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## This Month in Mongolian Studies - October 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 [info at mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org).

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### Call for Papers

**Twelfth Annual Conference of the Central & Inner Asia Seminar (CIAS 2007)**

May 15-17, 2007, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2006

The CIAS invites scholars from a wide range of disciplines to submit proposals for papers to be presented at this year's conference entitled "The Exploitation of the Landscape of Central and Inner Asia, Past, Present and Future." Presentations shall be 20 minutes in length. Please send the paper title, a one-page summary and a short copy of your curriculum vitae to [gillian.long at utoronto dot ca](mailto:gillian.long@utoronto.ca) or to Professor Michael Gervers at [gervers at chass dot utoronto dot ca](mailto:gervers@chass.utoronto.ca).

**12th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), "Nation, Community, and the State"**

April 12-14, 2007, International Affairs Building, Columbia University, NY

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2006

The conference will have 100 panels on the Balkans, the Baltics, Central Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, the Caucasus, Central Asia, Turkey, Greece, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kurdistan, China, and Mongolia, as well as a special section on theoretical approaches to nationalism, thematic panels, and film documentaries. There is no application form to fill out in order to send proposals to the convention. Send proposals to--or for more information--contact Dominique Arel at [darel at uottawa dot ca](mailto:darel@uottawa.ca).

### Cultural Festival

**Chinggis Khaan: 800 Years of Mongolian Statehood**

October 6-8, 2006, Smithsonian Natural History Museum, Washington, DC

Learn about Chinggis (Genghis) Khaan and the fascinating history and cultures of Mongolia! Musicians, calligraphers, artists, wrestlers and acrobats will be performing in a special exhibition hall throughout the festival weekend. Artistic demonstrations will include mask and costume making and lessons in felting. Smithsonian scientists working in Mongolia will be in the hall to answer questions and talk with visitors about their research. The festival features a special Mongolian film series in the museum's Baird Auditorium on Sunday. For a complete listing of events visit [http://www dot mnh dot si dot edu/arctic/mongolia/index.html](http://www.dot.mnh.dot.si.dot.edu/arctic/mongolia/index.html).

### Symposium

**The Former Soviet Republics and the Contemporary Silk Road**

March 2007, Washington, DC Metro Area

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2006

This research symposium will bring together US senior and junior scholars to examine and discuss a variety of political, security, economic, historical, educational, and cultural topics related to the former Soviet republics of Central Asia and their relationships with countries along the contemporary Silk Road. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Grants will be awarded to approximately 10 junior scholars. Countries include: Afghanistan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. This symposium is sponsored by the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Kennan Institute (WWCI), with support from the US State Department Title VIII program. Application materials are available on the IREX website at: <http://www.irex.org/programs/symp/index.asp>.

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### UB Lectures

*"Relics: Excavations of Chinggis Khan's Era"*

**5 pm, October 12, 2006, National University of Mongolia, Building 1 Lecture Hall**

Professor D. Tumen of the National University of Mongolia's Department of Anthropology presents the first lecture of the American Center for Mongolian Studies Fall Speaker Series. Dr. Tumen will present recent discoveries at archeological excavations in Mongolia dating from the 12th to 14th century. Dr. Tumen earned her Doctor of Science degree from department of anthropology at the Moscow State University in 1992. Her research includes paleo-anthropology, human-skeletal biology and paleo-demography.

*"Recent Diatom Research and International Cooperation in Mongolia"*

**5pm, October 26, 2006, National University of Mongolia, Building 1 Lecture Hall**

Dr. Soninkhishig of the National University of Mongolia's Department of Biology presents the second lecture of the American Center for Mongolian Studies Fall Speaker Series. Dr. Soninkhishig will discuss diatoms, which are unicellular, photosynthetic organisms that live in every kind of water and are used in applied research such as documenting past climate changes and water quality monitoring. They have silica wall structures which preserve well in the lake sediment cores, and they also respond quickly to environmental changes because of their short life spans.

### **UB Conferences**

**"A Canada-Mongolia Film Forum on Tradition, Culture, and Modernity"**

9am-5pm, October 13, 2006, National University of Mongolia, Building 1 Lecture Hall

Join Mr. Peter Imiq, Nunavut Commsioner, and various Mongolian experts in this all day event involving lectures and 3 films on Aboriginal life and culture in Canada. Opening remarks by the Honorable Peter Miliken, Canada Speaker of the House of Commons.

### **Exchange Program**

**Open Society Institute's Undergraduate Exchange Program**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006

The Undergraduate Exchange Program (UEP) supports students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, and Serbia in the United States for one year of non-degree academic studies. Applicants must currently be enrolled as a second-year student at a university in their home country to be eligible.

For more information and an application form, please see [http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus\\_areas/undergraduate\\_exchange](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas/undergraduate_exchange).

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