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This Month in Mongolian Studies - June 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>](http://mongoliacenter.org)

News from the Center

The ACMS celebrated its first anniversary at the end of May with a guest lecture and reception that was generously supported in part by the United States Embassy in Mongolia. Our special thanks go to Ambassador Pamela Slutz and the US Embassy staff for their assistance and to all members who participated.

Check our website in the coming week for additional updates and new research resources.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Speaker's Series for June

"Poor Medicine for Poor People? Assessing the Impact of Liberal Economic Reform on Health Care Equity in Post-Socialist Mongolia," by Craig R. Janes

June 16, 2005, 5:00 pm

'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) National University of Mongolia, Building no. 1
Craig R. Janes, Chair of the Department of Health and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Colorado, in Denver, Colorado, will examine the factors that have influenced Mongolian's access to health care in the country since 1990.

"A Historian's Perspective on Land Use in Mongolia: What does the past tell us about the future?" by Elizabeth Endicott

June 23, 2005, 5:00 pm

'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) National University of Mongolia, Building no. 1
The talk by Elizabeth Endicott, Professor of History at Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vermont, will focus on the relationship of Mongolia's pastoral nomadic herders to their land from the thirteenth century to the present, paying particular attention to the evolving concepts of "land rights" and the role of political authority in determining pasture access and land use.

Conferences in June and early July

Second Annual Deer Stones Symposium, June 17-18

The Second Annual Deer Stones Symposium will bring together participants of the Deer Stone Project, a multi-year collaborative project between the Smithsonian Institution (USA), the National Museum of Mongolian History and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences to principally study the archeology, anthropology, and environment of the Darkhad Valley in Hovsgol province. This symposium will include papers by participants in the 2004 expedition to the region followed by a day of workshops focused on the museum preservation of acquired artifacts. For more information, please contact the ACMS office at email: acms_2005@yahoo.com.

Northern Buddhist Conference on Ecology and Development, June 20-23

An initiative of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation, the World Bank, and the Government of Mongolia, this conference is aimed at developing potential amongst the monastic community and encouraging links with governmental bodies, environmental NGOs and agencies that will lead to the discussion and development of new ideas in the field of environment and development. The conference will be held at the Chinggis Khan Hotel in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, June 20-23, 2005. For more information, please see <http://conference2005.inmongolia.com>. Contact: (English language) Mr. Guido Verboom at email: guidov@arcworld.org, or phone: (976) 99-83-9839.

Post-Soviet Islam: An Anthropological Perspective, June

Organized by the Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany this conference will bring together social anthropologists and other social scientists working on issues relating to Islam in nations formerly a part of the Soviet Union. The conference will compare the differing experiences of Islam in these

nations as well as to explore possible commonalities of the post-Soviet context. It will focus on Islam and politics, local Muslim practice and global Islam, and Islam as a source of individual and communal identity and morality. For further information contact: Johan Rasanayagam, email: rasanayagam@eth.mpg.de; or visit <http://www.eth.mpg.de>.

The Image of Mongolia in European and Asian Travel Literature, July 7-9

The Eurasia-Pacific Uninet will host this interdisciplinary conference in Ulaanbaatar under the guidance of Network President Prof Brigitte Winklehner together with the National University of Mongolia and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences. The venue of the conference will be the National University of Mongolia. For more information, see <http://www.eurasiapacific.net>. European contact: Prof Brigitte Winklehner, EuroAsia UniNet President, at e-mail: brigitte.winklehner@sbg.ac.at.

New Publications

On-Line Resource – Mongolian Documentary Mujaan (The Carpenter)

This is the website www.mujaan.com devoted to a 25 minute documentary about how Mongolian nomads build their gers (yurts) by hand. This documentary film project was produced and directed by Chris McKee, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Mongolia.

On-Line Resource – Voices of Buryat History

A website http://www.buryat.info/ludi_en.htm devoted to the lives of some of the most famous Buriats in 19th and 20th century history. The project is the result of an international collaboration between American and Buryat scholars and was generously funded by IREX.

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