The staff of the Sinor Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies welcomes CEUS and other IU faculty and graduate students to a new year of academic study and research. We invite use of the Institute’s library in Goodbody 144, which is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, except for lunch from 12:00-1:00 pm, for a class that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:15, and a second class that gathers on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:30 pm during the fall semester. Please visit the SRIFIAS website for more information about the Institute’s 2010-2011 and longer-term activities, and let us know of any special events or projects with which we might assist you, or any special additions to the library that you would like us to acquire.

### Conferences

**The Turks and Islam, Sept. 11-12, 2010**

The Indiana University Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair will host a multidisciplinary international conference entitled “The Turks and Islam” on September 11-12, 2010 at IU. The conference will explore the many aspects of the Turkic-speaking peoples’ interactions with Islam throughout the centuries. For a preliminary program, please visit the SRIFIAS website for “News & Events.”
CESS, October 28-31, 2010

The Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) will hold its 11th annual conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Hosting the gathering will be the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies and the Asian Studies Center. Panels begin on Friday morning, October 28, and continue through mid-day on Sunday, October 31. For complete details about the conference visit www.units.muohio.edu/cess/CFP_2010.html.

PIAC/MonSoc, July 10-14, 2011

The 54th annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference (PIAC) will hold its 2011 gathering at Indiana University in conjunction with the Mongolia Society (MonSoc) from July 10-14. Further information will follow in later issues of *Jottings*.

Major purchases with funds from IU's Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center (IAUNRC)

Dictionaries: The SRIFIAS is recipient of some much needed language dictionaries—new and replacements. They are listed in the following pages with other recent acquisitions.

Imperial Russian Laws: We have purchased a digital version of the *Полное собрание законов Российской Империи*, Ser. 1, 1649-1825 (The Complete Collection of the Laws of the Russian Empire). The fifty volumes of this major source for the history of the Empire are available on an equal number of CDs, and may be viewed on both PC and Macintosh. Digitization is excellent, allowing users to view the pages of the collection at various resolutions without image degradation. While the collection does not have built-in search capability, we have printed a copy of the detailed thematic index with which users may identify all laws relating to their interests, listed by their official identifying numbers. Extracting separate enactments for saving as PDFs and/or printing is possible. This collection complements the Wells Library microfiche version of Series 1.

A working set of the collection will be available for faculty and students in the library of the SRIFIAS (Goodbody 144). We anticipate allowing use of personal laptops to view the collection, although we hope to set up a dedicated computer for this purpose in the library.

New Graduate Assistants

We are pleased to welcome two new graduate assistants—Kwang Tae Lee and Nicholas Walmsley—as well as research associate Aimee Dobbs to the SRIFIAS for the AY 2010-2011. Kwang Tae is a native of South Korea, where he studied at Seoul National University. Both he and Nick, who hails from Great Britain and the School of Oriental and African Studies, are specializing in Central Asian history. Aimee, who is earning her PhD in history at IU, has just returned from a summer in Georgia and Azerbaijan on an ARISC Fellowship, following a year in Azerbaijan on a Fulbright Fellowship for dissertation research.
In the coming academic year, the Institute hopes to purchase two supplemental editions of the PSZ that provide digital versions of Series 2 (covering 1825-1881) and Series 3 (covering 1881-1913). Prior to the start of the fall semester 2010, inquiries about the PSZ should be directed to the Institute Director. Following the start of the semester, the Institute graduate assistants will be available to provide assistance.

**Cartography Software:** The Institute has acquired a license for Viz Curious Maps™ (VCM) software that will enable us to produce cost-effective custom maps for academic, scholarly, and other professional uses. Of exceptional design, our maps can be tailored to the specific needs of CEUS faculty and graduate students, with turn around time of 2-5 days, depending upon the complexity of the project and work flow. In time, we hope to make this service available to other faculty with cartographical needs. For a sample of a map produced with the software, see page 6.

We will make available a presentation of the software and its capabilities on the SRIFIAS website by the beginning of the fall semester. It will lay out the guidelines for working with VCM and the SRIFIAS staff.

» **CEUS Colloquium**

The SRIFIAS, along with CEUS and the IAUNRC, will sponsor the CEUS Colloquium for 2010-2011. As in past years, the Colloquium will meet on designated Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15 pm, with light refreshments served. The schedule will be announced in the next issue of Jottings.

» **Affiliation with the Central Eurasian Studies Society**

Beginning with the AY 2010-2011, the SRIFIAS will provide the organizational base for the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) for a four-year term. Ed Lazzerini will serve as Executive Director of CESS, and will be assisted by Aimee Dobbs through the initial year’s activities. In October 2012, the Institute will host CESS’s annual conference as it did in 2004.

Edward J. Lazzerini
Director

### Acquisitions

**BOOKS**


Stammler, Florian and Hiroki Karashima, Seishi. A Glossary of Lokakṣema’s Translation of the अष्टासाहस्रिक प्राज्ञपारमिता. Tokyo: the International Research Institute for Advanced Buddhism, 2010. [Gift of the authors]


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Sample Map Produced with *Viz Curious Maps* Software

This map depicts the Trans-Siberian Railway, constructed at a cost of 1.455 billion rubles. Shown here are the major stations between Moscow and Vladivostok that punctuated the 5,753-mile main line when completed.