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***NEPAL AND HIMALAYAN EVENTS AT THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA, MADISON, WISCONSIN USA, NOVEMBER 2-4, 1984**

The Nepal Studies Association held its annual business meeting in conjunction with the Conference again this year. Once again, too, the Nepal Potluck supper and "Gyana-Gosthi" were popular points of interest.

The number of panels and papers (see Paper Abstracts, this issue) focusing upon Nepal and the Himalayas increased again this year. Five panels dealt exclusively with Nepal: "Approaches to Nepali Cultural History," "The South Asian Landscape: a series of selected research topics, part II (Nepal)," "The Outlook for Education in Nepal," "Ritual, Society, and Symbol in Nepal," and "Investments for Water Resources Development by Rural People in the Hills of Nepal." There was also a two part panel of "Tibetan Scholars on Tibetan Culture, Society and Religion: in commemoration of 25 Years in Exile." A number of individual papers on Nepal and the Himalayas appeared, as well, in other topical panels.

Attendance by Nepal scholars at the Conference continues to grow, so that, in addition to the many Nepal- and Himalaya-centered events, the general sociality and exchange of news is always extremely rewarding. As always, the Conference staff in Madison was most helpful and supportive of our events. It is not too early to begin planning for next year's Conference; once again, we at the HRB are always glad to help facilitate papers, panels, and other events.

***NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS AT ICIMOD: DR. RAM PRAKASH YADAV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND OTHERS**

Dr. Ram Prakash Yadav became the first Deputy Director of ICIMOD in September 1984. Born in Rajpur village (Siraha District), he chose to pursue agriculture professionally. In 1961 he went to the University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, on a Colombo Plan Scholarship, obtaining his B.Sc. in Agriculture there in 1965.

His first job was as an Assistant Agricultural Extension Officer with the School of Agriculture (today the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science), Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, where he taught Agricultural Extension and Farm Management.

In 1969 he went to Oregon State University, where he received his M.S. in Agricultural Economics, with support from Fulbright-Hays. He continued his study of Agricultural Economics at Cornell University, obtaining his Ph.D. there in 1975 with a major focus in International Agricultural Development and minors in International Trade and Quantitative Analysis. He was subsequently awarded the Mahendra Bidya Bhusan by His Majesty the King of Nepal in 1976.

Upon his return to Nepal, Dr. Yadav joined the Agricultural Projects Services Center (APROSC) as one of their founding staff members and became their Executive Director in 1979. In 1982, he was awarded an IDRC Fellowship to work on "Resource Allocation and Incentives for Agricultural Research in Nepal" at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., where he was a Research Fellow until he joined ICIMOD.

Dr. Yadav has consulted for the Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO). He is also the author of numerous papers on agricultural and rural development and has co-authored (with Ludwig Fr. Stiller) Planning for People: A Study of Nepal's Planning Experience.

Others among the first professional appointments at ICIMOD include:

PROGRAM ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT:

Dr. K.K. Pandey (Nepal, Ph.D. in Technical Science, Zurich Agronomy, Switzerland) will lead the ICIMOD team on watershed management,
Mr. Anis Dani (Pakistan, currently completing Ph.D. in Rural Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, USA) will handle the social aspects of watershed management,

Dr. Suresh Raj Chalise (Nepal, M.Sc. in Physics, Calcutta, and Post Graduate study in Meteorology, University of Reading, U.K.) will be concentrating on the environmental aspects of watershed management,

PROGRAM ON NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE MOUNTAINS

Dr. Prodipto Roy (India, Ph.D. in Rural Sociology, USA) will lead the team on employment generation in the non-agricultural sectors in the mountains,

Dr. Mahesh Banskota (Nepal, Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, USA) will specialize in the economics of rural development in mountain areas with particular reference to off-farm employment generation,

PROGRAM ON RURAL ENERGY PLANNING

Mr. Saroj Basnyet (Nepal, M.Sc. in Civil Engineering, University of Moscow, U.S.S.R., and M.Sc. in Development Planning, University of London, U.K.) will develop work in conservation engineering in watershed management and in rural infrastructure engineering,

