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I. NEWS

***NEPAL AND HIMALAYAN EVENTS AT THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE, MADISON, November 4-6, 1983.**

The Nepal Studies Association held its annual meeting in conjunction with the Conference again this year. In addition to the business meeting, panels were presented, documentary films were available for viewing in the film room, a roundtable discussion was held, & a Nepali Potluck Buffet dinner was held. The American Nepal Education Foundation also had some of its grantees present from various campuses. Krishna Pradhan, Univ. of Wis-Madison, organized a Nepali "Gyana-Goshthi" for the sharing of research.

Three panels focused on the Himalayas: "Economy, Exchange and Culture in the Himalayas" and "The Nature of Tibetan Polity: Some Aspects of Business and Entrepreneurship in Tibet, Parts III and IV" (Parts I and II were held in 1980). In addition, there was a roundtable discussion of the book Nepal Mandala by Mary Shepherd Slusser.

In addition to the panels, Dor Bahadur Bista, head of the new Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Tribhuvan University, gave a special lecture on November 3 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Current Perspectives on the People of Nepal."

A video tape room offering continuous showings of 11 video-cassettes opened for the day on Saturday morning in addition to the film room which showed 14 documentary films, none of which had ever been shown at a Wisconsin Conference before. Among the Nepal Himalaya events were two films. One was "The Fragile Mountain", a Sandra Nichols Production originally broadcast on PBS's Nova Series in October of 1982. The other was "The Kafir Kalash of the Hindu Kush," by Margaret Fairlie Kennedy. In addition, Linda Iltis, Univ. of Wis-Madison, gave a video lecture on "Women's Roles in Newar Ritual: The Swasthani Vrata" which tied in with videocassettes by Ter Ellingson and which was based on research and documentation conducted in the Kathmandu Valley from 1981-83.

A variety of exhibits and displays provided interest, color and education in the Lowell Hall Conference Headquarters. "Bhutan, The Dragon Country" by Kathleen Frey, Univ of Wis-Madison, was an exhibit of Bhutanese textiles, artifacts & photos that depicted the lifestyles of the Bhutanese. Two films, supplied by the Permanent Mission of Bhutan to the UN, were available on Bhutan in the film room to accompany this exhibit. Another exhibit was "Possession & Healing in a Brahmin Chhetri Village in the Kathmandu Valley", a display of colored photos by Al Pach, Univ of Wis-Madison, and Heidi Larson, Sheldon Travel Fellow, Harvard Univ, done in the winter of 1983. The display follows as a spirit-inflicted illness is diagnosed by the clan deity and guru in a Nepal village. And finally, "Nepal Mandala", an exhibit of photos, drawings and an oil painting from the book Nepal Mandala was on display in the Main Lounge Area, along with a presentation of slides taken during the research for the book.

***MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEPAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION-NOV. 4, 1983**

12th Annual Conference of the South Asia Area Studies Center,
University of Wisconsin at Madison (Nov. 4-6, 1983)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. with words of welcome by Ronald M. Bernier, President, and special reference to the presence of Dor Bahadur Bista, Honorary President, visiting from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Also especially noted was the presence of Mary Shepherd Slusser as conference guest to mark the publication of her two-volume book Nepal Mandala (Princeton, 1983).

Minutes of the 1982 Annual Meeting, also in Madison, were summarized, with notation that the person elected to be vice-president had withdrawn. Treasurer Linda Stone and Secretary Krishna Pradhan continue in office, as does the president.

Treasurer's report submitted by Linda Stone through Kathryn March was read, with total Nepal Studies Association treasury near \$5000.00 at present. Special recognition was made of substantial support for publication being provided by Cornell University and its South Asia Program. Subscription and membership costs currently cover 2/3 of the bulletin costs.

