We are pleased to announce that the CIEPO Symposium on the Central Asiatic Roots of the pre-Ottoman and Ottoman Culture will be held at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, 24-29 August, 2009.

The Organizing Committee calls for your presentation of current research on the Central Asiatic roots of the pre-Ottoman and Ottoman culture related to the themes of administrative, social, economic, military, political aspects, as well as medicine, science, architecture, education, trade, historiography, literature and international relations.

Individual papers will be organized into sections by the Organizing Committee. Abstracts for individual papers should not exceed 300 words. The desirable duration of a paper presentation is 15 minutes; it should not exceed 20 minutes. In case it becomes necessary to limit the number of papers, the selection will be made by members of the Organizing Committee.

Pre-organized panels/sessions and thematic workshops should consist of two to three papers, plus an analysis of them by a discussant (or a designated chair) of ten to fifteen minutes maximum length. The papers should center on a single theme or question, and the panel proposal should include an abstract (300 words maximum) for the entire panel explaining its theme and rationale and how the individual papers contribute to that theme, in
addition to an individual abstract (300 words maximum) for each paper. In case it becomes necessary to limit the number of papers, the selection will be made by members of the Organizing Committee.

The participants are requested to send enclosed Registration Form by the end of December 2008. The deadline for the paper titles and abstracts and/or the initial proposals and abstracts for pre-organized sessions and workshops abstracts is by the end of January 2009.

The symposium languages are English, French, German and Turkish.

Participants are requested to finance their own travel expenses and accommodation. The registration fee for the symposium is 50 (USD) which should be paid to the accounts opened on behalf of the CIEPO (we expect to give the name of bank and account number in 2nd circular) . The CIEPO membership should be paid 10 (USD) in advance as well. The fees are intended to cover the expenses of lunch, farewell dinner and excursion. The details about accommodation options (with prices) will be provided also in the 2nd circular).

Sincerely yours,

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Excursion program being planned for the congress participants

- Nevaket-archeological complex ruins of the medieval city of Turkic rulers of the VI-XIIth century (Chuy valley)
- Site of ancient settlement Ak-Beshim-ruins of the medieval city Suyab. The capital of Western Turks, Turgesh and Karluk states (VI-Xth century, Chuy valley)
- Burana-archeological and architectural complex of X-XIIth century: The capital of Karahanid state (Chuy valley)
- Suusamir- summer quarters of the Avars nomads
- Koksay- location of Ancient Turkic runic inscriptions of the VIIIth century (Kochkor valley, Naryn oblast)
- Rock painting gallery Cholpon Ata- petroglyphs of the ancient Iron Age and Medieval Age, Northern shore of the Issyk-Kol lake
- Royal kurgans of Issyk Kol- funeral constructions of the ancient Saka society aristocracy
- The Ferghana Valley- historically most important staging-post on the so-called Silk Road for goods and people travelling from China to the Middle East & Europe