This Month in Mongolian Studies - August 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 Updates

ACMS Awarded Administrative Grant

The US Department of Education Office of International Education Programs Service (IEPS), as part of the Department's Title VI program, has awarded the American Center for Mongolian Studies with a 4 year, $425,000 grant to cover the administrative expenses of the center through fiscal year 2011. This is a renewal of a competitive grant awarded to the ACMS in 2003 to establish and operate an Inner Asian Area Studies center in Mongolia. The ACMS has grown significantly in terms of service and program offerings since establishing its Mongolia center in 2004, and it now has an individual membership of over 200 people. For more information about ACMS's services and programs, please visit mongoliacenter.org.

New Website Under Development

The American Center for Mongolian Studies is currently developing a new website supported by a dynamic content management system. This new system is intended to provide users a greater range of information about Mongolia and Inner Asian Studies, as well as offer a more user friendly experience when searching. The new website will go live the second week of August. There are still areas of the website that are not yet complete, and the American Center for Mongolian Studies appreciates your patience during the transition from the old to new site. If you wish to have a sneak peak at the new website, please visit mongoliacenter.org/site/index.php.

New Contact Information

The ACMS now offers two convenient ways to contact its office in Mongolia from the United States. Dial (360) 356-1020 to connect with the ACMS at domestic long distance rates (or local rates if you live in Bellingham, WA), or, for Skype users, contact the Skype username "mongoliacenter" at no cost between 9pm and 6am Eastern Standard Time. If there is no one available to take your call, you may leave a message on the voice mail system. Someone at the ACMS office will contact you as soon as possible, with consideration for the time difference, of course.

Call for Speakers

"ACMS Speaker Series"
American Center for Mongolian Studies FALL 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites researchers and scholars to present public lectures during the ACMS Fall 2007 Speaker Series. If you are planning to visit Mongolia between September and December 2007 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 three 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 mongoliacenter.org/ss/index.html.
Call for Applications

"Partnership for Development"
Open Society Institute Arts & Culture Program

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2007
The Arts and Culture Program of the Open Society Institute welcomes applications for initiatives that involve artists and cultural operators from the following target countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Turkey, and Afghanistan. The program seeks innovative ideas, projects, and partnerships that further free expression, exchange, and dialogue. For detailed application information in English and Russian please visit: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/arts/focus_areas/development/guidelines

Fellowships & Scholarships

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/.

Book Sale

"Summer Book Sale"
Mongolia Society at Indiana University

The Mongolia Society is offering three publications at reduced rates as part of its Summer Book Sale. The titles are: Occasional Papers - Number Twenty-One, Occasional Papers -Number Twenty-five, P. Genden: To the Memory of My Father by G. Tserendulam. To order items offered in this book sale download the order form at mongoliacenter.org/docs/monsoc.book.sale.pdf. Or, visit the Mongolia Society website at www.mongoliasociety.org for listings of other publications for sale.