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Editorial

The international conference on “Hydraulique et société en Chine du Nord” (Hydraulics and society in North China) marked the end of the first cooperative project of the Peking EFEU Center, one that investigated several examples of land appropriation and the management of water resources in villages in Shaanxi and Shanxi. Participants in this conference were able to evaluate collectively materials already published and also to determine several areas for future research; the modernization of water management during the republican era, determination of the community organization of the *she*, the role of water management in the growth of local elites, the structuring of social rules defining the hierarchies among villages and their evolution when faced with current economic transformations. Finally two sessions were dedicated to the presentation of comparable investigations carried on in Taiwan and Fujian.

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Paris

Colloquia, missions, and meetings

Franciscus Verellen, Director, will participate in the working meetings of the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS – Leiden), July 5 and 6.

A framework agreement on scholarly cooperation between the EFEU's Pondicherry Center and the French Pondicherry Institute (IFP) will be signed on July 13 in Paris by Franciscus Verellen, Director of the EFEU, and Jean-Pierre Muller, Director of the IFP.

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Christian Costopoulos, General Secretary, will be visiting the Pondicherry and Poona Centers from July 9 to 26.

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Admission tests for the ITRF competition for positions open at the EFEU will be organized from September 1 to 30.

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A position as officer for technical services, research, and training, will be open in the 2004 competition for the EFEU (Sapin reserved competition).

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On July 2 (11a.m. to 1 p.m.) Pierre Lachaier will participate in workshop no. 3, “History and representations in the province of Sind,” at the 18th congress of the *French Association for Studies in the Arab and Muslim World (AFEMAM)* at the Lyon Institute for Political Studies (rue Charles Appleton, Lyon). The title of his lecture is “Lohana and Sindhi in their networks.” <http://www.efeu.fr/actualites/europe.shtml>
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Daniel Negers, of the Pondicherry Center, will be in Paris from July 12 to September 8.

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The next of the EFEU-Paris monthly seminar will take place in September.

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Library

The library has received a large number of works through the intermediary of exchanges with the following institutions: the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) of Copenhagen, Denmark; the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan; the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium; the Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, Leiden, Netherlands. <http://www.efeo.fr/documentation/actudocu.shtml>
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Photo Library

Paul Van der Noordaa has just given the School 3,000 digitized images from glass plates taken by his grandfather, André-Louis Locharde (1880-1946), in Cambodia, Vietnam, China, and Japan in the 1920's and 1930's.

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New Publications

Henri Chambert-Loir, *Kerajaan Bima dalam Sastra dan Sejarah* [The kingdom of Bima in literature and history]. Jakarta: EFEO/Kepustakaan Populer Gramedia (Nusantaran texts and documents, 19), 412 pp.

Jean-Luc Chevillard, ed., Eva Wilden, assoc. ed., with the collaboration of A. Murugaiyan, *South-Indian Horizons. Felicitation Volume for François Gros on the occasion of his 70th birthday*. Pondicherry: IFP/EFEO (Publications of the Indology Section, 94), XLV+651 pp.

John Lagerwey, ed., *Chinese Religion and Society: The Transformation of a Field*, 2 vol. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press/EFEO, 960 pp.

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EFEO Website

The new EFEO website is on line: www.efeo.fr

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Maison de l'Asie

During July and August the Maison de l'Asie will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the library from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Activities in the Overseas Centers

Pondicherry

Now that the Pondicherry administration has given the status of "Heritage Buildings" to the two buildings making up the EFEO Center (16 and 19 Dumas Street), the European project "Asia Urbs Program" has provided funding for their renovation, with the coordination of the project to be handled by the Pondicherry municipality.

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Charlotte Schmid will be in Pondicherry from June 28 to July 29, working with M. G. Vijayavenugopal (epigraphist), R. Varada Desikan, and Eva Wilden on a body of Tamil inscriptions (publication, in collaboration with M. G. Vijayavenugopal, on the temple of Pullamankai planned for the *BEFEO*). She will then visit the sites of Pullamankai, Kancipuram, Mahabalipuram, and the Pandya sites (in the south of Tamil Nad).