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

Professor Wu Weitian (China, Chemistry, China) will computerize the Center's documentation and help build the information exchange network throughout the Hindu Kush-Himalaya,

Mrs. Prabha Thacker (Nepal, M.A. in English, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, and M.S. in Information Science, Pratt Institute, USA) will be responsible for developing ICIMOD's activities in information networking in the Hindu Kush-Himalaya Region,

Mme Zhang Li (China, English, University of Beijing, China) will help build the ICIMOD Documentation Center and links with the Institute of Geography, Beijing,

Miss Subarna Bajracharya (Nepal, M.A. in Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, and M.S. in Library Science, USA) will be in charge of the ICIMOD Library, which is part of the Center's Documentation and Information Exchange,

Dr. Ram Krishna Shrestha (Nepal, Ph.D. in Geography, Punjab University, India) will develop the map collection and cartography section.

***INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA ON ASIAN STUDIES**

You are invited to participate in the forthcoming Seventh International Symposium on Asian Studies organized by the International Center for Asian Studies (ICAS), a division of Asian Research Service which was founded in 1972 and is the publisher of a bi-monthly international journal, Asian Profile.

The Symposium will be conducted on non-attending basis. This means that participation does not involve traveling and attendance in person. Participation in this Symposium is by submitting a paper on a topic of your interest for publication in the Proceedings for international circulation among scholars and institutions in various countries of the world.

You are cordially invited to participate in this Symposium as a contributing member or full member. Particulars are as follows:

- Procedure:** Conducted on non-attending basis through publication in the Proceedings.
- Committees:** Organized on topical basis under 5 regional committees, namely (1) China Committee, (2) Japan and Korea Committee, (3) Southeast Asia Committee, (4) South Asia and Southwest Asia Committee, and (5) Inter-regional Committee.
- Membership:**
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| (1) Contributing member (presenting paper) | US\$45.00 |
| (2) Full member (not presenting paper) | US\$25.00 |
- Proceedings:** A contributing member will receive free a copy of the Regional Proceedings and additionally 15 offprints of his/her paper free. A full member will receive a copy of the Regional Proceedings free.

Call For Papers

7th International Symposium on Asian Studies, September, 1985

The above symposium will be held on non-attending basis through publication of papers in the proceedings.

It will be organized under 5 regions: (1) China, (2) Japan and Korea, (3) Southeast Asia, (4) South and Southwest Asia, (5) Asia and other regions.

Individual papers or panels may deal with any topics on the above regions.

Closing date for registration: 30 March, 1985

Deadline for paper submission: 30 September, 1985

Announcement

8th International Symposium on Asian Studies, July, 1986, Hong Kong

The above symposium will be conducted on attending basis in Hong Kong. Concessional rates for air transport/hotel accommodations will be arranged for participants as in the 6th Symposium held in 1984.

Individual paper and panel proposals are cordially invited.

The 2nd International Exhibition of Publications on Asian Studies will be held concurrently with the symposium.

Full details are obtainable on request. Proceedings of previous symposia are available from Asian Research Service, G.P.O. Box 2232, Hong Kong.

***FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF NEPAL**

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal was held on November 26-27, 1984 at the CEDA Auditorium, Kirtipur.

In a welcome speech Mr. Abhi Subedi, Secretary of Linguistic Society of Nepal (LSN), said that there has been a gradual growth of interest in linguistic studies. "LSN has already developed as a society with its own programs and received the intellectual support of all the Nepalese as well as foreign linguists," he added. Mr. Subedi also reviewed the annual activities. He further appealed for a more intensive participation from scholars and linguists.

The Right Honourable Mr. Lain Singh Bangdel, Chancellor of the Royal Nepal Academy inaugurated the Conference. In an inaugural address Mr. Bangdel suggested, "The Royal Nepal Academy, the Tribhuvan University and the Linguistic Society of Nepal should make a joint endeavour to study the dialects and languages of Nepal." He urged the linguists to translate the masterpieces of foreign literature into Nepali and other languages of Nepal.

