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This Month in Mongolian Studies - October 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>

News from the Center

It's getting cooler by the week here in Ulaanbaatar, but activities at the Center are well underway for the new school year. This month features lectures with advice for prospective graduate students, Critical Thinking teaching methodology workshops, and the start of the ACMS Research Paper Competition.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Speaker's Series

"How to Get Into Graduate School in the USA", by Dr. Lkh. Udval

October 6, 2005, 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

This is the first of two lectures this month that seek to help Mongolian students understand the process of applying for the graduate study in the United States. In her lecture, Dr. Udval will explain the steps students need to take and the resources available to them.

Critical Thinking Workshop for Mongolian Higher Education

October 13-15, 2005, at the Songino Resort, near Ulaanbaatar

This is a second series of training sessions with faculties from colleges and universities around Mongolia and experts in higher education reform from the University of Hawaii. The workshop is part of the Center's two-year project to stimulate the spread of critical thinking teaching methodologies in Mongolian higher education. The project is being conducted with support from the US Embassy in Mongolia, Mongolian Educational Alliance, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, and participating Mongolian universities and colleges.

Calls for Papers & Conferences in October

Conference: Mongolian Culture and Education, October 5-8, 2005

The Mongolian Cultural Institute in Ulaanbaatar will organize the conference "Key Problems of Cultural Education in the Period of Globalization," an international scientific conference to be held October 5-8, 2005, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Institute's establishment. For more information please contact: Ts. Urelmaa, Foreign Relations Coordinator, e-mail: tseren_urel@yahoo.com.

Festival: Ethnographic Film Festival: 'Regard Comparés Mongols,' October 19-23, 2005

The Ethnographic Film Committee and the CNRS Images with the support of the Centre for Mongolian and Siberian Studies will organize a new edition of "Regards Comparés" dedicated this year to the Mongolian area. For more information, see the festival website <http://www.comite-film-ethno.net/regards/mongole-index-en.htm> or contact the festival coordinator, Laetitia Merli, e-mail: ciamerli@yahoo.com.

Conference: 37th Annual AAASS National Convention, November 3-6, 2005

The 37th Annual National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) will take place at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, on November 3-6, 2005. The conference will feature special sessions on the topic of Anthropology of the former Soviet bloc. For more information, please see or contact Wendy Walker, the AAASS Convention Coordinator at walker@fas.harvard.edu

Volunteer & Work Opportunities

Alliance for International Women's Rights, Mongolia

The Alliance for International Women's Rights (AIWR) is now actively recruiting volunteers to spend two to three weeks providing training, consulting and assistance to five of Mongolia's most dynamic and effective women's rights organizations. You can learn the details about the mission, history and projects of the Alliance on our website: www.aiwr.org.

New Publications & Resources

On-Line Resource – Yurts & Mongolian Gers

This is a well-designed site <http://www.safecom.org.au/yurts.htm> that seeks to introduce the Mongolian ger to general audiences. It includes interesting and useful links, including to a site that gives detailed instructions on the construction of a ger and another to the site of a business that will ship new gers from Mongolia to locations around the world.

On-Line Resource – Mongolian Tree-Ring Project

This website <http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/res/fac/trl/research/Mongolia/SEA-pap/index.html> summarizes some of the data collected by teams of Mongolian and American researchers led by Dr. Gordon Jacoby of the **Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory**, in Palisades, New York, USA. He and his teams have been investigating temperature and precipitation in Mongolia based on research that analyses tree-rings, among other sources, for a number of years. There results are fascinating and may hold prove helpful to scholars working in other lines of historical research in this region.

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