Dear Friends of SRIFIAS:

It has been impressive to see the outpouring of support among students and scholars for the Sinor Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies (SRIFIAS) and its renowned library. The SRIFIAS is among the finest of Indiana University’s area studies institutes and centers and, as part of the internationally-respected Department of Central Eurasian Studies (CEUS), its future in the School of Global and International Studies (SGIS) is secure. Its 12,000-volume collection will be open to students, faculty, and other researchers this coming Fall and for years to come.

In April, after review and recommendation by CEUS, SRIFIAS director Edward Lazzerini was reappointed for a new three-year term starting in July 2015. At that time, funding for the SRIFIAS, including resources for two graduate assistants and an hourly employee, were reauthorized as well.

CEUS will move in early Fall into the new Global and International Studies Building, just steps from the main Wells Library. In April, SGIS requested and the SRIFIAS provided a detailed report on space needs for its library and research facilities. Based on that report, SGIS has been working with the campus to secure an appropriate location where the SRIFIAS and its library can be curated, with ample facilities for research and expansion. In the meantime, the SRIFIAS will remain open in Goodbody Hall until its relocation later this year.

Indiana University remains committed to the intellectual and pedagogical missions of the SRIFIAS. We are delighted that you are too. Please consider supporting the fundraising campaign for SRIFIAS, which will help establish an endowment for its collections and research. You may show your support for the SRIFIAS library and research institute by donating at this link: https://www.myiu.org/one-time-gift) Please indicate in the “write in gift area” that your donation is for SRIFIAS.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Feinstein
Dean, School of Global and International Studies