The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies - Europe and Asia
one year after 11 September

During the past year, the European Union has engaged in a very rapid response to the attacks on targets in the United States on 11 September, including comprehensive support for the global coalition against terrorism as well as a number of specific initiatives to address threats within Europe. One year after the attacks, the Asia Update will bring together fragmented voices in Asian Studies in Europe to facilitate scholarly excellence to the benefit of the respective national research environments and those of the European scholarly environment at large, by: building up high-quality, border-transcending research with a stronger focus on contemporary topics; creating sustainable networks with Asian and other overseas research institutions and scholars; strengthening the links and communication between academic research on Asia and non-academic institutions and actors.

In the previous issue of the IJIAS Newsletter a call for workshop proposals was published in the framework of the newly set up Alliance/ASEF Annual Asia Europe Workshop Series. For more information on the selection of the proposals, please see below.

From 4-7 April 2002 the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) was held in Washington. The Alliance Asia was represented in the exhibition hall, where representatives of the Alliance institutions provided information on Alliance activities, and on the publication programmes of the participating institutes. In cooperation with the IAS and various Dutch publishers (Boll, MMF, IDC, and the KITV), an e-mail/Internet service was provided for AAS participants, free of charge.

The Asia Alliance organized a ‘meeting in conjunction’ on the ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) process. The central question during the meeting was: ‘How can ASEF contribute to a more stable triangular global political environment in the aftermath of 11 September and what will this mean for its relationship with the US?’ The contributions made by the panel participants will be collected in a third publication on ASEF edited by Dr Paul van der Velden and Prof. Winn Stokhoff.

The programme will consist of four parts:
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