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I. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As summer arrives in the Rocky Mountains it is a pleasure to send greetings to our widely dispersed membership of persons devoted to Himalayan Studies. We watch the changing scene in South Asia with confidence that many of you are actively engaged in expanding our knowledge of Himalayan countries, and that we all form an enthusiastic audience for your findings. I have received feedback that indicates that the broadening of the association's horizons from Nepal to include other Himalayan countries is a welcome change, and we continue to seek contacts that will strengthen this expanded scope.

A number of specific proposals have been accepted for the South Asian Area Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for their November program. I again urge our members to attend that gathering and to attend our annual business meeting during the three-day event. Noted South Asian specialists from the U.S. and abroad will be there, and stimulating panels will be presented (details below).

Dues have been coming in satisfactorily, after recent reminders from our editors, and there have been many positive comments on the new format and expanded content of this publication. We encourage contributions from still more areas and all interested persons.

As I prepare to make a very short visit to Tibet, I want to wish a happy summer to everyone on our roster of over 350.

Sincerely yours,

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