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Eva Wilden will be carrying out research in Hamburg from July 5 to 9, in the library at Heidelberg on July 12, 19, and 20. She will be participating in a workshop on Tamil poetry from July 13 to 18 in Heidelberg.

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François Grimal and S. L. P. Anjaneya Sarma, investigator at the Pondicherry Center, will carry out in July a mission to Southern India within the framework of their study of Sanskrit poetry.

Ulrike Niklas (University of Singapore) will spend time at the Pondicherry Center during the month of July.

From July 7 to 9, Dominic Goodall will attend the working meeting at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, on the completion of the third volume of the *Tantrikabhidhanakosa* (Dictionary of Tantric Terminology).

From July 12 to 14, he will take part in the *Third International Intensive Sanskrit Summer Retreat* at Zakopanie, Poland, organized by Monika Nowakowska (University of Krakow).

On July 3, at the French Pondicherry Institute (IFP), T. V. Gopal Iyer, investigator at the Pondicherry Center, will give a lecture, "Ancient and Modern Tamil," as part of the *International Seminar on Negotiations with the Past: Classical Tamil in Contemporary Tamil*, organized jointly by the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies of the University of California at Berkeley and the IFP.

During July, M. G. Vijayavenugopal, investigator at the Pondicherry Center, will visit the Villupuram district to photograph recently discovered inscriptions.

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Bangkok

Pierre Pichard will undertake a UNESCO sponsored emergency rescue mission to Bhutan's Tamshing monastery.

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Chiang Mai

Louis Gabaude will take part in the international symposium on *The Changing Mekong: Pluralistic Societies under Siege*, organized by the Center for Research on Plurality in the Mekong Region (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University) and by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), from July 28 to 30 at Khon Kaen, Thailand.

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Yangon

Jacques Leider will take part in the 18th *European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies* at Lund, Sweden, from July 6 to 9. His contribution will deal with Brahmans at the court of the Burman and Arakanese kings.

From July 14 to 16, he will be part of the working team on the future of Theravada studies at the Asian Research Institute of Singapore.

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Siem Reap

Abdou Diouf, General Secretary of the International Organization of French-speaking Peoples, was given a tour of the research programs being carried on at Siem Reap by the members of the EFEO during his recent visit to the Center.

From June 18 to July 15, Christopher Pottier will be in Indonesia to carry out a study of architectural remains in the region of Yogyakarta and in Bali, to be followed by a trip to Bangkok where he will take part in working sessions for the journal *Aséanie*.

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Phnom Penh

The restoration workshop of the Phnom Penh Museum verified the condition on the hundred artworks from the museum that will be exhibited at the Historical Museum in Seoul from July to the end of September.

Now that the restoration of the statues of Bala and Rama from the Phnom Da has been completed, work will begin on that of the great Vishnu, central figure of the famous triad preserved in the Phnom Penh Museum.

The project of taking impressions of inscriptions preserved in the Museum will also begin in July.

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Jakarta

From June 26 to August 24, Daniel Perret will carry out the fourth season of excavations at the site of Barus (North Sumatra), and will then make an inventory of the Muslim funerary steles known as *batu Aceh* on the island of Sulawesi and the provinces of Banten and West Java.

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From July 19 to 29, Henri Chambert-Loir will be in Jakarta to take part in the international colloquium organized at the Islamic University of Jakarta by the Indonesian Philological Association.

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On July 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the auditorium of the National Library (Jalan Salemba 28A, Jakarta), the book launch for Henri Chamber-Loir's publication *Kerajaan Bima dalam Sastra dan Sejarah*, with a presentation by Achadiati Ikram (Universitas Indonesia) and Maryam Salahuddin (Samparaja Bima Museum).

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Kyoto

On July 14 (6 p.m.), under the rubric of the *Kyoto Lectures*, organized jointly by the ISEAS (the Italian School of East Asian Studies) and the EFEO, Ann Waltner (professor of history at the University of Minnesota and editor of the *Journal of Asian Studies*) will give a lecture (at 4 Yoshida Ushinomiya-chô) on "Spatial Impropriety and Spatial Decorum in Shen Fu's *Fushen liuji* (Six Records of a Floating Life)."

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