Dr. Ballabh Mani Dahal, President of LSN said that language study should not be considered "as the only phenomenon for surface structural descriptions of language". He remarked that linguistics has been recognized as an integral part of human life and society. "The scope of language study has widened as a motivating factor for explosion of knowledge and fulfillment of societal needs, so its methods and techniques have developed into varied, complicated and subtle forms," he commented. He further pointed out that the annual conferences of LSN have tried to create a common forum for foreign and native scholars where presentations, discussions and exchange of knowledge, information and experiences are made, shared and floated.

Speaking from the Chair, Dr. Chandra Prasad Gorkhali, Rector of Tribhuvan University, said that linguistics helps understand the culture of a country.

Dr. Yogendra Prasad Yadav, Joint Secretary gave a vote of thanks.

November 26, 1984

Session I: Phonology, Morphology and Syntax I

Chairman: Dr. R.K. Sprigg

Dr. Kamal P. Malla: "Some Problems of Newari Diachronic Syntax"

Dr. G. Devi P. Shastri: "Transitivizing Phenomena"

Dr. Yogendra P. Yadav: "Raising from a Tensed Clause in Maithili: Counter Evidence for Binding Theory"

Dr. B.N. Chandriah: "Heterogenous Compounding in Kannada"

Session II: Phonology, Morphology and Syntax II

Chairman: Dr. Kamal P. Malla

Dr. R.K. Sprigg: "The Root Finals of Bantawa Rai Verbs in Comparison with Limbu"

Mr. Kashi Nath Tamot: "Labial Glide (w) and Palatal Glide (y) in the Early Classical Newari"

Dr. Ramawatar Yadav: "Causativization in Maithili"

November 27, 1984

Session III: Sociolinguistics and Lexicography

Chairperson: Dr. Subhadra Subba Dahal

Ms. Lalita Handoo: "Cultural Information for the Lexicon"

Mr. H.L.N. Bharati: "The Treatment of Some Aspects of Synonyms by the Indian Lexicographers"

Mr. J.P. Cross: "Turner: 50 Years After"

Dr. James F. Fisher: "Language and Society in Nepal"

Session IV: Psycholinguistics, Text Linguistics, Applied Linguistics

Chairman: Dr. Chura Mani Bandhu

Mr. Abhi Subedi: "Translation: Mapping the Territory of Participants' Experience"

Dr. Sunil K. Jha: "The Teaching of Reading"

Dr. Beverly Hartford: "Child/Adult Differences in L₂ Acquisition"

Mr. Ananda Shrestha: "Error Analysis of Nepali Learners of English"

Valedictory Session

During the Two-day Conference of LSN the Central Institute of Indian Languages organized Exhibition/Sale of its publications. The publications include materials prepared by the staff members of the Institute and its Regional Language Centres and associated Indian and foreign scholars.

***CNAS WORKSHOP ON HIMALAYAN STUDIES**

Preparatory Workshop on Himalayan Studies

A preparatory workshop on Himalayan Studies organized by Program Committee of CNAS was held on September 23-24, 1984 at CNAS.

Mr. Khadga Bikram Shah, Executive Director, giving a welcome speech, said that preparatory workshop on Himalayan Studies would initiate a series of other similar programs in the different fields which would be held in the forthcoming months.

Highlighting the purpose of the preparatory workshop, Dr. Navin K. Rai, Coordinator of Himalayan Studies noted that the workshop would primarily formulate a position paper for Himalayan Studies gathering multi-disciplinary perspectives based on currently available information on Himalayan Studies. He went on to say that the position paper would include the papers presented in the workshop and the discussions.

The schedule for presentation of research notes and discussion was as follows:

Session I: Moderator: Chaitanya Mishra.

Navin Rai: "Preparatory Workshop on Himalayan Studies at CNAS: An Introduction."

