

Mongolian Nomads and Climate Change *Happy Hour with Dr. Clyde Goulden*

Date: Friday, December 8, 2006

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 donation requested.

Includes a **No-Host Bar**.

Location: Assembly Rooms A & B, Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences
291 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, Nevada (on the campus of Sierra Nevada College)

Dr. Clyde Goulden: Dr. Goulden is the Director of the Institute for Mongolian Biodiversity and Ecological Studies at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. He is an aquatic ecologist and has developed a long term research program at Lake Hovsgol in northern Mongolia. Hovsgol originated as a result of tectonic faulting similar to its more famous sister lake, Baikal, the World's oldest and deepest lake. Lake Tahoe also is a tectonic lake. Dr. Goulden and his colleagues have just published a book titled "The Geology, Biodiversity and Ecology of Lake Hovsgol, Mongolia," published by Backhuys Publ., with 28 chapters by scientists from Mongolia, Russia, Japan, the United States and elsewhere. He has been the International Consultant for a Global Environment Facility grant implemented by the World Bank to study the impacts of nomadic pastoralism and climate change on the Hovsgol watershed.

This program included the training of 23 young Mongolian researchers in environmental assessment methods. He has worked with UNESCO Mongolia to prepare a nomination to designate Lake Hovsgol National Park as a World Heritage site, and has encouraged the development of eco-tourism around the lake. He has been designated a Honorary Professor, National University of Mongolia, and received a Honorable Environmental Officer award from the Ministry of Nature and the Environment, their highest award, and a Diploma of Merit from the Mongolian Academy of Sciences for his work at Lake Hovsgol and for the training of young Mongolian scientists in ecosystem research.

Sponsorship: This event is sponsored by the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC), with part of the room usage and catering services sponsored by Sierra Nevada College.

Monthly Lecture Series: The UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) *Monthly Lecture Series* will provide a forum for community members to gain access to scientific experts. The *Monthly Lecture Series* will present interesting topics in science, from A to Z (air quality to zooplankton), and topics pertinent to the region, directly to enthusiasts in nearby communities. Speakers include authorities on various environmental issues, scientific research and related regional topics of interest.