A report on the status of the Himalayan Research Bulletin submitted by Kathryn March was read (with explanation of the absence of March and Holmberg due to illness). With the Monsoon issue of 1983, membership totalled over 300, including individuals and institutions. Membership rosters have been monitored closely, so that complimentary promotional mailings are kept to a minimum and dues paying is regularized. The yearly contribution by Cornell is approximately \$4500.00 and the funds raised by dues approximately \$3000.00 — ideally, these two sources of income should be reversed for sound future planning. A computer mailing list has been created and is working well, and student aid has been providing substantial help thanks to Cornell University funding. The special issue in honor of Prof. John Hitchcock is proposed to appear in Monsoon, 1984 and Maureen Durkin-Longley has agreed to be the editor for that number. Plans are being made to further improve the bulletin, both in terms of its length and variety of its content. It will continue to appear three times yearly. There is still need for regular correspondents throughout the Himalaya (Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Sikkim as well as Nepal) and volunteers are requested to contact the editors, David Homlberg or Kathryn March. And it is not too early to take suggestions regarding future editor(s) and future institutional support.

Concerns that are essential to planning ahead include making every effort to secure tax-exempt status for the association, and for an eventual endowment which would draw interest as a foundation for future publication and activities. Matching support could be sought from U.S.A.I.D., National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Instiution, the Ford Foundation, etc.

In addition to gratitude to Cornell University for essential funding, thanks are due to the South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies for a special allocation that has again supported mailings of announcements, calls for papers, and progress reports dealing with the association and especially the program of the annual meeting and conference in Wisconsin.

There was update discussion of the by-laws of the Nepal Studies Association which have not been amended since they were written in 1971. The executive committee will present proposed revision of the by-laws, but first the total board should be increased to nine persons, as required by 1971 rules. Current executive committee members are: Bernier, Pradhan, Holmberg, March, and Stone. Four additional members are needed and nominations from the floor are:

Richard Tucker, Paljor Tsarong, Jim Fisher, Judith Justice, Leo Rose, and Surya B. Prasai. Mary Slusser was nominated but later withdrew. **(Please send in the ballot in this issue).**

Correspondence from Nepal Studies Association members was summarized by the president and letters were read from James W. Stone (Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State), Valworth R. Plumb (Duluth, Minnesota), Makoto Numata (Laboratory of Ecology, Chiba University, Japan), Robert M. West (Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, Penn.), Gokey Dekhang (Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, India), and Merrill Goodall (Claremont College, Calif.).

Dor Bahadur Bista briefly reported on growth of Asian Studies and Nepal Studies research at Tribhuvan University (including a special illustrated publication on Cangu Narayana temple).

Hugh B. Wood reported on continued progress of the American-Nepal Educational Foundation, with many grantees from Nepal in attendance at this meeting and two meetings scheduled, and he revealed that he will address students and faculty of Tribhuvan University at an important upcoming convocation in Nepal. Special films showing at the conference were also announced.

The author of Nepal Mandala, Mary Shepherd Slusser, was introduced to the gathering and all were reminded of the roundtable discussion of her book that is part of the Wisconsin conference program.

The question of re-naming the organization the Himalayan Studies Association was raised from the floor and briefly discussed, resulting in a plan to bring the matter to all the membership through the bulletin.

By unanimous vote it was decided to hold the 1984 meeting once again in Madison (Nov. 2-4, 1984).

Suggestions from the floor regarding the 1984 program and Himalayan subjects include: Problems of Land Usage with Jeannette Denholm as tentative chair, Economic Development in Nepal with R. Dwivedy as tentative chair, and a paper by Bishnu Bhandari on malnutrition among children in Nepal. A call for papers will appear in the bulletin.

The special dinner for those interested in Nepal was announced for the evening of Nov. 5 with Krishna Pradhan as coordinator and all present were urged to attend.

