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This Month in Mongolian Studies - May 2005

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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@yahoo.com.

For more information on each entry, please see the "Announcements" section of the ACMS webpage <mongoliacenter.org>

News from the Center

We're changing the name of this publication to better reflect the nature of its content. We want to alert you to activities and events taking place in the field of Mongolian Studies around the world.

And the ACMS celebrates its first anniversary this month. We opened our doors last May 27, and we invite all of our members and friends to our anniversary celebration at the end of this month. More information about this will come soon.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Speaker's Series for May

"Fluttering Robes: The Dynamics of Buddhism in Mongolia," by Guido Verboom

May 12, 2005, 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

Mr. Verboom's talk will introduce Buddhism in Mongolia as a dynamic religious phenomenon, from both a historical and contemporary point of view. With a background in cultural anthropology, Mr. Verboom has been working in Mongolia since 2000 on projects related to culture and Buddhism.

A lecture on Anthropology, by Professor Robert Deliege

May 27, 2005, 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

Robert Deliege is Professor in the Departement d'etudes grecques, latines, et orientales, at Universite catholique de Louvan.

Call for Papers with Approaching Deadlines

International Symposium on East Siberia & the North, September 2005

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: May 16, 2005

The 5th International scientific symposium, "Education, culture and humanitarian research of East Siberia and the North in the beginning of the XXI century" will be held in Ulan-Ude and on Lake Baikal, September, 29-30, 2005. The objectives of the symposium include defining strategies for the development of educational, cultural and humanitarian research in East Siberia and in the North; undertaking the interdisciplinary scientific examination of the contents, structure, functions and technologies of the professional training in the sphere of culture and art; and seeking their influence on the development of the region. For more information, see <www.vsgaki.burnet.ru>; or contact Kuznetsova E.V., Organizing Committee, Tereshkov St., 1, 670031 Ulan-Ude, Republic of Buryatiya, Russia; fax: (3012) 23-54-77, 23-27-97; e-mail: ipkvsgaki@nm.ru.

Conferences in May

11th Annual Central and Inner Asia Seminar, May 12-14, 2005

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the Central and Inner Asia Seminar (CIAS 2005) will be held at the University of Toronto in Canada on May 12-14, 2005. The proceedings of the conference will be published in due course in "Toronto Studies in Central and Inner Asia". Volume 7, the papers from CIAS 2004, should be available in time for this year's conference. The general theme of this year's gathering will be "Traders and Trade Routes of Central and Inner Asia, Then and Now." It is hoped that this subject will be of interest to scholars from various disciplines. For further information see <http://www.utoronto.ca/deeds/cias/cias.html>. The website will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Gillian Long, Administrative Coordinator for CIAS Tel: (416) 978-4882

3rd Int'l Congress on Environmental Change in Central Asia, May 23-27, 2005

The Mongolian Landscape Research Center (MOLARE) will host the Third International Congress on Environmental Change in Central Asia, May 23-27, 2005, at the National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. Topics to be considered include climate, landscape, geodynamics, evolution, human impact and land use. Registration fee, congress participation, Icebreaker and Farewell dinner will cost \$200, and

the post congress excursion will cost an additional \$30 (lunch included). Colleagues from poorer countries can apply for a fee reduction (please inform us before). Cost are payable during the registration at May 23rd. For more information please see <http://num.edu.mn/molare> or contact Director Prof. Dr. Michael Walther, DAAD at email mwaltherub@magicnet dot mn

Grants & Other Award Proposals Due in May

Central Eurasia Project (CEP)

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: MAY 6, 2005

The Central Eurasia Project (CEP) strives to make available more and better information about human rights and the social and economic health of the South Caucasus and Central Asia both within the region and internationally in order to shape policies that contribute to building open societies. The Central Eurasia Project requests proposals to provide program and general operating support grants to organizations focused on advancing open societies in the region. Central Eurasia is understood to encompass the former Soviet republics of Central Asia and the Caucasus, Turkey and Mongolia. The proposal format and detailed information about restrictions on grant funds are available at

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/cep/focus_areas/human_rights. Grants applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year and will be considered for funding two times during 2005 according to the following schedule. Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to Anu Kangaspunta-Garfield at the Central Eurasia Project at the address listed below. Final Applications Due: May 06, 2005; August 05, 2005; October 07, 2005. Anu Kangaspunta, Central Eurasia Project, Open Society Institute, 400 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10019 USA; E-mail: akangaspunta@sorosny dot org

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