Barbara Aziz: "Tibetology in India and Tibet."

Jagman Gurung: "Tibetan Studies in the High Himalayan Valleys of Nepal."

Shyam K. Bhurtel and Ramesh Dhungel: "State of Historical Research on the Himalayan Region."

Chandra Bahadur Shrestha: "Research Works on Geography of Nepal Himalayas."

Session II: Moderator: Dor Bahadur Bista.

Mahesh Banskota: "Himalayan Economies: The Present and the Future."

James F. Fisher: "Notes on the History of Himalayan Anthropology."

Dilli R. Dahal: "Himalayan Anthropology: A Review."

Anis Ahmad Dani: "Notes on Anthropological Research in Pakistan Himalayas."

Session III: Moderator: Chuda Mani Bandhu.

Bharat Sharma and Dev Raj Dahal: "The Prospect of Politico-Strategic Study of the Himalayan Frontier: From Ladakh to NEFA."

Subhadra Subba: "Himalayan Linguistics: A Research Frontier."

Vidya Bir Singh Kansakar: "Demographic Studies of the Himalayan Region."

Session IV: Moderator: Theodore Riccardi.

Dor Bahadur Bista: "Prospect of Social Science Research in the Himalayas."

Khadga Bikram Shah: "Frontiers of Social Science Research in the Himalayas."

Navin K. Rai: "Himalayan Studies at CNAS: A draft Proposal Discussion I".

Session V: Convenor: Khadga Bikram Shah

Discussion II.

***EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEPAL**

Heidi Larson's photographs of Nepal were shown in an exhibit entitled, "A Temple Playground," at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. The exhibit began January 18 and ran through March 13, 1985, daily from 10 AM - 5:30 PM, on the first floor, in the gallery adjacent to the Discovery Room. On Wednesday, March 13, 3:30 - 5:00, Ms. Larson presented a gallery talk on her work.

***CENTER OF NEPAL ARCHIVES PROPOSED IN CALIFORNIA**

Deepak Shimkhada is contemplating founding a center of Nepal archives in Claremont, California. He envisions a resource center open to students and other researchers on Nepal. It would include "photographs, negatives, films, slides, reproductions, videos, tapes, records, books, monographs, articles, newspapers, manuscripts, journals, etc. on Nepal."

Shimkhada will initiate the Center with the donation of some 3,000 slides and photographs, 500 books and articles and 1000 sundry other items (maps, tapes, etc.) from his own collection. For further information, you should contact:

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133 McManus Hall of Graduate Studies
Claremont Graduate School
Claremont, California 91711 USA
Telephones: work - (714) 621-8000 (ext. 3916)
home - (714) 621-0783

***NEPAL: SOCIOLOGICAL/ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY FORMED IN KATHMANDU**

A new society has been formed in Kathmandu for student and professional sociologists and anthropologists. The basic objectives of the Society are:

- (1) to work for the academic, intellectual and professional development of sociologists and anthropologists;
- (2) to popularize sociology and anthropology in Nepal;
- (3) to encourage sociological and anthropological studies and research;
- (4) to launch creative programs pertaining to sociology and anthropology; and,
- (5) to promote mutual understanding and friendship among sociologists and anthropologists irrespective of their caste, creed, nationality, sex and class.

Membership is open to all students and professionals who hold a B.A., M.A., or Ph.D. in either sociology or anthropology; student members cannot serve on the Executive Committee of the Society. Fees are as follows:

	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Annual</u>
student member	NpRs 15.00	NpRs 25.00
general member	NpRs 25.00	NpRs 50.00

(only upon recommendation of Executive Committee to those who have made distinctive contributions in Sociology or Anthropology)

The Society proposes to launch various activities including research projects, the publication of books, journals and bulletins, lectures and seminars, awards and scholarships to students in sociology and anthropology, and study tours.

