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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

28th Annual Conference on South Asia

University of Wisconsin-Madison
October 15-17, 1999

The Program Committee solicits proposals for the following to be presented at the 28th Annual Conference on South Asia on October 15-17, 1999 at Lowell Hall and the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

Complete panels: A presentation of no less than three, and no more than four, papers addressing the same topic. Panels consisting of three papers may also include a discussant. Panels are 1 hour and 45 minutes in length.

Single papers

Round tables: A gathering of people to discuss a topic informally. No formal papers are presented at a round table discussion.

Documentary films

Proposals will be accepted from a wide variety of disciplines. Priority will be given to new and innovative research and new participants in the conference. Submit proposals plus the required pre-registration fees by May 15, 1999 to: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for South Asia, 203 Ingraham Hall, 1155 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706.

For information: Phone (608) 262-4884, e-mail sasianctr@mac.wisc.edu, or fax (608) 265-3062

International Workshop: "Mongolian and Tibetan Historical Sources: Computer Approaches"

Moscow, Russia
July 14-16, 1999

Sponsored by the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Orientalists' Society, Orientalist Information Centre, Eurasian Oriental Server

Electronic editing, describing and systematising of Mongolian and Tibetan manuscripts and inscriptions, fine arts masterpieces, folklore texts and artifacts, etc.; theory, methods and technology of creating the electronic catalogues and databases of Mongolian and Tibetan texts, their keeping and handling, also exchanging the electronic copies of these texts and promoting the long-distance access to them.

For further information, please contact: EURASIAN ORIENTAL SERVER (EAOS <http://www.orient.ru>)

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Ladakh Studies Meetings: The 9th Colloquium of the International Association for Ladakh Studies

Leh, Ladakh, India
August 25-29, 1999

IALS colloquia have been held regularly, usually every other year, since 1981, and are intended to bring together people from many disciplines interested or engaged in Ladakh studies. At this time, the organizers are inviting proposals for papers and/or panels and wish to gauge interest in participation.

Anyone interested in participating is requested to pre-register at this time and—if applicable—to submit a short (250 words) abstract for a paper, preferably by e-mail.

Send all communications to:

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Participants from South Asia may prefer to contact the Leh Organising Committee directly:

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5th Himalayan Languages Symposium

Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
September 13-15, 1999

The Himalayan Languages Symposium is an open international forum where scholars can exchange the results of their research with others working on related issues in the same geographical area. The term 'Himalayan' is used in its broadest sense to include north-western and north-eastern India, where languages of Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Tibeto-Burman and Austro-Asiatic linguistic stock are spoken, and languages of Nepal, Bhutan and the Tibetan Plateau, northern Burma and Sichuan, Nuristan, Baltistan and the Burushaki speaking area in the west. The term 'Languages' is used as opposed to 'Linguistics' to broaden the scope of the symposium beyond linguistics proper, so as to allow those scholars working in related disciplines such as archeology, philology and anthropology working with language issues to present their research wherever this is directly relevant to our understanding of Himalayan languages and language communities.

The Permanent Secretariat for this annual Symposium is maintained at Leiden University in the Netherlands. Previously, the Himalayan Languages Symposium has been convened at Leiden, at Noordwijkerhout, Santa Barbara, California and Pune, India.

Abstracts:

Abstracts should be limited to one page, with text in a space no larger than 6 x 8 inches, including the title and the name and institution of the scholar. Accepted abstracts will be bound into a booklet and distributed at the conference. So, please adhere to the size guidelines and deadline. The deadline for abstracts is July 31st, 1999. Abstracts should be sent to the address below.

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Registration Fee: Foreign participants, US \$50.00, Indian participants, Rs 400.00

International Conference on Asian Urbanization: Challenges of Urbanization in the Twenty-First Century

University of Madras, Chennai, India
January 5-9, 2000

The Sixth Asian Urbanization Conference plans to address the challenges of the trends of urbanization in Asia continuing to the next century. This will be the first International Conference of the 21st Century to discuss the problems of Asian urbanization and the role of social scientists. As such it may provide a direction and trend-setting of research on the problems and solutions of Asian urbanization.

Papers are invited from social scientists and other interested persons from all over the world. The last date for submitting an abstract is June 30, 1999 and the last date for submitting a full paper is September 30, 1999.

For further information please contact:

<http://www.bsu.edu/geog/aura> or <http://www.bsu.edu/aura>

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The Ninth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies

University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands
June 24-30, 2000

Information regarding this conference can be found at the website of the International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS):
<http://iias.leidenuniv.nl/iias/agenda/iats/>

It is also possible to send e-mail to: iats@rullet.leidenuniv.nl.