A special group discussion, Nepali "Gyana-Gushthi" arranged by Krishna Pradhan was announced for Nov. 5 afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Krishna Pradhan, Secretary
and Ronald Bernier, President

Attendance

Gautam Vajracharya, King Beach, Martha Bateson, Krishna Pradhan, Bishnu Bhandari, Jeannette Denholm, Patrick Harrigan, Andrea d'Amato, Heidi Larson, Mary Slusser, P.C. Nair, Stephen Mikesell, Dor Bahadur Bista, Jagadish R. Bajracharya, M.P. Koirala, Suresh R. Sharma, Mana Wagley, Mick Novak, Raghawendra Dwivedy, Paljor Tsarong, James Warner Bjorkman, Stacy Leigh Pigg, Harihar Acharya, Richard Tucker, Ed Martin, Bob Yoder, Jim Fisher, Christopher Hendel, Alfred Pach, Kay Coffey, Hugh Wood, Madhav Sharma, Ronald Bernier

***IDEAS FOR NEPAL PANELS, PAPERS AND SPECIAL EVENTS INVITED**

Once again, we hope you will help shape a Nepal and Himalayan presence at next year's Madison meetings. The South Asian Area Center at the University of Wisconsin announces that its 13th Annual Conference on South Asia will be held November 2, 3, & 4, 1984 on the Madison campus. At this time the Center's Conference Program Committee calls for proposals for panels and papers on all topics.

The deadline for submission of proposals is May 1, 1984. The selection process will be completed by June 1 with notification sent out by the first week in June. For the last few years, there have been many Nepal- and Himalayan-studies-related activities at the Madison South Asia Conference, including the annual meeting of the Nepal Studies Association, many panels and papers, films, and, of course, an ever-enjoyable bhoj.

Those of you who have proposals for panels should fill out the enclosed form (see page 9). Please note that there should be a copy of the form submitted for each of the papers in the panel as well as one copy describing the panel as a whole. A panel should ideally include 3 or 4 papers, a chairperson and a discussant. Contact the conference coordinator (address on form).

We encourage you to think of panels as soon as possible. If we, at the HRB, can be of any assistance to you in putting together panels, or if you have ideas regarding other possible events, please write us soon. In any case, we hope that you will set aside November 2-4, 1984, to come make Madison an exciting place again next year.

The calendar of Conference deadlines is as follows:

May 1, 1984	Deadline for submission of proposals
June 1, 1984	Selections made; notification begins
August 15, 1984	Finalized program info must be in to Coordinator
October 1, 1984	Pre-registration deadline; fee goes up thereafter
October 1, 1984	Deadline for audio-visual equipment requests from panelists
October 1, 1984	No housing guaranteed after this
October 15, 1984	Paper presenters should have copies of their papers to their panel chairperson & formal discussants no later than this date
November 2, 3, 4	13th Annual Conference on South Asia

***NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO THE RESEARCH CENTER FOR NEPAL AND ASIAN STUDIES (CNAS).**

His Majesty the King, Chancellor of Tribhuvan University, granted the approval for the appointment of Kumar Khadga Bikram Shah as Executive Director of Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies subsequent to the petition from Vice-Chancellor.

Kumar Khadga Bikram Shah assumed the post of Executive Director on November 17, 1983.

Born in 1942 in Kathmandu, Mr. Shah had his early schooling at St. Xaviers, Godavari, where he completed Senior Cambridge in 1959. He then joined St. Xaviers, Calcutta and completed his Intermediate of Arts. He went on to do his Bachelor of Arts from Nepal National College and Bachelor of Law from Nepal Law College.

Mr. Shah was Member Secretary of the National Sports Council from 1967 to 1977. He was a fellow at the Centre for International Affairs, Harvard during 1979. He has written extensively on political affairs in the Himali Bela, the English daily.

At present Mr. Shah is also the Chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee of Red Cross and Member of the Social Services National Co-ordination Council.

Mr. Shah has been decorated by His Majesty the King with Gorkha Dakshin Bahu II and Tri Sakti Patta II.

Mr. Shah was married in 1966 and has three sons.

(reprinted from CNAS Newsletter, January 1, 1984)

***TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE CNAS EFFORTS**

Kumar Khadga Bikram Shah, new Executive Director of CNAS, commissioned Task Force on December 2, 1983. It was assigned to review the problem of the ongoing projects of the Centre and suggest the measures to revitalize them. It was asked to submit a report within a month.

