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## I. NEWS

### \*Several Himalayan Panels and Events at Madison Conference

If you receive this issue of the HRB before November 3, 1983 you will still be able to make the Nepal Studies Association meetings in conjunction with the Twelfth Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison from November 4 - November 6, 1983. Several events focus on Nepal and the Himalayas and many other panels at the conference will be of interest to Himalayan specialists. Four panels are devoted to Nepal and the Himalayas.

Friday, Nov. 4, 10:00 - 12:00

Panel: Economies, exchange, and culture in the Himalayas

1. "Systems of labor exchange among the Magars of Nepal" (Harihar Acharya, Cornell)
2. "TONGHO: The economics of Tibetan monastic ritual" (Paljor Tsarong, Wisconsin)
3. "Resource mobilization and benefit allocation in community-managed irrigation systems in the Hills of Nepal" (Edward Martin and Robert Yoder, Cornell)
4. "Closure and nonclosure and the ideal of reciprocity among western Tamang" (David Holmberg, Cornell)
5. Discussant: James Fisher (Carleton College)

Saturday, Nov. 5, 8:15 - 10:00

Roundtable discussion of Nepal Mandala:

Ronald Bernier, James Fisher, Kathryn March, David Holmberg and others to be announced.

Saturday Nov. 5, 8:15 - 11L45

Panel: The nature of Tibetan Polity, Part III, IV

(check official program for papers)

Sunday, November 6, 10:00 - 1:00

Panel: Facets of Kashmiri Saivism

(check official program for papers)

Three other papers on Nepal are scheduled:

1. Friday, Nov. 4, 3:15: "The real meaning of Nepal Mandala" (Gautam Vajracharya, Wisconsin)
2. Saturday, Nov. 5, 11:35: "Perceptual exploration in Nepalese children: A cross-disciplinary approach" (King Beach, CUNY)
3. Saturday, Nov. 5, 4:05: "The impact of tourism on the Sherpa community of Khumbu, Nepal" (Christopher Hendel, Southern Illinois)

Other events:

1. Dr. Hugh Wood of the American Nepal Education Foundation will hold meetings with prospective applicants for scholarships.
2. The annual business meeting of the Nepal Studies Association will be on Friday, Nov. 6, at noon.
3. Once again, the Nepali community of Madison will host a bhoj on Saturday evening. For exact times and rooms consult the official program of the conference. Further information is available from the South Asian Area Center, 1242 Van Hise Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

Notes of the business meeting and abstracts of the papers relevant to the Himalayas will be published in the Monsoon issue of the HRB.

We look forward to seeing you in Madison.

### **\*Library of Tibetan Works and Archives Offers New Course**

In addition to its one-year Dharma courses, the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives has started a new one-month course. This course is especially meant for those beginning their study of Tibetan Buddhism and will cover only introductory Mahayana Buddhism.

This new course has been started due to popular demand over the years from those who have visas for only a short time and also for those who have other time problems.

Please address your inquiries to:

The Secretary of the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives  
Gangchen Kyishong  
Dharamsala H.P. 176215  
INDIA

### **\*Water Management Issues Seminar**

A three-day "Water Management Issues" seminar was held in Kathmandu, July 31 - August 2. The seminar was hosted by the Agricultural Projects Services Centre (APROSC) and supported by the Agricultural Development Council. Attendance and participation were enthusiastic with between 90 and 120 participants at each of the sessions.

Participants were invited from the Department of Irrigation, Department of Agriculture, National Planning Commission, Water Resources and Energy Commission, Ministry of Panchayat and Local Development, Agricultural Development Bank, international donor agencies, PVO's, and consulting firms. Cornell University professors Randolph Barker, Gilbert Levine, and Norman Uphoff were resource persons under the sponsorship of USAID's Water Management Synthesis II Project. Three papers were presented the first day. A paper on "Irrigation and Water Management Issues" was presented by Bharat Bahadur Pradhan, Edward Martin, Robert Yoder, and Dr. Prachanda Pradhan. Professor Gilbert Levine presented a paper on "The Asian Context for Irrigation," and Dr. Takur Nath Pant, director of APROSC, and Jyoti Lohani, APROSC, presented a paper on "Some Observations on Irrigation Development in Nepal."

