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This Month in Mongolian Studies - January 2006

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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 at yahoo dot com](mailto:acms_2005@yahoo.com).

For more information on each entry, please see the "Announcements" section of the [ACMS webpage](#).

News from the Center

Just before sunrise on January 1st of this year, Mongolian government officials gathered in a field outside of Ulaanbaatar to welcome the first sunlight, and thus the official beginning, of the year 2006. This was the first of many official ceremonies planned this year to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Mongolian state. The ACMS welcomes all of its members to come for a visit this year!

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Annual Meeting 2006

Call for Proposals – ACMS/Mongolia Society, Joint Poster Session

DEADLINE: JANUARY 16, 2006

The American Center for Mongolian Studies and the [Mongolia Society](#) are jointly organizing a poster session and reception for Mongolian Studies on Friday, April 7, 2006 from 7-10 pm in conjunction with the Association of Asian Studies' (AAS) Annual Meeting at the Marriot Hotel in San Francisco, California, USA. This session is free and open to the public and all are invited to attend. The ACMS and Mongolia Society are inviting scholars to submit proposals for scholarly posters to be presented at the event. For more information about this meeting and the poster session, see the [ACMS homepage](#).

ACMS Speaker's Series

"The Mongolian Nationality Lexicon: From the Chinggisid Lineage to Mongolian Nationality," by Lh. Munkh-Erdene, PhD

February 23, 2005 5 pm 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

This paper will explore the importance of the Chinggisid lineage—genealogies that trace the descendants from Chinggis Khan—in Mongolian historiography from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Lhamsuren Munkh-Erdene, professor of ethnology at the National University of Mongolia, will explore these histories and show that they played an important role in unifying the Mongolian nobility and providing the basis for the concept of the Mongol 'nation,' concepts that were later reworked and reused in the independence movements of the Mongolians in the late 20th century.

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 at fas.harvard.edu](mailto: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 – 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 at email: [julian.dierkes at ubc.ca](mailto:julian.dierkes@ubc.ca).

Grant and Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship - Josephine De Karman Academic Fellowship 2006

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2006

The Josephine De Karman Academic Fellowship program seeks to recognize and assist students whose scholastic achievements reflect Professor von Karman's high standards. A minimum of ten (10) fellowships, \$16,000 for graduate students or \$8,000 for undergraduate students, will be awarded for the regular academic year (fall and spring semesters or the equivalent where the quarterly system prevails) paid through the office of the university in which the candidate will be enrolled for study in the United States. Study must be carried out only in the United States and all funds must be expended only within this country. For more information about the fellowship, see www.dekarman.org/Default.htm, or contact Judy McClain, Secretary, P.O. Box 3389, San Dimas, CA 91773, USA; Phone: (909) 592-0607.

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.

Items for Sale

OWN A MONGOLIAN GER!

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2006

BioRegions International, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to empower the nomadic cultures of Mongolia to survive in a rapidly-changing world, has confirmed all prices and arrangements, and are pleased to announce that we are going ahead with the importation of authentic Mongolian gers. All proceeds will benefit local communities in Mongolia, directly supporting projects with the semi-nomadic people of the Darhad Valley, northern Mongolia. The cost will be \$5,500, with a special discount price of \$3,500 for the first eight ordered and paid for in full. For more information and pictures of the gers, see www.bioregions.org/service-index.htm. To order, please contact Kate Burnaby Wright, Program Director, BioRegions International, email: [kate at bioregions.org](mailto:kate@bioregions.org); phone: (1-406) 581-0550.

New Publications & Resources

New On-Line Resource – Mongolian Poetry

Dr. G. Mend-Oyoo, President of the Academy of Poetry and Culture, is one of this nation's most active and prolific poets. He has dedicated much of his life to promoting Mongolian poetry and written arts throughout the world. His website www.poetry-culture.mn gives a good introduction to the most famous Mongolian poets. Though some sections of the site are still under construction, there are interesting materials there for anyone interested in Mongolian culture and poetry. Dr. Mend-Oyoo will be hosting the 26th World Congress of Poets in Ulaanbaatar this September.

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.

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