The members of Task Force are as follows:

Dr. Prayag Raj Sharma	Chairman
Mr. Dhanavajra Vajracharya	Member
Dr. Chaitanya Mishra	Member
Dr. Dilli R. Dahal	Member
Mr. Harihar Bhattarai	Member
Dr. Subhadra Subba	member
Mr. Dhruba K. Shrestha	Member

(reprinted from CNAS Newsletter, January 1, 1984)

***RECONSTITUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CNAS UNIT OF NEPAL UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Executive Committee of the CNAS Unit of Nepal University Teachers' Association was reconstituted on July 29, 1983. The candidates for all the posts except for the post of Secretary were elected uncontested. The office holders are as follows:

Dr. Dilli R. Dahal	President
Mr. Govinda Bhatta	Vice-President
Mr. Harihar Bhattarai	Secretary
Ms. Rukmini Pradhan	Treasurer
Dr. Chaitanya Mishra	Member
Dr. Prayag Raj Sharma	Member
Mr. Gyan Mani Nepal	Member
Mr. Purna Prakash Yatri	Member
Ms. Sudha Paneru	Member
Mr. Nirmal M. Tuladhar	Member
Mr. Mohan Prasad Khanal	Member

(reprinted from CNAS Newsletter, January 1, 1984)

= 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 PROPOSAL:

MAY 1, 1984

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, 1984.

SEND THIS FORM WITH REQUIRED ABSTRACTS TO:

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

608/262-3384



South Asian Area Center

WISCONSIN SOUTH ASIAN AREA CENTER

ABSTRACT OF PROPOSED PANEL

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

ABSTRACTS OF INDIVIDUAL PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED ON THIS PROPOSED PANEL TO
BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 1, 1984. SEE GUIDELINES IN THIS NEWS REPORT FOR
FURTHER DETAILS; PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY!

***PICTURE EXHIBITION ON TIBET**

A collection of old pictures of Tibet has been assembled as "Tibet: The Sacred Realm, 1880 - 1950." Taken by a variety of early Western travelers, many of these have not been published or exhibited previously. Of special interest are portraits and interiors of homes and monasteries, settings that are often decorated with fine Chinese, East Turkestan and Tibetan rugs. Several outdoor photographs show riders seated on saddle rugs, notably one of cavalry dressed in Mongolian style for the New Year's Festival in Shigatse (1907). The catalog reproduces many of the pictures, along with brief biographies of the photographers and a narrative text by Lobsang Lhalungpa.

The show first hangs at the Alfred Stieglitz Center of the Philadelphia Museum of Art (March 20-May 22), and will travel to the Institute for the Arts at Rice University in Houston (September 23-December 31) and to the Asia Society in New York (March 1-May 27, 1984).

***THE ZURICH CONFERENCE ON MOUNTAIN FOREST HISTORY**

Proposals are invited for papers to be presented at a conference on the history of forests in the mountain zones of the world, which will be held on September 3 - 7, 1984 in Zurich, Switzerland. Topics to be discussed will encompass the impact of human and livestock activity on the fragile forest and plant communities in mountain zones of all continents. They will include subsistence food production, grazing and forest products use; the relation of mountain forests to adjacent lowland regions, including the rise of commercial logging and its impact, and forestry policy and management; and national development policies' effects in recent years.

The conference will be sponsored by the Institut für Wald- und Holzforschung, ETH-Zentrum, CH-8092 Zurich, Switzerland, and the Forest History Group of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations. Further information is available from the conference coordinator, Dr. Anton Schuler at the Zurich center.

A one-paragraph summary of each proposed topic on tropical and Third World mountain forest history should be submitted no later than April 1, 1984 to Dr. Richard Tucker, c/o American Institute of Indian Studies, D-176 Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024, India.

***EXHIBITION OF TIBETAN RUGS**

In large part due to the encouragement and enthusiasm of the founders of the Tibetan Rug Association, The Textile Museum looks forward to presenting the first major comprehensive exhibition of Tibetan rugs in Washington DC in October 1984.

Outside support for the exhibition and accompanying catalogue is being actively sought. Any suggestions of potential corporate or private sponsors would be welcomed. Of course your own individual contributions would be gratefully received as well, and, since The Textile Museum is a non-profit organization all donations to this Tibetan rug project are fully tax deductible.

