



2009 Annual Report

Dear ANHS Members,

ANHS continued to expand its research, outreach, teaching and publication activities in 2009 to better serve our membership. We thank you for your ongoing support. Here is a summary of our activities.

Membership

The 2008/09 was the first full year of annual membership based on an academic year, marking the change from the previous subscription basis. This change reflected ANHS's broader mission and wider range of activities both in the United States and in Nepal in accordance with the revised ANHS mission statement:

“to promote research, teaching and outreach activities to increase the understanding of the Himalaya and adjacent mountain regions and to promote scholarly exchanges between the United States and citizens of countries in the region.”

ANHS launched a membership campaign for new members, former members and institutions.

HIMALAYA

2009 saw the transition of editorship from Portland State University to Macalester College and to *HIMALAYA* being a fully peer-reviewed journal. Two volumes were published in 2009: Volume 26 was mailed from Portland State University and Volume 27 from Macalester College. Publication of Volumes 28 and 29 is expected in 2010. Information about *HIMALAYA*, including submission guidelines, is at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/publications>. Prior issues of *HIMALAYA* up to Volume 25 are now archived online at <http://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/himalaya>.

ANHS Constitution

ANHS members voted to approve the changes to the Constitution that were proposed by the ANHS Executive Council in 2008. The amended Constitution is available at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/doc/Constitution2008.pdf>.

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Meetings

The ANHS Executive Council held five teleconference meetings (on January 25, March 29, May 17, October 4, and December 13) and met as a group in conjunction with the annual conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin at Madison on October 22. Four new Executive Council members replaced those whose terms had expired. The current Executive Council membership is available at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/about>. The ANHS annual membership meeting was also held at Madison on October 23. Minutes of the annual meeting are available at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/activities>.

Fellowships & Prizes

In keeping with its expanded mission, ANHS established a Senior Fellowship Program to support short-term research or other scholarly projects that will advance knowledge of the Himalaya-Karakoram-Hindukush mountain regions. The first fellowship will be awarded in 2010. The fellowship announcement is at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/doc/ANHS-SeniorFellowshipAnnouncement.pdf>.

ANHS also announced the Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for the best graduate student paper. The award announcement is at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/doc/ANHS%20Dor%20Bahadur%20Prize-FINALv2.pdf>.

Kathmandu Research Center

ANHS established a research center in Kathmandu to support scholars working in Nepal. The center is located in the Social Science Baha (SSB). ANHS has hired a Resident Director, Deepak Thapa. The center can assist scholars with obtaining a research visa, finding short-term housing, providing office support and access to the JSTOR database, and facilitating research in Nepal and the Himalayan region. ANHS also works with Center for Nepal and Asia Studies (CNAS) at Tribhuvan University to promote research, education and scholarly activities.

As part of their ongoing collaboration, ANHS and SSB began a joint Occasional Seminar Series for Nepali students, researchers, scholars and the public in general. The topics depend on the academic and research interests of visiting US scholars who lead workshops and/or seminars. The first seminar, on Ethnicity and Identity in South Asia, was led by *HIMALAYA* editor Professor Arjun Guneratne on December 3-4. Other seminars, to be led by ANHS President Professor Mahendra Lawoti and Executive Council members Professor Megan Adamson-Sijapati and Mary Cameron, are planned for spring 2010. See the announcement at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/doc/ANHS-OccasionalSeminarAnnouncement.pdf>.

Online Resources

ANHS maintains a comprehensive website, under the guidance and management of Dr. Milan Shrestha, at <http://anhs-himalaya.org>. Here you will find information about ANHS, its activities, publications, membership (including an online *ANHS Membership Form*) and resources for research and teaching on the Himalayan region. In addition to the list serve (himal-research@yahoogroups.com), ANHS began its presence on Facebook (Himal-research group) from 2009 to enhance communication among members.

Finances

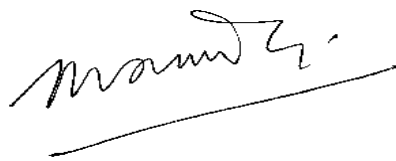
ANHS integrated its membership, subscription and financial data into Quick Books Pro software, using a starting date of January 1, 2007, and prepared financial statements in accordance with legal requirements and financial reporting standards. Transactions have been recorded and reconciled through December 31, 2009. The ANHS Executive Council reviewed and approved quarterly and annual financial statements, making sure that its assets and liabilities are properly recorded in the balance sheet and that profits and losses are accurately assessed. ANHS updated the association name, mailing address and contact information in compliance with all state and federal reporting requirements. ANHS set up a new PayPal account linked to the domain webmail (membership@anhs-himalaya.org).

The ANHS Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009 shows total assets of \$27,895.92, which included: \$16,883.78 in the business checking account, and \$11,160.08 in inventory. The 2009 Profit & Loss statement shows a net income of \$7,780.18. This net income includes \$14,313.06 total income, \$6,433.94 total expenses, \$7,777.54 net ordinary income, and \$2.64 other income from interest. ANHS' total income is comprised of annual membership dues (32%) and subscriptions (40%), contributions income (26%) and miscellaneous income (2%) from inventory sales and advertising.

ANHS has not conducted an audit of its financial statements because its Executive Council has deemed the financial statements to accurately reflect the associations' financial position, and to date there has been no external purpose requiring an audit. ANHS is willing to conduct an audit in the future as its financial position changes and the need arises.

This has been an exciting and vigorous year for ANHS. We continue to strive to serve our members and appreciate both your support and input. We look forward to seeing you in Madison, Wisconsin in October for our 2010 annual meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mahendra", is written over a horizontal line.

Mahendra Lawoti, Ph.D.

ANHS President