While electronic communications are preferred, regular mail may be sent to:

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ANNUAL CONFERENCES CALENDAR

CONFERENCE	APPROXIMATE DATES	ABSTRACT DEADLINE
American Academy of Religion	Weekend before Thanksgiving	1 March
American Anthropological Association	Early December	1 April
Association of American Geographers	Early April	1 September
Association for Asian Studies	Early April	1 August
South Asian Conference	3rd Weekend October	15 May

We ask scholars who plan to present papers or organize panels for conferences to notify HRB sufficiently early to allow us to include your plans in the HRB.

Call for Submissions

HIMALAYAN R E S E A R C H B U L L E T I N

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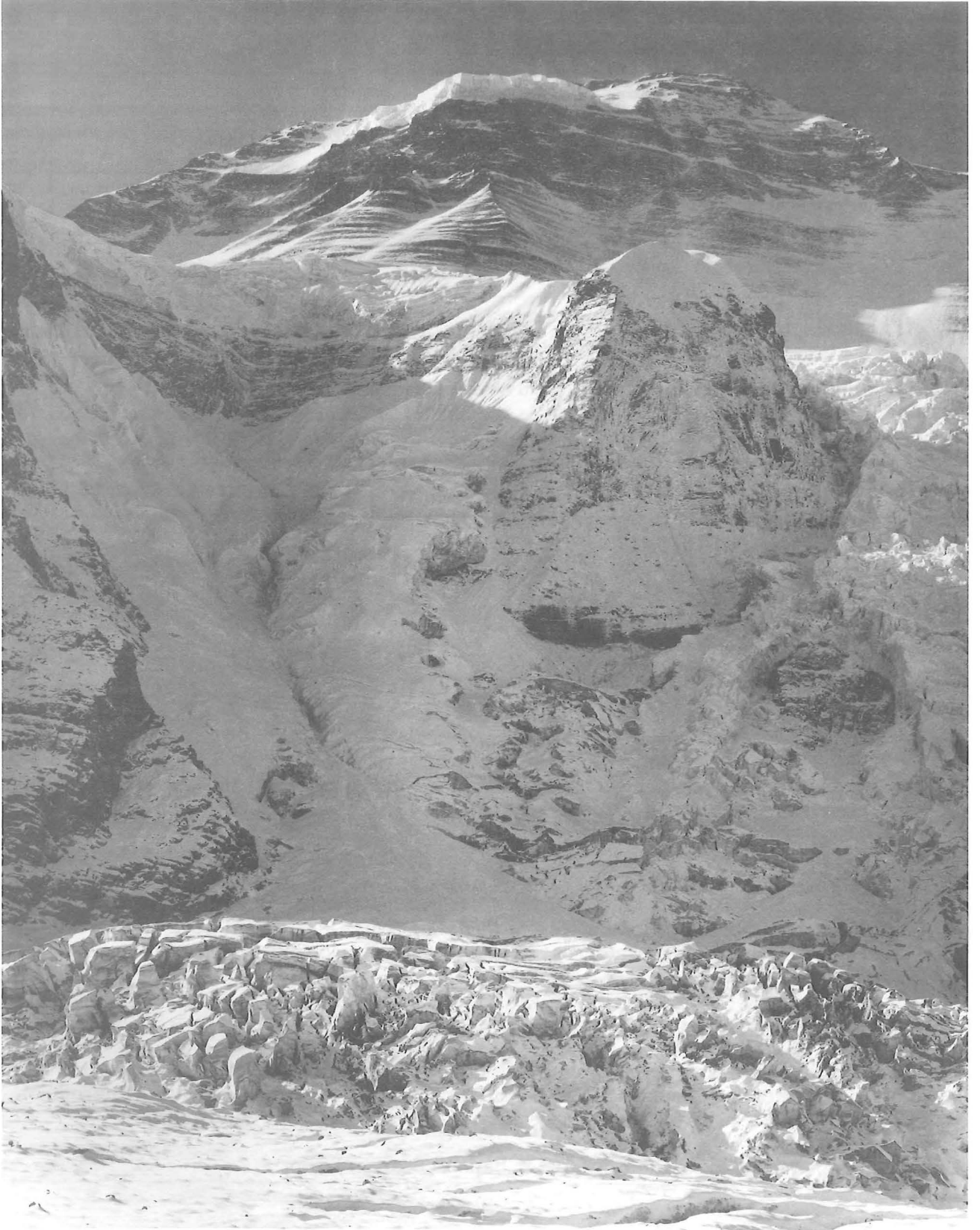
Educators

The editors of the Himalayan Research Bulletin are gathering information on Himalayan language programs and study-abroad programs for a forthcoming issue. Please send a brief (500 words or less) description of your program and contact information. Reasonably priced advertisement space is also available.

Photographic Resources for the Himalayan Region

In order to produce a descriptive catalogue of photographic resources relating to the physical and cultural landscape of the Himalaya region the *Himalayan Research Bulletin* is soliciting information on film and photographic archives and collections in private and public hands.

Please send abstracts and/or inquiries to: Dr. Barbara Brower, Editor



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