Following the showing of the exhibition in Washington, DC, it is available to travel to five other U.S. cities. If you are interested in having the exhibition in your area, please send suggestions of locations that might consider hosting it. If you can also suggest local sources of funds to underwrite the participation fee and shipping, it would greatly expedite a booking in your areas.

For further information contact:

Patricia L. Fiske
Director
The Textile Museum
2320 S Street NW
Washington, DC 20008

***NEPALESE ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO GROW**

The first Association of Nepalese in the Americas was founded in July 1983 with 104 charter members. Representatives in 5 different regions of the Americas were designated & officers elected. A monthly newsletter is being published. The Association has adopted 7 objectives. For more info or for membership application contact:

Amar Giri, Chair of Newsletter Committee
428 Longmeadow Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Ronald Bernier, Chair of the Nepal Studies Association, invites suggestions on the future direction of the association, specifically regarding future activities, communication, special interests, & development. He is especially concerned about bringing American & non-American members into closer contact. Interested persons should contact him at:

Ronald M. Bernier, Dept. of Art History,
Campus Box 318, Univ of Colorado,
Boulder, CO 80309

***INDO-NEPALESE SEMINAR**

The Institute of Asian Studies, 3-4-877 Barkatpura, Hyderabad-27, A.P., India, is planning to hold a Seminar on "Indo-Nepalese Relations" sometime in March 1984. The finalized dates are to be announced. The Seminar will cover the following aspects: Cultural Relations, Art & Literature, Trade & Industry, Scientific Cooperation, & Common Security Problems Facing India & Nepal. Contact the Institute at the above address for further information.

***ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN STUDIES ANNUAL MEETING**

The 36th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies will be held March 23-25, 1984 at the Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

***ASIAN MEDICINE CONFERENCE**

The 2nd International Conference on Traditional Asian Medicine will be held in Surabaya, Java Sept. 2-7, 1984. It will be co-sponsored by the American National Council for International Health & the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine. Topics to be covered include: history & philosophy of classical medical traditions, ethnobotany, relationships between traditional & cosmopolitan medicines, & the social construction of the illness experience. For more info write: Dr. G. J. Meulenbild, Program Committee, Institute of Indian Studies, Groningen Univ, Grote Krusstraat 2/1 Gronigen, Holland.

***CALL FOR BOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

During the past 25 years, the American Nepal Education Foundation has shipped more than 40,000 good used books to the Nepal libraries. This has been possible by encouraging our university professors, and others, to clean their personal library shelves, sometime during the Spring, of books and materials they rarely refer to, have finished, or for other reasons are willing to dispose of (e.g., make room for new books), and making them available to libraries in Nepal. These materials may include books, pamphlets, bulletins, magazine articles (particularly symposia), newspapers, audio-visual materials -- films, photos, slides, video-tapes, etc. -- and similar materials written for the high school or college level.

Write to ANEF, Oceanside, OR 97134 for the "Books for Nepal" brochure which gives complete criteria and instructions for shipping. Indicate the nature of your materials.

***DR. HUGH WOOD ADDRESSES TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION**

On invitation of Vice-Chancellor Ram Sundar B. Singh and Chancellor His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Dr. Hugh Wood, Executive Director of the American Nepal Education Foundation, delivered the convocation address for Tribhuvan University on December 9, 1983 — the Silver Anniversary year of the laying of the Corner Stone of the University. This was the first convocation held in four years, due to student disturbances; consequently there were more than 12,000 students ready to receive their diplomas. The Convocation was held in the Civic Stadium, the only structure in Nepal large enough to accommodate the large number of students and relatives.

While in Nepal, Dr. and Mrs. Wood conducted business relative to the Foundation and interviewed applicants for scholarship assistance.

A limited number of copies of his address are available through ANEF, Oceanside, OR 97134, for \$2.00 each.

