This Month in Mongolian Studies – June 2008

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 e-mails or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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ACMS Summer Schedule

The ACMS will be closed for the Naadam holiday from July 10th until July 21st. For assistance with urgent issues, please contact Brian White at (+976) 9973-9869 or<u>bwhite@mongoliacenter.org</u>, or Enkhbaatar at (+976) 8801-7424 or <u>enkh@mongoliacenter.org</u>. Both Brian and Enkh will have limited access to e-mail and cell phone coverage during this time, but they will contact you as soon as they can.

ACMS Spring Newsletter

The ACMS Spring Newsletter is now available on the ACMS website at www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/newsletters/nlspring2008.pdf. This newsletter covers center activities from November 2007 to May 2008.

ACMS Speaker Series

"Education and labor market in Central Asia"
Speaker: Otgontugs Banzragch, PhD Candidate, Columbia University
Date: June 26th, 2008, 5pm Room 305, Building No. 5 NUM

ACMS Conference

"Owen Lattimore: the Past, Present, and Future of Mongolia" August 20-21, 2008, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), together with the International Association of Mongolian Studies (IAMS) will organize a conference entitled, "Owen Lattimore: The Past, Present, and Future of Inner Asian Studies" in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on August 20 and 21, 2008. The conference will be free and open to the public. The full schedule will be available by mid-July on the ACMS website.

Call for Papers/Conference

"Cultural Diversity in the Asian Society and a Role of Educational Organizations" 7-9 August 2008, National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2008

The National University of Mongolia with funding support from the Toyota Foundation will hold a conference which aims to examine intercultural aspects of the society and role of educational organizations in promoting intercultural dialogue and building social cohesion at international, national and local levels at the National University of Mongolia August 7-9, 2008. The registration deadline for the conference is June 20, 2008. The submission of abstracts deadline is July 25, 2008. The submission of full papers deadline is August 3, 2008. For more information contact int_rel@num.edu.mn.

Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

"Travel Grants in Mongolian Studies"

Center for East Asian Studies at Western Washington University

The Center for East Asian Studies of Western Washington University offers travel grants for research in the WWU Libraries on any subject dealing with Mongolia and the Mongols. Two grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded in any one calendar year to scholars, including doctoral candidates, who at the time of application reside more than 500 miles from Bellingham. Applications must be submitted by August 1 for research during September through January and by January 1 for research during February through June. They should include a brief description of the research project, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, and an estimated budget. When completed, they should be sent to: Director, Center for East AsianStudies, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA 98225-9057

"Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative Fellowships" Open Society Institute

The Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative of the Open Society Institute is pleased to announce the topic for its Russian language policy fellowship program: Sub-national budget watch in the former Soviet Union and Mongolia. Detailed information about the topics, the application procedure, potential fellows and regional focus can be found on this webpage: http://lgi.osi.hu/documents.php?id=2020&m_id=19.

"Central Eurasia Project (CEP) of the Open Society Institute" Open Society Institute

The Central Eurasia Project (CEP) of the Open Society Institute is pleased to announce its 2008 grant application schedule. Through grant making, CEP strives to increase awareness of human rights violations and the availability of reliable information on the social and economic health of the South Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia, within the region and around the world, in order to shape policies that foster open societies. CEP provides programmatic and general operating support grants to organizations focused on advancing civil society and development in the region. In the context of this Call for Proposals, Central Eurasia encompasses Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. To read the full Call for Proposal guidelines and download an application visit: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/cep/focus_areas/human_rights/guidelines.

New Publications

"The Silk Road, Vol. 5, No. 2"

The Silk Road Foundation

The Silkroad Foundation's journal is available in pdf format

at: http://silkroadfoundation.org/newsletter/vol5num2/. This volume includes an article entitled "Xiongnu Elite Tomb Complexes in the Mongolian Altai:

Results of the Mongol-American Hovd Archaeology Project, 2007."

"Frasario Italiano-Mongolo (Italian-Mongolian Phrasebook)"

By Otgonbayar Chuluunbaatar and Paula Hass

Frasario Italiano–Mongolo is written in Mongolian Cyrillic and Italian. It is published by Milano, Poliglossa Traduzioni and has 149 pages. Its isbn number is: 978-9955-9956-1-6

"Mongolian-English Dictionary from Lingua Mongolia" Lingua Mongolia, Aberystwyth, Wales, UK

Lingua Mongolia, Aberystwyth, Wales, UK

This dictionary jacket describes itself as "The Mongolian-English Dictionary from Lingua Mongolia [est. Dec 2004] is the first piece of commercial dictionary software for Uighur-script and Cyrillic Mongolian in the world. The culmination of over four years of work, it has been designed to work on all Windows-based operating systems without the need to change System Locales or download and install any fonts. Setup is fast and automatic and the install file is just over 2MB in size - making it easy to download on even dial-up connections. [Downloadable trial version is also available - ed.]." More information at http://www.linguamongolia.co.uk/soft1.html.