



l'Agenda de l'EFEO

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Editorial

A major event this month will be the General Meeting of EFEO members. This meeting, held every two years, is a significant occasion in the life of the School, allowing all the academic staff from our various Centers in Asia to come together. It also provides the opportunity for discussions and consultations with the administrative personnel and the directorate on current concerns and projects facing the organization. This year our meeting will also be marked by the launch of the ECAF (European Consortium for Asian Field Study), allowing us to meet with a number of our Asian and European colleagues who are coming to Paris especially for this event. The meeting will close with a luncheon where we will have the pleasure of welcoming Georges Condominas, the world-renowned ethnologist, a former corresponding member and faithful friend of the School, who counts many of our members among his disciples. He has recently been named an "Honorary Member" of the EFEO by our Academic Council.

It is with sorrow that we have learned that Professor Long Seam, a close collaborator with our colleagues working in Cambodia, died in Phnom Penh on July 15th, his 72nd birthday. He was the founder in 1994 of the University of Phnom Penh's Institute of Language and Epigraphy, where he trained a generation of excellent young researchers in the reading of ancient Khmer inscriptions and inspired them with his sense of enthusiasm. He leaves among all those who knew him the memory of a profoundly kind person, always happy to meet and help anyone interested in Cambodian epigraphy.

Paris

Colloquia, visits, and meetings

From September 11 to 15 Yves Goudineau, Director of Studies, will take part in and contribute to the Congress of the EUROSEAS (European Association for South-East Asian Studies) in Naples, where he is the co-chair of the workshop on *The normalization of religion in South-East Asia*. On September 20-21 he will take part in the meeting of Academic Council of the IRD, and on September 25-26 that of the ANR "Cultures of the South today." He is also co-organizer of the sessions on the general theme of "Espaces, rituels et sociétés" (Space, ritual, and societies) at the 3rd congress of the Asia Network that will be held in Paris September 26 to 28.

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Beginning on 16 October, Eva Wilden will give a course entitled "Introduction to classical Tamil language and literature," at the EPHE, on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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As part of the exhibition *La Fureur de Lire* (A Passion for Reading) organized in Geneva, on September 20 Luca Gabbiani will take part in a round table on the theme “Lorsque les supplices chinois nous reviennent ... de Chine” (When Chinese tortures return to us... from China) alongside the Chinese authors Mo Yan and Yu Hua, and Jérôme Bourgon, historian of Chinese Law (Institut d’Asie Orientale, Lyon).

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Personnel

Valérie Gillet and Éric Bourdonneau have been recruited as lecturers at the EFEO beginning on September 1 (Recruitment Council meeting of May 7, 2007) and attached to the centers at Pondicherry and Phnom Penh respectively.

The EFEO Recruitment Council will meet on September 5 to deliberate on the granting of tenure to three lecturers recruited last year.

Frédéric Girard has accepted an invitation from the Nichibuken and will be in residence in Kyoto during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Quang Po Dharma is to be posted to Paris beginning on September 1.

Thi Thanh Van Ho, administrator in the publicity service of the EFEO since December of 2006, has decided to return to Vietnam. He will be replaced by Pierre Harry beginning on September 3.

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Library

The collection left to the school by Hélène Brunner (30 boxes of Indological material) is now being processed, with duplicate copies to be added to the library in Pondicherry.

Barbara Bonazzi will take part in the 27th annual meeting of the EASL (European Association of Sinological Librarians) from September 12 to 14 at Lund University (Sweden).

From September 19 to 22 Antony Boussemart will attend the 18th colloquium of the EAJRS (European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists) at the Istituto Giapponese di Cultura in Rome.

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Web site

The English version of the EFEO site will be available on line by September 1.

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Prizes and awards

The American Academy of Religion’s Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion for 2007 has just been awarded to Franciscus Verellen and Kristofer Schipper for the work *The Taoist Canon: A Historical Companion to the Daozang* (3 volumes, The University of Chicago Press).

EFEO-Paris Seminar

The next EFEO-Paris Seminar will be held on Monday, September 24 (12:30–2 p.m.) at the Maison de l'Asie. Jean-Marc Degrave will present a 52-minute documentary on “Pencak et silat, les arts martiaux traditionnels de Malaisie et d'Indonésie” (Pencak and silat: traditional martial arts of Malaysia and Indonesia).

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Maison de l'Asie

The library will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, September 3 and 4, for the launching of the ECAF Consortium and the General Meeting of the EFEO.

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Life in the Centers

Pondicherry

Dominic Goodall will give a talk entitled “Slaves and Shaiva names” at the 5th Euroseas Conference (European Association for South-East Asian Studies), to be held in Naples from September 12 to 15, 2007.

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S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma will be in Mumbai from September 18 to 29 to participate in the “Ganapati Vakyartha Sadas” organized by the Sri Sringeri Shankara Math, Sringeri (Karnataka).

Will Sweetman (Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Otago University, New Zealand) will spend a month in Pondicherry to continue his work on the Protestant missionary Ziegenbalg.

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Bangkok

The Archaeology Department of Silpakorn University in Bangkok and the EFEO have signed a cooperative agreement, a memorandum of understanding, drawn up by the EFEO Center in Bangkok with a view to continuing their current activities and widening their academic relations. This agreement covers in particular those projects undertaken in cooperation with the Department of Oriental Languages at the University in matters of philology (manuscripts in Northern Thai) and in epigraphy (inscriptions in Khmer, Sanskrit, Pāli, and Thai), opening them up to all the disciplines taught in the Archaeology Department (history of art, archaeology, linguistics, history, etc.).

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Vientiane

The partnership agreement between the EFEO and the Museums and Archaeology Department of the Laotian Ministry of Culture and Information has been renewed for another five years.

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The team from the Vientiane Center will make a visit in September to the provinces of Saravane and Sékong (Southern Laos) as part of its program of seeking out ancient historic documents.

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As part of the colloquium on *La France et le Siam de 1850 à 1910* (France and Siam from 1850 to 1910), organized in Bangkok on September 7 and 8, Louis Gabaude will give a talk in Thai entitled “A new look at Buddhism in Siam, and first considerations of Buddhism in France.”

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Phnom Penh

Sok Soda, a member of the restoration workshop at the Phnom Penh Museum, will be visiting the Vietnamese History Museum in Ho Chi Minh City from September 20 to October 1. Bertrand Porte will also be paying a brief visit there at the end of September.

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Kuala Lumpur

Daniel Perret is taking over from Quang Po Dharma as head of the Kuala Lumpur Center beginning on September 1.

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Peking

On September 28, Alain Cabantous (Paris I, Sorbonne) will make a presentation as part of the History, Archaeology, and Society lecture series on the topic “Les communautés maritimes existent-elles? (France, XVII^e–XIX^e s.)” (Do maritime societies exist? [France, 17th to 19th centuries]) This lecture will be given at the Institute of Modern History at the Peking Academy of the Social Sciences.

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