



2010 Annual Report

Dear ANHS Members,

March 12th, 2011

First and foremost, we thank you for your ongoing support. 2010 has been a watershed year for ANHS, in great measure because ANHS has become a Center in Developing Status with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). Our intention is to expand ANHS research, outreach, teaching, and publication activities to better serve our membership. Here is a summary of our activities for 2010.

Membership

ANHS continued its campaign to add new members, and to encourage former members to return. In 2010 we added several new institutional members, including Washington University in St Louis and the University of Washington in Seattle. We also aim to keep in touch with our individual members through the list serve (himal-research@yahoo.com).

CAORC

In 2010 ANHS became a Center in Developing Status with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC, <http://www.caorc.org>). Affiliation with CAORC allows ANHS to launch new initiatives in 2011, including a Himalayan Lecture Series to bring a noted scholar from Nepal to the United States, and support for the First ANHS Himalayan Studies Conference to be held at Macalester College in October, 2011. For more information on this conference, visit <http://anhs-himalaya.org/HSC/>.

HIMALAYA

HIMALAYA, the interdisciplinary flagship journal of ANHS, continues to publish high-quality research articles and book reviews from its home base at Macalester College. Under the editorship of Arjun Guneratne *HIMALAYA* has been transformed into a peer-reviewed journal dealing with important and timely thematic issues. Volume 28, published in June 2010, is guest edited by Mahendra Lawoti and focuses on the theme "Ethnicity, Inequality and Politics in Nepal". Volume 29, published in December 2010, centers on "The Tarai: History, Society, Environment." The next volume, to be published in the summer of 2011, will focus on development in Tibet. Information about *HIMALAYA*, including submission guidelines, is at <http://anhs-himalaya.org/publications>.

Prior issues up to Volume 27 are now archived online at:

<http://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/himalaya>.

In a new development, ANHS and Social Science Baha have introduced a book series titled “The Himalaya Series in Nepal Studies” based on papers published in the journal. The series is jointly published with Himal Books for the South Asian market. The first two volumes consist of Volumes 27 and 28 of *HIMALAYA*, and sales are going well.

MEETINGS

The ANHS Executive Council held several teleconference meetings in 2010 and met as a group during the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin on October 22. Although membership of the Executive Council remained the same as the previous year, two leadership positions changed. John Mock is now Treasurer, and Geoff Childs is President. We are all indebted to colleagues who have served as ANHS officers, in particular outgoing President Mahendra Lawoti. It was under his leadership that the successful application was made to become a CAORC member.

FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES, AND TRAVEL GRANTS

2010 was the first year that ANHS awarded grants under its Senior Fellowship Program. Although we intended to give one award in 2010, because it was the inaugural year we decided to award \$1,500 each to support two research projects: Dr. Birendra Raj Giri (The Open University, UK) for his project titled “Bonded Labour Practice in Nepal”, and Professor Sarah J. Halvorson (Dept. of Geography, University of Montana) for her project titled “Community Vulnerability and Response to Glacial Retreat, Bhutan”. Please visit <http://anhs-himalaya.org/fellowships/> if you would like to apply for this award.

In 2010 ANHS awarded the Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for the best graduate student paper to Tejendra Pherali of Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom, for his paper titled *Leadership in Peril: Managing School and Self during Nepal's 'People's War'*.

In 2010 ANHS provided funds to help Krishna Bhattachan and Ram Chhetri of Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, attend the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison Wisconsin.

KATHMANDU RESEARCH CENTER

2010 was the second year that ANHS has operated a research center in Kathmandu to support scholars working in Nepal. The center is located in the Social Science Baha (SSB), and Deepak Thapa has continued as our Resident Director. He can be reached at Kathmandu@anhs-himalaya.org. 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 the 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. As part of this series, in 2010 ANHS Executive Council Members Mary Cameron, Mahendra Lawoti, and Geoff Childs each gave presentations to the graduate students and faculty at the Nepa School of Social Sciences in Kathmandu, Nepal.

ANHS WEBSITE

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.

FINANCES

ANHS continues to prepare financial statements in accordance with legal requirements and financial reporting standards. Transactions have been recorded and reconciled through December 31, 2010. 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 maintains a PayPal account linked to the domain webmail (membership@anhs-himalaya.org).

The ANHS Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010 shows total assets of \$23,862.69, which included: \$13,609.87 in the business checking and PayPal accounts, and \$10,387.08 in inventory. The 2010 Profit & Loss statement shows a net loss of \$4,763.34. This net income includes \$13,169.81 total income, \$17,221.55 total expenses, -\$4,764.74 net ordinary income, and \$1.51 other income from interest. The net loss is largely due to the fact it includes two years' payment to SSB: 2010 was paid in early 2010, and 2011 was paid in late 2010. ANHS' total income is comprised of annual membership dues (48%) and subscriptions (30%), contributions income (20%) and miscellaneous income (2%) from reimbursed expenses.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD

2010 was an exciting year for ANHS as we've moved in new directions through our association with CAORC. We strive to serve our members and appreciate both your support and input. Please bear in mind that we will not have our annual meeting this year in Madison, Wisconsin. Instead, we will meet at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the First ANHS Himalayan Studies Conference. The theme of that conference is "Rethinking the Himalaya: The Indo-Tibetan Interface and Beyond." We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Childs". The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Geoff Childs
ANHS President