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NEWS

Five talented Fulbright Language Teaching Assistants have joined CEUS for the academic year. They are **Undraa Enkhtaivan** of Mongolia, **Anora Ismailova** of Uzbekistan, **Salla Pulli** of Finland, **Nurzhan Sharshenalieva** of Kyrgyzstan and **Aigerim Turlybekova** of Kazakhstan.

From May to September, **Chris Beckwith** was in Tokyo at the Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, on a Research Fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, for a major project on the ethnolinguistic history of Central Eurasia and East Asia. On May 29, he gave a paper entitled “On the Ethnolinguistic Position of Manchu and the Manchus within Central Eurasia and East Asia” at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Manchu History Society (Manzokushi Kenkyūkai), held this year at Komazawa University. He published a State of the Field article entitled “Could There Be a Korean-Japanese Linguistic Relationship Theory? Science, the Data, and the Alternatives” in the *International Journal of Asian Studies* 7/2 (2010), 201-219.

László Borhi returned from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Institute of History as our 2010-11 György Ránki Hungarian Chair Visiting Professor. He is offering three courses this semester and planning the annual spring Hungarian symposium.

Dr. **Dang Baohai** will arrive in September under the Sinor Tang Inner Asian Exchange between IU CEUS and Peking University. Dr. **Wang Yidan** was here for one month in summer, also under the Peking Exchange.

From May 15th until June 10th, **Gulnisa Nazarova** (Uyghur language lecturer) was in China, gathering materials for an Intermediate Uyghur textbook. Her trip was sponsored by CeLCAR. On May 19th, she gave a lecture entitled “Problems of Uyghur lexicology” for Uyghur professors and students at the University of Nationalities in Beijing. She also visited Urumchi, Turfan, Kashgar and Khoten and acquired books, Uyghur-English dictionaries and video materials for Uyghur learners.

CEUS Visiting Scholar **Alev Onder** of Turkey will arrive in early September. She is supported by a Doctoral Research Scholarship from the Republic of Turkey Office of Higher Education. Her IU faculty sponsor is **Kemal Silay**.

Elliot Sperling attended the “Seminar on the Tibet Issue in a Global Context” at Renmin University in Beijing on July 15th and 16th, presenting two papers: “Free Tibet: a Global

Movement,” and “The Dalai Lama in the Context of the Tibet Issue: Image, Function and Limitations.” From August 15th to August 21st he attended the 12th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies in Vancouver BC, where he presented a paper entitled “Aspects of the Mongol presence in Tibet during the 17th and 18th Centuries.” Also presenting papers at the conference was Tibetan Studies faculty member **Gedun Rabsal** (“Brel sgra dang 'brel ba can gyi rjod pa”), as well as current CEUS students **Nicole Willock** (“Map is not Territory: The writing of the Dan tig dkar chag in 1956”) and **Peter Faggen** (“Designing Amdo: Gungru Khandro-ma, rig 'dzin dpal mo, paints gendered 19th century Amdo cultural portrait”). A large cohort of former CEUS students and scholars were also in attendance: Tsuguhito Takeuchi, Geoff Childs, Rakdho Lobsang Tenzin, Pema Bhum, Lauran Hartley, Karl Debreczeny, Kristina Dy-Liacco, Beri Jigme Wangyal, Yangbum Gyal, Dan Martin and Yael Bentor.

Nicole Willock's article “Rekindling Ashes of the Dharma and the Formation of Modern Tibetan Studies: The Busy Life of Alak Tseten Zhabdrung” is featured in Trace Foundation's *Latse Library Newsletter*, vol. 6 (2009-2010). The article also appears in Tibetan in the same journal, translated by Gedun Rabsal.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12, Indiana Memorial Union

The Turks and Islam: An International Conference. For a full program, visit:
<http://www.iub.edu/~ceus/The-Turks-and-Islam-Program.pdf>

Friday, Sept. 17, 5:30 pm – 7 pm, IMU University Club President's Room

CEUS/IAUNRC Welcome Reception.

Thursday – Sunday, Sept. 16-19, multiple locations

2010 Lotus World Music & Arts Festival
(also featuring the Kyrgyz ensemble Ordo Sakhna)

Thursday, Sept. 23, 7:00 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Persian Film Series:
The Wind Carpet, dir. Kamal Tabrizi (2003).

*See an updated list of all CEUS events at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~ceus/eventsnew.shtml>

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