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

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ACMS Updates

New Website Unveiled

The American Center for Mongolian Studies has unveiled its new website which offers expanded informational resources for the public. The website now includes several new menu items and more than twice the content of the previous site. In addition, the ACMS now has greater flexibility in the development of content for the website, and ACMS patrons are encouraged to offer suggestions for adding links to other online resources, posting announcements, and developing individual pages for describing research projects and activities they are involved in. The new website is at the old address mongoliacenter.org. Comments and suggestions may be sent to info@mongoliacenter.org.

NAIM Donates Archive to ACMS

The former director of the News and Information Association of Mongolia (NAIM), along with former employees of the organization, formally donated NAIM's database of articles produced during its operations from June 2006 to January 2007. Although only open for six months, NAIM produced approximately 300 articles related to important political, economic, and societal issues, and it was intended to be a model for journalism that met international standards in terms of ethics and accuracy. The donation guarantees that this resource will continue to be available online to researchers, and the ACMS is currently discussing ideas for additional content for this valuable resource. The database can be searched at www.moninfo.org.

Language Programs

"Intensive Language Study Programs in Central Asia"

American Councils for International Education

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2007

American Councils for International Education invites US graduate students and advanced undergraduates to apply for full and partial intensive language study fellowships in Central Asia. Participants may enroll in semester, academic year, or summer programs. Recent program participants have studied Azeri, Buryat; Georgian and Chechen, Kazakh; Romanian and Moldovan; Tajik, Persian, Uzbek; and Ukrainian. There are also programs available for the study of Armenian, Kyrgyz, Pashto, Tatar, Turkmen, Tuvan, and Yakut. (Students seeking to study languages not listed here should contact the American Councils Outbound Office (202) 833-7522). For more information visit www.americancouncils.org.

Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

"Title VIII Grants for Research Spring & Summer 2008"

American Councils for International Education

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2007

American Councils invites applications for its 2008-2009 Research Scholar Program. The program provides full support for graduate students, faculty, and post-doctoral scholars seeking to conduct policy-relevant research for three to nine months in Belarus, Central Asia, Russia, the South Caucasus, Ukraine, and Moldova. Scholars may apply for support for research in more than one country during a single trip, provided they intend to work in the field for a total of three to nine months. For more information visit

www.americancouncils.org.

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies

Academic Year 2008-2009.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2007

The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University invites applications from scholars in Central Asian Studies and other fields of historical research to conduct intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. A Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are also required. Information and application forms may be found on the School's website, www.hs.ias.edu, or contact the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Dr., Princeton, N.J. 08540 (E-mail address: mzelazny@ias.edu).

'Networks and Boundaries.'

Getty Research Institute

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2007

The Getty Research Institute welcomes applications from researchers in the arts, humanities, and social sciences who wish to be in residence at the Institute in 2008-2009 and whose projects explore cross-cultural exchange and the visual arts. Scholars who apply for the 2008-2009 academic year will research topics centered around the "Networks and Boundaries" research theme. The study of the visual arts can and does cross cultural, civilizational, ethnic, religious, and geographic boundaries. Applications and more information can be found at http://www.getty.edu/research/scholarly_activities/annual_themes/future_networks.html.

Online Resource

"Interactive Map of Ulaanbaatar"

Go-go Internet Portal

The Go-go internet portal offers an interactive map of Ulaanbaatar which allows users to search for businesses, educational institutions, health organizations, and apartment districts in the city. In addition, users may measure distances between points and longitude and latitude of locations, as well as search locations using street names. To utilize this resource, visit <http://map.gogo.mn/en/>.

New Publications

"Historical Atlas of the Altai Region (in Russian)"

By V. B Borodaev and A.V. Kontev

The Historical Atlas is the first publication in which the history of Western Siberia is represented through the use of various cartographic materials of a broad chronological spectrum. The authors have collected and generalized graphic sources accumulated by numerous generations of Russian and West European cartographers. An attempt is made in the book to show the Altai region as part of a wide historic-geographical space. This well-illustrated book is designed for qualified readers as well broad audience taking an interest in the history of Western Siberia and the Altai region. All requests and orders (preferably in Russian or French) should be sent to borodaev@uni-altai.ru. (ISBN 978-5-93957-198-2)

"A Grammar of Modern Uyghur"

By Frederick De Jong (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

Few texts exist which can be used for learning Modern Uyghur, which is one of the least researched Turkic languages. This grammar is the first English-based learning grammar for this language. It is partially Latin-based while is also uses categorizations rooted in the work of Chaghatay grammarians. By mastering its contents and by carefully going through the numerous examples, the student should be able to read Uyghur publications with the aid of a dictionary. The volume is accompanied with an audio CD. For more information visit www.houtsmastichting.nl. (ISBN 978-90-801040-8-2)

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