007
The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University invites applications from scholars in Central Asian Studies and other fields of historical research to conduct intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. A Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are also required. Information and application forms may be found on the School's website, www.hs.ias.edu, or contact the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Dr., Princeton, N.J. 08540 (E-mail address: mzela@ias.edu).

'Networks and Boundaries'
Getty Research Institute

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2007
The Getty Research Institute welcomes applications from researchers in the arts, humanities, and social sciences who wish to be in residence at the Institute in 2008-2009 and whose projects explore cross-cultural exchange and the visual arts. Scholars who apply for the 2008-2009 academic year will research topics centered around the "Networks and Boundaries" research theme. The study of the visual arts can and does cross cultural, civilizational, ethnic, religious, and geographic boundaries. Applications and more information can be found at http://www.getty.edu/research/scholarly_activities/annual_themes/future_networks.html.

Ambassadorial Scholarships 2008-09
Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

DEADLINE: AUGUST 18, 2007
Rotary Foundation is now inviting applications from students who are permanent residents of HK, Macau or Citizens of Mongolia for the Ambassadorial Scholarships 2008-09. The Scholarship is established with an aim to support the mission of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to further world understanding and peace, and is offered by the Foundation for award to students who are interested to pursue overseas postgraduate studies in the academic year 2008-09. For further information and the application form, please visit the website http://www.rotary3450.org/service/scholarship/.

Rural Youth Scholarships 2007-2008
Friends of Mongolia

DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2007
Friends of Mongolia invites graduating Mongolian secondary school students and current post-secondary students under the age of 25 to apply for the Friends of Mongolia Scholarship, which provides one year full tuition at post-secondary institutions in Mongolia to successful applicants. The program is intended to address what is known as Mongolia's "reverse gender gap" by providing opportunities for rural males to attend post-secondary institutions. Applicants must be male and able to prove permanent residency outside of Ulaanbaatar. For more information about the program and to receive a copy of the application, please visit www.friendsofmongolia.org. Please distribute this announcement to eligible candidates.

Online Resources

Economic Policy Institutes Network's (EPIN) Website

The www.epinetwork.org, is created as a bi-lingual on-line resource to serve the needs of experts and researchers in information sharing and experience exchange in CIS countries and Central and Eastern Europe. The on-line resource aims at facilitating cooperation and networking among economic policy institutes (EPI) to strengthen their potential in policy advice. The www.epinetwork.org portal is developed and being maintained by the Central Asian Gateway (CAG) project. For more information please write to the following addresses: umida.hashimova@cer.uz (Umida Hashimova) or cagateway@cer.uz.

New Central Asian Language Learning Materials Launched - Pashto and Mongolian
May 15, 2007

The Center for the Languages of the Central Asian Region (CeLCAR) has developed online, web-based reading and listening materials for Mongolian and Pashto languages, and has placed them on their website alongside the Uyghur and Tajik materials. The modules can be accessed through the main website: http://www.indiana.edu/~celcar/intermediate.php
Please note that all users must register in order to better track the usage and efficacy of the modules.

New Publications

"China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly"
Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program
The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program is pleased to announce the release of the May 2007 issue of the China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly. You can access at: www.silkroadstudies.org/new/inside/publications/CEF_quarterly.htm. The next issue will be published in August 2007 (deadline July 31). Authors are encouraged to submit interesting and thought-provoking articles for review to nswanstrom@silkroadstudies.org. We especially welcome articles analyzing the implications with the upcoming SCO heads of state summit.

"Pages from the Past: The 1910 Moscow Trade Expedition to Mongolia"
Translating and introduced by Elizabeth Endicott

"Pages from the Past: The 1910 Moscow Trade Expedition to Mongolia", translated from the Russian and introduced by Elizabeth Endicott, has been published by EastBridge Books. Traveling throughout northern and western Mongolia in the summer of 1910, the expedition members gathered a wealth of information on trade routes, trading centers, the perceived threat to Russian trade posed by Chinese mercantile competition, and the daily lives of the Mongols themselves. The Moscow Trade Expedition merchants' field diaries provide minutely detailed accounts of the Mongolian countryside, Buddhist ceremonies, and interactions with nomadic households. The book is accompanied by 33 black and white photographs taken by the 1910 Expedition. Elizabeth Endicott teaches East Asian and Central Eurasian history at Middlebury College. To order visit eastbridgebooks.org. ISBN 1-59988-002-4.