***KRISHNA RAJ ARYAL, NEPALESE AMBASSADOR IN FRANCE, TO VISIT U.S.**

A summer program of lectures and/or seminars is currently being planned by the America-Nepal Educational Foundation for Krishna Raj Aryal. Mr. Aryal has had a distinguished career as an educator, including Minister of Education and Pro-Chancellor of Tribhuvan University (1973-75), and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1975-79). He has been Ambassador to France since 1980. Anyone interested in inviting Mr. Aryal during his summer 1984 visit to the U.S. should contact: Dr. Hugh Wood, Box ANEF, Oceanside, OR 97134 (Phone 503-842-4024).

***AN EXHIBIT ON THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE KATHMANDU VALLEY, WINTER 1984/85.**

Werkgroep Ganesh, under the auspices of Vereniging Nederland-Nepal, is organizing a travelling exhibition, to be held at several locations in the Winter of 1984/85.

The bulk of the material to be shown will consist of an introduction to the architecture of Nepal and particularly of the Kathmandu Valley, which was at its peak during the Malla period, when the kingdoms of Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Patan arose. Ample visualizations and concise texts show the historical development, the social and ritual topography of these towns. Some of the specific subjects include building technique, windows and carpentry, palaces and dwellings, temples and stupas, daily life, festivals and rituals. Objects including carpenter's tools and materials, building fragments (windows), models, bronzes, thankas and masks, and musical instruments, and furniture will be in the display. Finally, the exhibit shows recent developments such as: palaces and villas from the Rana-epoch, recent architecture, suburbanization, traffic, changes in infrastructure, and restoration projects.

A catalogue is to be compiled for the exhibition, using photographs, illustrations and articles by distinguished authors. The articles in the catalogue will go further into the various subjects/aspects of the exhibition. The accent of the exhibition will be on the visual aspects of Nepalese architecture while the accent of the catalogue will be on theory. A translation into English and/or German is to be considered, as are sales of books, reproductions and slides on the subject. Another option is showing films and holding lectures.

Those interested in the exhibit should write to: Maarten Ruijters, Werkgroep Ganesh, Dirklangenstraat 45, 2611HV Delft, Nederland.

***CONFERENCE ON NEPAL AT UNIVERSITAT KONSTANZ**

A conference on 'Recent Research on Nepal' will be held March 27-30, 1984 at Universitat Konstanz (F.R.G.). Swiss, French and German scientists have been invited for an exchange of their experiences and results of their research work in Nepal in the frame of a small 'continental' meeting.

Following is a preliminary list of participants and their contributions to the conference:

BARANI, MARC. Residential Unit in Kirtipur. A Structuring Element in the Urban Space in a Newari city of Kathmandu Valley (Nepal).

- BAUMGARTNER, Ruedi. Tourism and Social Change in Rolwaling.
- BOUILLIER, Veronique. Preliminary Report on the Balajogis or Children Ascetics.
- CZARNECKA, Joanna. Hypergamy and Hierarchy in Tagadhari Castes.
- FEZAS, JEAN. A New Light on the Nepalese Code (AIN) of Janga Bahadur: The Law of Succession According to the Oldest Available Manuscripts of the AIN.
- FRANK, Walter A. Protocol of a Brahmanic Curse, Its Effects and Their Para-Normal Healing -- A Case of Part-Taking Observation.
- GABORIEAU, Marc. The Study of the Muslim Communities in Nepal in the Light of Recent Research on South Asian Islam.
- HAFFNER, Willibald. Problems of Biological Erosion Control -- Comparative Observations in Nepal and Jemen
- MULLER, Ulrike. Interpretation of Cadastral Maps and Land Registers -- Examples From Kathmandu-Valley and Gorkha.
- POHLE, Perdita. High Altitude Populations In the Remote Nepal-Himalayas -- Environmental Knowledge and Adaptive Mechanisms (A Study of the Manang Area).
- RAUBER, Hanna. The Humli-Khyampas of Far Western Nepal.
- SEELAND, Klaus. Sacred World View and Ecology in Nepal.
- TOFFIN, Gerard. Mutual Assistance in Agricultural Work Among the Western Tamangs of Nepal.