Three half-day technical sessions discussed (1) Water management in the Context of Irrigation Development, (2) Institutional Linkages in Water Management, and (3) Community Irrigation Management. Recommendations from these sessions were presented and discussed in a final general session. The seminar's opening address and closing remarks were made by Dr. Mohan Man Sainju, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission. Proceedings of the seminar will be published by APROSC.

### **\*New Association of Nepalese in the Americas**

The first Association of Nepalese in the Americas was founded in July with an initial membership of one hundred and four. At the first meeting, the association determined its objectives to be as follows:

1. Preserve and promote Nepalese identity and culture
2. Promote close cooperation among Nepalese
3. Maintain relations with Nepal
4. Provide financial aid to needy persons
5. Promote social and charitable activities
6. Promote cordial relations with Americas
7. Maintain close relations with sister associations

The following officers were elected:

President: Hari Sharma  
Vice-President: Kumund R. Sharma  
Secretary: Krishna Manandhar  
Treasurer: Amrit Tuladhar

The Association has representatives in five different regions of the Americas. They are Kunjar M. Sharma (of Oshawa, Ontario) for Canada; Pramila Upadhyay (of Hasting-on-Hudson, New York) for the East Coast; Krishna P. Nirola (of Potomac, Maryland) for Washington, D.C.; Vijaya L. Shrestha (of Bowling Green, Ohio) and Nirakar C. Thakur (of Toledo, Ohio) for the Midwest; and Beena Upadhyay (of Sunnyvale, California) and Veda B. Joshi (of Torrance, California) for the West Coast.

Association membership includes the following benefits: a pictorial directory of all members; a monthly newsletter; invitations to receptions, cultural events, and special celebrations; and free medical advice. The first newsletter has already been published and includes a message from the president, information on the founding of the association, and information on several upcoming events.

For more information on the association or for a membership application, contact:

Amar Giri (Chairperson of newsletter committee)  
428 Longmeadow Road  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601 USA

#### **\*Geographers Focus on the Himalayas**

Pradyumna P. Karan organized a session on "Himalaya: Aspects of Environment and Development" for the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in April. The Himalayan session was one of four major sessions organized by members of the Asian Geography Specialty Group of the AAG. Further information can be obtained from P.P. Karan, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

#### **\*"Nepal Perspectives" — A Conference at Berkeley**

To lead in to the upcoming visits of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Nepal, a two-day conference is being organized by Leo Rose at the University of California at Berkeley. The Conference, "Nepal Perspectives," spans a wide range of topics and will be open to the public. It will be held Thursday, October 27, and Friday, October 28, at the Alumni House on the Berkeley Campus.

Scheduled events include:

Thursday October 27:

Morning (10-12 am):

Speaker: Dor Bahadur Bista (Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Tribhuvan University) - "Nepal Society and Culture; Ethnic and Regional Diversity"

Discussants:

James Fisher (Carleton College)  
Robert Levy (UC San Diego)  
Todd Lewis (UC Berkeley)

Afternoon (2-4 pm):

Speaker: Kul Shekhar Sharma (Population Commission, HMG) "Economic Policy and Performance"

Discussants:

Ram Prasad Yadav (International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington; D.C.)  
Merrill Goodall (Claremont College)

Evening (8-10 pm):

Speaker: Yadunath Khanal (former Nepalese Ambassador to the U.S., China and India) "Nepal Foreign Relations"

Discussants:

Bhekh Bahadur Thapa (Nepalese Ambassador to the U.S.)  
Phillip Trimble (former U.S. Ambassador to Nepal)

Friday October 28:

Morning (10-12 am):

Speaker: Harka Gurung - "Ecological and Environmental Issues"

Discussants:

Jeffrey Romm (UC Berkeley)  
Gerald Berreman (UC Berkeley)  
Barbara Brower (UC Berkeley)

Afternoon (1:30-3 pm):

Speaker: Rita Thapa (former Secretary of Public Health)

Discussants:

Judith Justice (UC San Francisco)  
Tulsi Upreti (Arizona)

Afternoon (3:30-5:00)

Summary Panel Discussion