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# This Month in Mongolian Studies - June 2007

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This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place in Mongolian Studies in Ulaanbaatar and around the world. This list is based on information the center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to renew your membership, have information you would like to submit to future newsletters or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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### **ACMS Events**

#### **Spring Speaker Series**

The ACMS invites students, faculty, researchers, and other members of the public to attend the Spring Speaker Series. Lectures are given in English, and refreshments are served afterwards in the ACMS reading room. This season the Speaker Series are sponsored by the North America Mongolia Business Council, an ACMS Institutional Member and the oldest and largest international trade association linking Mongolia to the rest of the world. For more information about past Speaker Series visit mongoliacenter.org/ss. The current schedule for June and July is listed below. 5 pm June 7, 2007, National University of Mongolia Building No. 5 Room 605

"Campaigns, Ethics, and Social Responsibility"

Dr. L. Dale Lawton, FSO/GSO US Embassy in Mongolia

5 pm June 21, 2007, National University of Mongolia Building No. 5 Room 305

"Buddhism and Law During the Bogd Khaan State and Its Heritage"

Dr. Vesna Wallace, Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at University of California in Santa Barbara

5 pm June 28, 2007, National University of Mongolia Building No. 5 Room 305

"Movements of the Giant River Fish, Hucho Taimen, in Mongolia's Eg-Uur Watershed"

David Gilroy (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA) and Ganzorig (Biology Masters Student, NUM, Mongolia)

5 pm July 5, 2007, National University of Mongolia Building No. 5 Room 305

"Dateline Mongolia: An American Journalist in Nomad's Land" Michael Kohn, author of Lonely Planet Mongolia (2005)

--Building No. 5 is the six floor, yellow building just northwest of the Chinese Embassy and across the street from Zaluuchuud Hotel on the Baga Toiruu.

#### **3rd Anniversary Celebration**

4:30 pm - 7 pm June 7, 2007, National University of Mongolia Building No. 5 Room 605

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites faculty, students, researchers, and other members of the public to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the opening of its Ulaanbaatar office at an event to be held June 7, 2007 starting at 4:30 pm in room 605 (6th Floor). Representatives from the National University of Mongolia, the US Embassy in Mongolia, and the ACMS will kick off the event with some opening remarks about the changing face of higher education and research in Mongolia. Dr. L. Dale Lawton, FSO/GSO will then give a lecture entitled "Campaigns, Ethics, and Social Responsibility" as part of the ACMS Spring Speaker Series. The lecture will be followed by a reception at the ACMS in room 304. The event is open to the public.

#### **Conferences**

"International Scientific Conference "Environmental Security in East Asia"

July 9-10, 2007 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The School of International Relations at the National University of Mongolia in cooperation with the Japan Foundation is organizing an international scientific conference entitled "Environmental Securities in East Asia". The Conference will take place on July 9-10, 2007 in "Nukht" EcoTour Resort outside Ulaanbaatar. This International Conference is funded by the Japan Foundation. After the conference participants will have opportunity to celebrate the Mongolian national holiday "Naadam" July 11-13. Researchers from the Republic of Korea (6), Japan (2), France (1), Russia (1) and China (2) have already submitted proposals for participation in the conference.

For more information about attending or submitting a paper, please contact Mrs.Munkhselenge (976) 99170250.

#### **Scholarships**

Ambassadorial Scholarships 2008-09
Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

DEADLINE: AUGUST 18, 2007

Rotary Foundation is now inviting applications from students who are permanent residents of HK, Macau or Citizens of Mongolia for the Ambassadorial Scholarships 2008-09. The Scholarship is established with an aim to support the mission of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to further world understanding and peace, and is offered by the Foundation for award to students who are interested to pursue overseas postgraduate studies in the academic year 2008-09. For further information and the application form, please visit the website http://www.rotary3450.org/service/scholarship/.

Rural Youth Scholarships 2007-2008

#### Friends of Mongolia

DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2007

Friends of Mongolia invites graduating Mongolian secondary school students and current post-secondary students under the age of 25 to apply for the Friends of Mongolia Scholarship, which provides one year full tuition at post-secondary institutions in Mongolia to successful applicants. The program is intended to address what is known as Mongolia's "reverse gender gap" by providing opportunities for rural males to attend post-secondary institutions. Applicants must be male and able to prove permanent residency outside of Ulaanbaatar. For more information about the program and to receive a copy of the application, please visit www.friendsofmongolia.org. Please distribute this announcement to eligible candidates.

## Language Resource

New Central Asian Language Learning Materials Launched - Pashto and Mongolian May 15, 2007

The Center for the Languages of the Central Asian Region (CeLCAR) has developed online, web-based reading and listening materials for Mongolian and Pashto languages, and has placed them on their website alongside the Uyghur and Tajik materials. The modules can be accessed through the main website:

http://www.indiana.edu/~celcar/intermediate.php

Please note that all users must register in order to better track the usage and efficacy of the modules.

## **New Publication**

"Pages from the Past: The 1910 Moscow Trade Expedition to Mongolia" Translated and introduced by Elizabeth Endicott

"Pages from the Past: The 1910 Moscow Trade Expedition to Mongolia", translated from the Russian and introduced by Elizabeth Endicott, has been published by EastBridge Books. Traveling throughout northern and western Mongolia in the summer of 1910, the expedition members gathered a wealth of information on trade routes, trading centers, the perceived threat to Russian trade posed by Chinese mercantile competition, and the daily lives of the Mongols themselves. The Moscow Trade Expedition merchants' field diaries provide minutely detailed accounts of the Mongolian countryside, Buddhist ceremonies, and interactions with nomadic households. The book is accompanied by 33 black and white photographs taken by the 1910 Expedition. Elizabeth Endicott teaches East Asian and Central Eurasian history at Middlebury College. To order visit eastbridgebooks.org. ISBN 1-59988-002-4.

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