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This Month in Mongolian Studies - December 2005

A publication of the American Center for Mongolian Studies

This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place at the ACMS in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolian Studies and among the Mongol peoples of the world. This list is based on information our center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to become a member, have information you would like to submit to future newsletters or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at [acms_2005 at yahoo dot com](mailto:acms_2005@yahoo.com).

For more information on each entry, please see the "Announcements" section of the ACMS webpage <mongoliacenter.org> or call our office at (976-11) 314-055.

News from the Center

The Center's Ulaanbaatar office will soon be moving to a new location, one that will provide more space for its members and Center activities, including room for the Centers expanding scholarly library.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Speaker's Series

"Personal Perspectives on the Current and Future Impacts of Mining in Mongolia," by Layton Croft, Ivanhoe Mines Mongolia, Inc.

December 15, 2005 5 pm 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

Layton Croft is Executive Vice President for Corporate Affairs, Ivanhoe Mines Mongolia, Inc., and an advocate of the benefits of mining for Mongolia and Mongolians. Mr. Croft, an American citizen who has lived and worked in Mongolia in a variety of capacities for nearly 10 years since 1994, will present some of his own thoughts on opportunities and challenges that mining presents to Mongolia.

Calls for Papers

38th National AAASS Convention, November 2006

DEADLINE (Panel and Roundtable Proposals): JANUARY 13, 2006

The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies will hold its 38th National Convention on November 16-19, 2006, in Washington D.C. Panel and roundtable proposals are now being accepted at www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass. All convention related inquiries should be directed to: Wendy Walker, AAASS Convention Coordinator at walker@fas.harvard.edu.

Russian, East European, & Central Asian Studies Northwest Conference, April 2006

DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2006

The 12th Annual Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies Northwest Conference will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the University of Washington-Tacoma. We are currently soliciting papers, panels or roundtable presentations for this one-day interdisciplinary conference. For more information, see www.necen.org/news_archive/news_item.2005-12-01.3313765547.

Lectures

Lecture Series - Inner Asian & Altaic Studies Luncheon Lecture Series, December 2005

The Committee on Inner Asian and Altaic Studies at Harvard University sponsors a monthly lunchtime lecture series in the first floor Common Room of 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Lectures for December are:

Wednesday, December 7, 1-2 pm: Richard N. Frye, Aga Khan Professor of Iranian, Emeritus.

Wednesday, December 14, 1-2 pm: Professor Tsuguhito Takeuchi, Kobe University.

Friday, December 16, 1-2 pm: Professor Tsuguhito Takeuchi, Kobe University.

Please see the ACMS Announcements page for more information on these talks or contact to Joan M. McCue of Inner Asian and Altaic Studies Office Harvard University at iaas@fas.harvard.edu or visit the website www.fas.harvard.edu/~iaas/luncheon.html

Lecture Series – Mongolia Speakers Series, University of British Columbia, Winter 2006

The Program on Inner Asia of the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, has announced its Mongolia Speakers Series schedule for Winter 2006. The next speaker in this year's series will be Henry Schwarz, Professor Emeritus, Western Washington University. His talk is entitled "Mongolia at 800: State and Nation Since Chinggis Khan" will be held on January 11, 2006. Those wishing to be informed about future events in the Mongolia Lecture Series are asked to contact Julian Dierkes (julian.dierkes@ubc.ca).

Grant and Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship - Returning Scholars Fellowship Program, Open Society Institute

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Open Society Institute invites applications for its 2006-2007 Returning Scholars Fellowship Program (RSFP) from talented scholars who seek university positions and academic careers in their home countries after studying abroad. The program is open to citizens of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Tajikistan and Ukraine. For complete information, please visit: www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus_areas/afp. Fellowships begin in August or September 2006 and normally last one academic year, with the possibility of renewal.

Fellowship - International Scholars Fellowship Program, Open Society Institute

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Open Society Institute's International Scholars Fellowship Program invites highly-qualified scholars in the social sciences and humanities to teach and/or consult at selected university departments in South Eastern Europe, parts of the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. For complete information, please visit: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus_areas/afp. Fellowships begin in August or September 2006 and normally last one academic year, with the possibility of renewal.

New Publications & Resources**New On-Line Resource – Mongolian Electronic Library**

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science held an opening ceremony for the first official Mongolian electronic library www.elibrary.mn on November 25, 2005. The organizers of this project say that they are keen to exploit the rising number of Mongolian households that have computers and the Internet service to provide each Mongolian family with easy access to information technology. Designed and run by Datacom Co., Ltd., the electronic library makes available to internet users anywhere in the world works of classical and modern Mongolian literature belonging to the literary heritage of Mongolia. The project seeks especially to target children and the youth. The site consists of sections of folklore, fiction, children's books, humor and history, with links to information about writers and Mongolian and foreign literature. The site also includes a Top 10 list of books, information about new books and publications, and a discussion forum for site visitors. One of the features of the site is that you can not only read the stories on-line, but also listen to them and download and print for personal use.

On-Line Resource – Mongolian Literary Internet Site

Another electronic library on the internet has been operating since March 2004 www.biirbeh.mn. The site was designed by Mr. T. Batbaatar, a Mongolian who runs it on his spare time. "This is my hobby," he says, "I would like to inspire and encourage people in their life through poetry and stories, and have them to think a little bit about the future." The website contains best poems and stories written by famous Mongolian writers and has links to a discussion forum where visitors to the site can share about their thoughts with others. Visitors can also find beautiful photos and paintings to attach to their favorite stories and even to send as greeting cards to their brothers and sisters, and friends. You can register for the site free of charge. Many thanks to Mr. Batbaatar for offering us a such wonderful website.

On-Line Resource – The China and Eurasia Forum (CEF) Quarterly

The November 2005 issue of the *The China and Eurasia Forum (CEF) Quarterly* is now available on-line at http://www.silkroadstudies.org/new/inside/publications/CEF_quarterly.htm. The first issue of the *CEF Quarterly* under new directorship of Niklas Swanstrom focuses of the issue of an energy and security within the China-Eurasia region. Energy security has become one of the most important issues in international relations today. The contributors to this issue seek to explore the implications with this development and how it affects regional security considerations.

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