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NOTICES

17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA

The 17th Annual Conference on South Asia will be held November 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1988, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The 1988 Conference Program Committee invites proposals for panels and/or single papers on South Asian topics. Revised Guidelines will be in effect this year. Proposals with abstracts should be submitted on official Proposal Forms to the Conference Coordinator by May 1, 1988. For Proposal Forms, Guidelines for proposers, and additional details, contact:

Conference Coordinator,
South Asian Area Center Conference Office,
1236 Van Hise Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53706
Phone: 608/262-3384

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LADAKH STUDIES

Three international colloquia on Ladakh have been held in recent years in Konstanz (Federal Republic of Germany, 1983), Pau (France, 1985) and Herrnhut (German Democratic Republic, 1987). At the Herrnhut colloquium, participants agreed to establish the International Association for Ladakh Studies (I.A.L.S.). The Association is now making plans for a fourth international colloquium, to be held in the spring of 1989 at Bristol University, United Kingdom.

The permanent committee of the Association includes representatives from Austria, England, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, India (Ladakh), and the U.S.A. A newsletter entitled Ladakh Studies will be published. The initial subscription to the newsletter costs £1 (or \$2.00 or DM 3.00 or FF 10.00). Membership in the I.A.L.S. is open to all who are interested in Ladakh studies. Interested parties should contact:

Henry Osmaston, Secretary - I.A.L.S.
Department of Geography
University of Bristol
Bristol BS 8 1SS, United Kingdom
Phone: 0272-303030, ext. 3846
(Home phone: 027-587-2648)

Items for publication in Ladakh Studies and inquiries concerning the 1989 colloquium on Ladakh should also be sent to Henry Osmaston.

NAVIN K. RAI RECEIVES VISITING FULBRIGHT PROFESSORSHIP

Navin K. Rai began a Fulbright Visiting Professorship in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Carleton College in Fall 1987. He plans to teach two courses, "Peoples and Cultures of Nepal" and "Ecological Anthropology," as well as participate in various conferences and seminars. Professor Rai is currently on leave from the Center for Nepal and Asian Studies, Nepal. He can be contacted at:

Carleton College
Department of Anthropology
One North College Street
Northfield, Minnesota 55057 USA
Phone: 507/663-4116

RESEARCH CENTER FOR CENTRAL HIMALAYAN STUDIES

An international group of Himalayan social scientists and historians are planning to establish a research center for central Himalayan studies in Almora (Kumaon). As a first step toward this goal, they will publish a volume of papers based on current research in this region. Contributions from any scholars working in the humanities or social sciences are welcome. They also would like to receive information (names, addresses, work in progress, publications) from people who have done or plan to do research in this area. Please contact any of the following:

Dr. C.W. Brown
c/o Wildung
St. Grabrodersgatan 3B
S-222 22 Lund Sweden

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Anthropology/Sociology Department
Kutztown University
Kutztown, PA 19530

Dr. M.P. Joshi
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THONMI SAMBHOTA FELLOWSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1987-88

Tibet House, the Cultural Center of H.H. the Dalai Lama for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, New Delhi, announces the establishment of the Thonmi Sambhota Fellowship, from the academic year 1987-88. Applications are invited, and candidates from any part of the

world should send a research proposal not exceeding 2000 words, indicating the specific subject, and method of approach, etc., in one of the following areas:

1. History and Archaeology: A chronological study on the life of Buddha, eminent Buddhist Pandits, Siddhas and teachers; or little known, controversial or other sites and monuments having a bearing on Tibetan Buddhism, art and culture.
2. Medicine: A comparative study of theory or practice in the Tibetan and Ayurvedic systems of medicine.
3. Culture and social anthropology of Tibet
4. Tibetan Buddhism and Mysticism.
5. Tibetan Art and Architecture.

It is essential that the applicant should have an adequate knowledge of the Tibetan language so as to be able to make use of Tibetan sources. He/she should have a sound background of Buddhism and possess experience and aptitude for advanced research. The following facilities will be provided for the fellowship:

1. An all-inclusive grant of Rs. 2,000/-per month, for a duration of two years.
2. He/she will be provided with a study desk at the Tibet House, as well as office support to ensure a comfortable environment for scholarly research.
3. Tibet House will also assist the fellow in obtaining the cooperation for other institutions, sources and provenances of information relevant to the project.
4. A total contingency grant of Rs. 5,000/- for books, stationery, typing and photostating, travel and other miscellaneous expenses.

The research scholar selected for the Fellowship will be based at the Tibet House, New Delhi. He/she will be subject to an Advisory Committee, including a supervisor/guide, and in the case of affiliation to a University for a doctoral degree, to a co-supervisor. The selected fellow will have to submit a progress report at the end of every six-month period and the fellowship will be continued for the next six months at the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. The fellowship is extendable for one year only at the discretion of the Advisory Committee which will examine the request for extension on the basis of the work accomplished during the period of two years. The fellow shall, before the expiry of the fellowship, present a comprehensive report to the advisory board, and shall supply to Tibet House, a typed copy of the final work, free of cost. On termination or relinquishing of the fellowship, the apparatus and other non-consumable articles purchased out of the contingency grant will become the property of the Tibet House. An application form is available from:

The Director
Tibet House
Cultural Centre of H.H. the Dalai Lama
1 Institutional Area
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
India

HIMALAYAN RESEARCH GROUP

The Himalayan Research Group at Kumaon University, Naini Tal, India, publishes a multidisciplinary journal called Himalayan Research and Development. It is now in its fourth year of publication and costs \$30 per year. Subscriptions should be sent to Dr. S.C. Joshi, Editor, P.O. Box 1, Tallital, Naini Tal, UP, 263002, India.

CENTER OF INTEGRATED MOUNTAIN RESEARCH

The Center of Integrated Mountain Research has been established at the University of Punjab, Lahore, under its Director, the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Professor F.A. Shams. The Center's field station is located in Khanspur (Ayubia) in the "Gallis" just beyond the hill station of Murree in the Punjab Himalaya.