

UPDATE OF HIMALAYAN ARCHIVES IN PARIS

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Since the publication of papers on Himalayan resources in Paris in issues n°3 and n°4 (1992) of this bulletin, some changes have occurred as to the locations of the collection.

Maison de l'Asie

22, avenue du Président Wilson, Paris 75016 (Tel : 01 53 70 18 20)

The Maison de l'Asie was closed for a long time for repairs and reorganisation; it has reopened and now shelters not only the library collections of the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient and the Centre d'Etudes pour les Religions Tibétaines (see *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, n°3, 1992, pp.34-36 and 32-33), but also the collections of two libraries previously located at 54, boulevard Raspail in the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme : the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud and the Centre de Documentation sur la Chine contemporaine (see EBHR n°4, 1992, pp.28-31).

The three libraries, EFEO, Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde and Centre de Documentation sur la Chine contemporaine, have been regrouped there and their collections (with the exception of some periodicals on India which are still kept at their former address, boulevard Raspail) are available to readers (no special conditions for admission) in a spacious common reading-room. The Chief Librarian in charge of this library is M. Jean-Louis Taffarelli (Tel : 01 53 70 18 41); the Deputy Chief Librarian is Mme Barrès-Koteli (Tel : 01 53 70 18 43). Opening hours : 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Centre d'Etudes sur les Religions Tibétaines

The Centre d'Etudes sur les Religions Tibétaines (Director : Mme Anne-Marie Blondeau) has returned to its former home 22, avenue du Président Wilson. Its collection chiefly includes photographs, slides, audio cassettes and videotapes, and books offering a rich iconography. The library's total resources include 4500 volumes, 3300 offprints, a number of periodicals and 400 publications in Tibetan. There is also a photographic library which will be described in a future issue of the *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*. In addition, the Imaeda collection (250 volumes in Japanese) and the Stein collection (Professor Rolf Stein's private books purchased from him by the centre) are located there. Computerised cataloguing is in progress. The Stein collection alone includes 2500 volumes in western languages, 350 Tibetan language volumes and a large number of works in Chinese and Japanese in addition to periodicals and offprints. Later, all of the resources will be available in the main reading room of the "Maison de l'Asie" along with other collections; for the time being they are available for reading in the own space at the centre (opening hours not confirmed. Scholars are requested to call 01 53 70 18 66 for information).

Centre d'Etudes Tibétaines in Collège de France

(see *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, n°3, pp.33-34) remains in the building of 52, rue du Cardinal Lemoine, Paris 75005. The library is open twice a week, on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons (Tel. : 01 44 27 18 30). Mme Anne Chayet is in charge of the centre and Mme Jenny Ferreux is the Librarian.

The collection of 2323 titles (2618 volumes) consists primarily of books and periodicals in Tibetan (2234 volumes, 10 periodicals) and about 300-400 books in Western Languages and a few modern books (88 volumes) and 6 periodicals in Chinese.

Musée Guimet Library

The Musée Guimet, 6 place d'Iéna, Paris 75116, has been closed since February 1996, and will not re-open before 1999, because of building repairs; only the annex, 19, avenue d'Iéna, remains open.

The library will normally not be open during the same period, but it has been decided that researchers may use it. Prospective readers are requested to send a written application to Monsieur le Conservateur de la Bibliothèque du Musée Guimet, 6, place d'Iéna, one or two weeks in advance; they will receive a written answer at their own address.

Bibliothèque Interuniversitaire des Langues Orientales

4 rue de Lille, Paris 75007 (See EBHR, n°3, pp.27-29).

Tel. : 01 44 77 87 20.

The computerisation of books and periodicals in Western languages. Card files are still in use for other languages.

Since the 1992 issues of this bulletin, the collection of books in Nepali has been moved from the building on rue de Lille and put in storage in Orsay, not far from Paris. The library is acutely short of space, so while waiting for new buildings to be found, and there is nothing in view for the time being (the same is also true for the Institut National des Langues Orientales as a whole), books which are rarely read, as is the case for books in Nepali, have been stored.

However, they are still available provided the reader asks for them, in person or by letter, about one week in advance, and the requested publication will be sent to the reading room, rue de Lille.

For admittance, only two photographs are required, and a pass will immediately be made.

Bibliothèque Nationale

58, rue Richelieu, Paris 75002. Tel. : 01 47 03 81 26 (see EBHR, n°4, pp.22-28).

In the near future (1997-1998), as is well-known, the bulk of printed books kept in the National Library will be transferred to the new buildings of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, 11 quai François Mauriac, Paris 75706 (metro : Quai de la Gare). But the Département des Manuscrits Orientaux and the Département des Cartes et Plans (Maps Department) will remain at "Richelieu".

Centre d'Etudes Himalayennes

1 pl. Aristide Briand, 92195 Meudon cedex. Tel. : 01 45 07 50 03.

Librarian : Mme Pierrette Massonnet.

In 1992 the Centre d'Etudes Himalayennes began computerising its collection. Today nearly half its references are in the database and can be interrogated by scholars and other visitors. About 200-250 copies of the annual acquisitions list with approximately 2000-2500 new references continue to be sent. The database will soon be accessible on the Internet.

ERRATA

In the paper on Himalayan archives in Paris, part II, EBHR n°4, 1992, some words or lines have been dropped during the printing process :

- p.23, 2nd column, from line 35 on, one should read :

...such as Dor Bahadur Bista's and Marc Gaborieau's works, and monographs on Nepalese castes, tribes, or localities : Limbu, Gurung, Tamang, Sherpa tribes and on Dolpo, Tarap, Panauti, etc.

- p.26, 1st column, from line 3, one should read :

...Later on it was Miss Silburn only who was in charge of the cataloguing. The following register lists a Kanjur reprint...

- p.27, 1st column, last three lines, one should read :

...even English and German editions of Huc's and Gabet's famous book, of which 6 French editions already existed when this catalogue was written.

- p.28, 1st column, from line 39, one should read :

...or the subject classification catalogue, also divided in sections according to the time of arrival of the book in the library, successively hand-written in registers, on cards in classical drawer files, and finally on line through computers, this last system since 1985 [This was in 1992, now in 1996 the Catalogue is computerised back to 1974 at least].

- p.30, 2nd column, from the first line, one should read :

... Eastern miscellany (in Chinese) from 1905 to 1973 including articles on Tibet, useful items are also books on the whole of Chinese history, dynastic histories, biographic dictionaries, etc. But what is especially valuable...