



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE ISSCO PRESIDENT >>

Happy New Year. We are pleased to begin the year with a new newsletter. This is just a trial. As more and more members learn about it and submit relevant news items, I am sure we will produce a much better and informative newsletter. We do hope to also produce a Chinese version in the near future. We hope members will take advantage of the newsletter to share relevant news about members and about the study of Chinese overseas. Please send your news and reports for the next issue of the newsletter to me at cbengtan@gmail.com. You can submit your news items in English or Chinese and if you can provide both English and Chinese versions that will reduce our work of translation.

In this issue we have a major conference announcement, about our ISSCO regional conference which will be held in Panama on August 7-9, 2014. Other news deal mainly with regional conference activities. Lastly I thank Dr. DUAN Ying and ISSCO Secretariat for their assistance in producing and distributing this newsletter. DUAN Ying is an Associate Professor at the Sun Yat-sen University and he studies the Chinese of Burma and Thailand. Thank you.

Tan Chee-Beng / ISSCO President

UPCOMING ISSCO REGIONAL CONFERENCE >>

The upcoming conference "Chinese Diaspora from South to South", which ISSCO jointly organizes with Panama National University, will be held in Panama at Curundú Campus, University of Panama on August 6-9 (August 6 is arrival and registration date), 2014. Other local organizations involved in organizing this conference include Panama Chinese Association, Panama Chinese Professional Association (APROCHIPA), Chinese Women Professional Association (ACHIMPA), Wen Zhou Society, and Panama Chinese Cultural Center. The Conference Program Committee is chaired by Prof. Ramon Mon of Universidad Santa Maria La Antigua, Magister Gina Roman, National University of Panama.

The conference marks the 160th Anniversary of the Arrival of the first Chinese immigrants to Panama and the Centennial of the Panama Canal and its widening. It will thus focus on the Chinese in Latin American countries, although papers on other aspects of the Chinese Diaspora are welcome as well, particularly those exploring migrations between developing nations. We also invite leaders of Chinese communities to participate in the roundtables on current themes and the life of the Chinese in their respective countries. Conference languages: Chinese, English and Spanish.

Major conference topics include the following:

A – Communication Media: Representation and Performance

B – The Hakka: Migration, Place and Identities

C – Language and Education: Present Trends

D – Professions and Civic Participation among the Chinese Diaspora

E – Chinese Diaspora in National and Transnational Context

The conference fee is US\$200 payable in cash at the conference. Please submit the response form and paper abstract by 31 May 2014 to Prof. Ramón Arturo Mon <ramon0643@gmail.com>. Along with the title of your paper, please include the following information: name, affiliation, position (if relevant), e-mail address and postal address.

WANG Gungwu receiving Lifetime Achievement Award; from left, ISSCO Secretary Ms. Teresita Ang See, Prof. WANG Gungwu, Past President Prof. Leo Suryadinata and Current President Prof. Tan Chee-Beng.



REPORT ON 2013 ISSCO CONFERENCE IN KUALA LUMPUR >>

2010-2013 ISSCO Board Members at the 8th ISSCO Conference in Kuala Lumpur



The 8th ISSCO Conference under the theme of "Local, Regional and Transnational: Chinese Overseas Reconsidered" was held at the Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on 17-19 August 2013. Jointly organized with the Tunku Abdul Rahman University under the able leadership of the conference convener Prof. Ho Khai Leong, this was a very successful international conference. At the closing ceremony, ISSCO presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Prof. Wang Gungwu. The immediate ISSCO past President Prof. Leo Suryadinata received a plaque of appreciation for his two-term service as ISSCO President at the ISSCO general assembly held after the conference.



NEWS FROM MEMBERS >>

- ISSCO Southeast Asia Representative Prof. Ho Khai Leong had moved from Tunku Abdul Rahman University to Southern University College in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, as Vice-President. He has been with this new affiliation since September 2013, soon after the 8th ISSCO Conference which he helped to organize. He is also the Chief Editor of the new Southern University Academic Journal (南方大学学报).
- Dr. Leo Suryadinata, our ISSCO former president, has rejoined the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore as a Visiting Senior Fellow (starting from 2 January 2014). He is also an adjunct professor at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Dr. Leo Suryadinata was the Director of the Chinese Heritage Centre.
- Professor Min Zhou, ISSCO At-large Representative, has been appointed Tan Lark Sye Chair Professor of Sociology with tenure at Nanyang Technological University since July 2013. She is now Director of the Chinese Heritage Centre and Head of Division of Sociology at NTU. She is also the Chair of the Section on International Migration of the American Sociological Association.

NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA >>

Madeline Y. Hsu (UT Austin), Poshek Fu (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and Hon-ming Yip (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), convened the conference "Transpacific China in the Cold War", which was hosted by the Institute for Historical Studies, The University of Texas at Austin on April 18-19, 2013. This conference brought together an international, interdisciplinary grouping of scholars from Hong Kong, Taiwan, England, the US, and Canada to consider new research highlighting cultural and social productions emerging from diasporic Chinese amidst the political fissures of the Cold War.



NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA >>

On November 9, 2013, Monica Cinco Basurto and Ignacio Chiu Chan (President of the Chinese Community "Eagle and Dragon") organized a one-day symposium to commemorate the 53rd Anniversary of the Repatriation of Chinese Mexicans in 1960, and to showcase some current researches on Chinese in Mexico by both Mexican and international scholars. In addition, a number of Chinese Mexicans gave personal testimony to the bitter stories of self and family members who were expelled from Mexico during the Depression years of the 1930s, many of whom eventually found their way "home" to Mexico, while others were repatriated in 1960 by Mexican President López Mateos, who sent two airplanes to Macao to fetch them.

About 100 scholars, students (high school and university) and community members attended the one-day symposium held at the Museo Nacional de Culturas Populares, Mexico City. Evelyn Hu-DeHart (Brown University and ISSCO founding member) gave the opening keynote on the Chinese in Spanish Manila, a colony that was officially an extension of Mexico (New Spain) and administered by Mexican colonial officials. Other papers examined Chinese immigration to Mexico at the turn of the 20th century (Roberto Ham Chande); Chinese masonry in Mexico in the first half of the 20th century (Freddy Cauch Carrillo); the Chinese community in Mexico during WWII (Fredy González); US-China relations, 1931-1960 (Julia Schiavone Camacho); Chinese in Mexicali on the US-Mexico Border (Luis Ongay Flores); field work experience with new Chinese immigrants in San Luis Potosí (northern Mexico) and San Crisóbal de las Casas (southern Mexico) (María del Jazmín Hernández López); and Confucian influences on the Chinese in Mexico (María Astrid Reyes Carreras).

Reported by Evelyn Hu-DeHart

NEWS FROM EAST ASIA >>

- Tan Chee-Beng presented the keynote speech "Chinese Overseas: Migration, Food and Identity," at the 10th Annual Convention of the Japan Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (JSSCO) held at Keio University on 16-17 November 2013. JSSCO was established in 2003. As of November 2013, there are 198 members who are mostly affiliated with academic institutions, while there are also some members who are civil servants, school teachers, photographers, and other professionals.

- The History Department of Xiamen University, through the effort of Prof. Zeng Ling, organized a Chinese conference " 中华文化的跨境传播：海外华人研究国际学术论坛 " (The Transnational Spread of Chinese Culture: International Forum of the Chinese Overseas). ISSCO members Li Minghuan, Liu Hong, and Tan Chee-Beng attended the conference.

- The conference "Changing Hakka Cultures and Societies" organized by the Department of Anthropology at Sun Yat-sen University will be held on 7-9 May 2014. The English sessions will be held at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou (May 7) and the Chinese sessions will be held in Meizhou (May 8), where participants will visit a Hakka enclosed house complex (Weilongwu, 围龙屋) on May 9.

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- The 2014 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies with the theme "Migration and Transformation in the Asia-Pacific" will be held at National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan on November 13-15, 2014. Registration is free and conference meals will be provided. The conference is organized by the Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies, NSYSU and the Department of Political Science, the University of the Philippines. Deadline of abstract submission is April 30, 2014.

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NEWS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA >>

- Tan Chee-Beng gave the keynote speech "峇峇文化研究：启发与反思 " (The Study of Baba Culture: Inspiration and Reflection) at 《三州府论坛》 "百年盘点：峇



峇人物与文化” (Sanzhou Fu Forum: Baba Personalities and Culture), which was organized by the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations (新加坡宗乡会馆联合总会), and held at the Singapore National Library on 21 September 2013. In the past, the Chinese in Malaya and Singapore called the Straits Settlement Sanzhou Fu in their respective dialects. This was the first time the Sanzhou Fu Forum was held and the organizer under the able leadership of Mr. Kua Bak Lim (柯木林) had decided to hold this Chinese forum once every two years. The next one will be held in Penang in 2015.

- The Philippine Association for Chinese Studies (菲律宾中华研究学会) convened a symposium on the theme “Philippines-China Relations: Building Opportunities in Times of Crisis” at the Leong Hall of the Ateneo de Manila University campus in Loyola Heights, Quezon City on 4 December 2013.

- The fourth volume of Teresita Ang See's *Chinese in the Philippines -- Problems and Perspectives* has just been published. It contains academic papers and essays that cover a wide range of topics, including politics and political participation, integration and identity, social change, heritage and cultural transformation, globalization and economic liberalization, new immigrants, comparative study of the Chinese in Africa and the Tsinoyas as well as the mutual dependence of Filipino revolutionaries and the Chinese revolutionaries in China.



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