

# Health in a Suffering Landscape

Scottish Centre for Himalayan Research  
2nd International Conference

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009

Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR.

The landscapes of the Himalayas are riven by war and threatened by drought and glacial outbursts due to climate change and habitat degradation. Human migration has depopulated rural areas and overloaded urban valleys. In this challenging environment, health is a constant concern—but not always in expected ways. How do people define, trade, or sustainably forage for medicines? Why has nursing become such a significant human export? How can NGOs and indigenous people support biocultural diversity programmes? Can Himalayan cities withstand any further air and water pollution?

This year, in keeping with our efforts to highlight a specific part of the greater Himalayan region, we especially invite papers looking at the highland regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

## Saturday

- 9.30 Arrivals and welcome
- 10 Section 1 (part1). Afghanistan and Pakistan (Lecture Theatre).
- 11 Refreshments (Conference Room)
- 11.30 Section 1 (part2). Afghanistan and Pakistan (Lecture Theatre).
  
- 13.00 Sandwich lunch (Conference Room)
  
- 14.00 Section 2 (part 1). Postgraduate Forum\* (Conference Room).
- 15.30 Refreshments (Conference Room)
- 16.00 Section 2 (part 2). Postgraduate Forum\* (Conference Room).

Retire for dinner at a local restaurant

## Sunday

- 9.30 Section 3 (part1). Medicinal Ethnobiology (Lecture Theatre).
- 10.30 Refreshments (Conference Room)
- 11.30 Section 3 (part2). Medicinal Ethnobiology (Lecture Theatre).
  
- 12.30 Sandwich lunch (Conference Room)
  
- 13.30 Section 2 (part 1). Open topic (Lecture Theatre).
- 14.30 Refreshments (Conference Room)
- 15.00 Section 2 (part 2). Open topic (Lecture Theatre).
- 16:00 End

\* The Postgraduate Forum will be structured around 15 minute talks where postgraduates can present work in progress or completed projects in an informal atmosphere. The session will allow for discussions after each talk and for informal networking.