The ad hoc committee guiding the Society currently comprises:

Professor Dor Bahadur Bista	President
Mr. Prem Kumar Khatri	Vice President
Mr. Krishna Bahadur Bhattachan	General Secretary
Dr. Navin Kumar Rai	Member
Dr. Chaitannya Mishra	Member
Mr. Jitpal Kirant	Member
Mr. Phanindreswor Poudel	Member

The Society welcomes international members. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Mr. Krishna Bahadur Bhattachan
Department of Sociology/Anthropology
Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu
NEPAL

***CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA (MADISON, WISCONSIN, USA, NOVEMBER 1-3, 1985)**

Now is the time to prepare paper and panel proposals for next year's Madison conference. The Conference Program Committee will accept either individual paper proposals (to be assembled into mixed panels of volunteered papers) or group proposals for panels on specific topics. If you wish to propose a single paper, simply complete the following form; if you want to organize a panel, you should submit abstracts on this form for each of the papers to be in the panel and complete one copy of the form describing the panel in its entirety. As always, we at the HRB are glad to assist in any way we can to help you put together interesting Himalayan panels for these meetings.

The timetable of deadlines for the Conference is:

May 1, 1985	Submission of panel/paper abstracts
June 1, 1985	Final selection of panels and papers
July 1, 1985,	Panel Chairs should notify all panelists on panel organization
August 15, 1985	Final panel and paper information must be submitted for Program Booklet
September 1, 1985	All panelists must have pre-registered
October 1, 1985	Last date for pre-registration for non-panelists
October 1, 1985	Requests for audio-visual equipment must be in
October 15, 1985	Copies of papers must be sent to formal panel discussants and chair

For further information, you should contact:

Conference Coordinator
South Asia Area Center
1236 Van Hise Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53706 USA

SPECIAL NOTE: SINCE THE 1985 CONFERENCE COINCIDES WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME, THE CONFERENCE COORDINATOR HAS ADVISED US THAT HOUSING WILL BE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS RIGHT AWAY.

= PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION =

Panel Single Paper

TITLE: _____

Panel Organizer or Paper Presenter: _____

Address: _____
_____ Zip _____ Phone(s) (_____)

Panel Chairperson: _____

Address: _____
_____ Zip _____ Phone(s) (_____)

PANEL PARTICIPANTS (in order of presentation):

(1) _____
Title of Paper (Abstract attached) _____
_____ Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone(s) (_____) _____

(2) _____
Title of Paper (Abstract attached) _____
_____ Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone(s) (_____) _____

(3) _____
Title of Paper (Abstract attached) _____
_____ Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone(s) (_____) _____

(4) _____
Title of Paper (Abstract attached) _____
_____ Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone(s) (_____) _____

PANEL DISCUSSANTS:

(1) _____
Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone(s) (_____) _____

(2) _____
Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone(s) (_____) _____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THIS PROPOSAL:

MAY 1, 1985

Abstract of proposed panel/paper should be written on the back of this form. Abstracts of papers on panel should be attached to this form.

If this proposal is selected, a finalized copy of this information, as it is to appear in the Program Booklet, must reach the Coordinator by August 15, 1985.

SEND THIS FORM WITH REQUIRED ABSTRACTS TO:

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR
South Asian Area Center
1236 Van Hise Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

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WISCONSIN SOUTH ASIAN AREA CENTER

ABSTRACT OF PROPOSED PANEL

(OR ABSTRACT OF PAPER IF THIS IS A SINGLE PAPER PROPOSAL):

See GUIDELINES in this NEWS REPORT for further details; please read carefully!

- Abstracts of individual papers to be presented on this proposed panel are attached.
- Abstracts of individual papers to be presented on this proposed panel will be mailed separately; please attach them upon arrival.

***BALLOT RESULTS**

Election of NSA Executive Committee

The results of the ballot in the Winter 1984 issue of the HRB indicated that the top four candidates were:

James Fisher
Judithanne Justice
Leo Rose
Paljor Tsarong

Name Change

The proposal to change the name of the Nepal Studies Association failed; as a result we will remain the NSA.

