

CEAL Committee on Chinese Materials Annual Report 2012-2013

Summary of activities

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I. Introduction

This report covers the activities of the CEAL Committee on Chinese Materials (CCM) from March 2012 to March 2013. In its second year of the CCM's three-year term, the committee has successfully organized the 2013 joint plenary, annual meeting, Chinese local gazetteers workshop, developed partnership with peer institutions in China, and continued with training initiatives.

II. Committee Membership

Vickie Doll 傅玉波 (University of Kansas)

Tang Li 李唐 (Yale University)

Ming-sun Poon 潘銘燊 (Library of Congress)

Zhijia Shen 沈志佳 (University of Washington)

Ping Situ 司徒萍 (University of Arizona)

Susan Xue 薛燕 (University of California at Berkeley), Chair

Haihui Zhang 张海惠 (University of Pittsburgh)

III. Committee Annual Programs

CEAL annual meeting is the venue for its members to present and exchange new projects, ideas and experiences, and conduct training. CEAL members have made great efforts to attend the meeting for their professional development, despite travel funding decreases in many institutions. To maximize what members could gain from the annual event, the CCM has reached its maximum capacity on organizing its annual programs. In 2013, the CCM organized four programs to implement the chosen theme by CEAL Executive Board, as well as address members' needs. See this link for more information: <http://www.eastasianlib.org/ccm/Program2013.shtml>

1. Joint Plenary with Committee on Japanese and Korean Materials: Open Access in China, Japan, and Korea: Developments and Trends

In 2013, CEAL made some changes to the format of its meetings. The traditional CEAL plenary and committee meetings were required to focus on one theme on the first day of the annual event. The theme determined for CEAL 2013 was *Open Access and Discovery in the Academic Universe: Next Steps for East Asian Studies Research and Library Development*. The speakers at the CEAL Open Plenary mostly addressed general issues of Open Access, CJK committees then decided to focus the joint session on Open Access in East Asian countries. After much discussion, the chairs of the three committees decided to invite speakers who have done research or have experience with Open Access from China, Japan and Korea, and the joint plenary topic was decided as ***Open Access in China, Japan, and Korea: Developments and Trends***.

The CCM had gone through great difficulty to pin down a speaker who could discuss the issue in depth, due to limited financial support we could offer and busy schedules for those who are well-known in the field. Four people were contacted before a speaker was confirmed. Fortunately, Dr. Wang Yingkuan (王应宽) accepted the committee's invitation to speak at the plenary. Dr. Wang is the Executive Editor-in-chief of *International Journal of Agricultural & Biological Engineering* at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Engineering. His Ph.D. dissertation was the first dissertation on Open Access in China, and he established the first OA journal in the country. His presentation ***Open access in China: Past, Present and Future*** was well received and generated questions on site and after the meeting.

2. CCM Work Session: Meet the Challenge: New Models in Collection Development and Digitization

The reform of CEAL's annual meeting format also brought changes to the regular committee meetings. The time of the traditional annual meeting was reduced to 50 minutes from 90 minutes, mainly focusing on practical issues, new projects, and best practices. The committee brainstormed ideas and projects that would bear common interest and would benefit peer libraries and librarians, and selected four institutions/topics for consideration. The final program consisted of four agenda items: Harvard-Yenching Library's report on a cooperative digitization project of Chinese rare books with the National Library of China; University of Washington East Asian Library's report on the successful collaboration in digitizing Chinese rare books with the National Central Library in Taiwan; a report on UCLA's Patron-Driven Acquisitions (PDA) for printed Chinese materials; and a "*Cost Studies of Borrowing & Subscriptions: Chinese Dissertations/Theses.*"

The presentations discussed digitization projects that some libraries are planning to carry out, and issues that librarians are interested in. Presentations were well received and speakers received questions from peers after the meeting. The reworked format of the committee session was a success. Among all the comments, shorter and more focused sessions was a constructive criticism. However, one drawback was that not enough time was allotted in the sessions for Q&A and follow-up discussions. The committee will continue organizing annual programs in this format in 2014, and then evaluate the result.

3. Pre-conference Workshop - Discover the Mystery of Chinese Local Gazetteers: What to Get and How to Use

This workshop was conducted to address the needs of librarians who would like to learn about Chinese local gazetteers, but have limited access to and use of such materials in their institutions. Four trainers conducted the workshop, contents covered at the workshop included:

- 1) A brief history of old and new gazetteers and types of gazetteers (administrative levels, subjects, professionals), by Dr. Yingpin Zhang (张英聘), Research Fellow, Director of Liaison Department, Office of Chinese Local Gazetteers Directing Group
- 2) Compilation styles and layout, by Haihui Zhang, Chinese Studies Librarian, East Asian Library, University Library System, University of Pittsburgh.
- 3) Research value of local gazetteers as special primary sources, by Dr. Ming-sun Poon, Reference Librarian and Chinese Area Specialist, Library of Congress.
- 4) List of reference tools of using local gazetteers, compiled and presented by Tang Li, Public Services Librarian, East Asia Library, Yale University.

CEAL and the Asian Studies Center at University of Pittsburgh contributed to the venue and equipment of the workshop. It was their supports that made this workshop happened.

4. Forum: Publishing Trends in China, Policy, Digitization and Copyright

This forum was co-organized by the Committee on Chinese Materials and the Publishers Association of China. The Publishers Association of China (PAC) approached the CCM in 2012 for an opportunity to meet with librarians in North America. CEAL annual meeting was a great venue for the exchange. The PAC delegation consisted of six members, Mr. Li Baozhong (Vice President of PAC) and Mr. Gu Qing (Deputy Chief-in-Editor of Zhonghua shuju) were the leaders of the delegation. The PAC delegation presented on three topics: 中国出版现状及未来发展走势 (China's Publishing Industry Today and the Future); 中国版权保护工作情况简介 (An overview of China's Copyright Protection); 从起步期步入成长期的中国数字出版 (Development of Digital Publishing Industry in China). The PAC's talks provided an overall picture of digital publishing in China, and initiated a lively discussion.

CCM members and the PAC delegation also discussed new possibilities of acquiring materials from China. The CCM will follow up on the proposal.

More details can be found at: <http://www.eastasianlib.org/ccm/Program2013.shtml>.

IV. Committee Activities

Major CCM activities during March 2012 – March 2013:

- 1) Collected notes and received permission for posting presentation files for 2012 annual programs, and uploaded presentation files and notes to CCM website (April 2012, Tang Li and Susan Xue).
- 2) Discussed and identified potential speakers for the joint plenary on Open Access, and what issues the speaker should address. Several scholars and experts were identified, and it was agreed upon that the presentation should discuss development, challenges and future of Open Access in China (June – September 2012, all members).
- 3) Discussed topics and speakers for CCM Work Session, chair to follow up and confirm (July – December 2012, all members).
- 4) Discussed and determined that the workshop on Chinese local gazetteers would be part of the CCM annual programs. Identified and secured funding sources for the venue and other expenses (June – September 2012, all members and the chair).
- 5) Discussed and determined the joint forum with the Publishers Association of China (PAC), identified themes that CCM members would be interested. Discussed and confirmed the agenda with the delegation of PAC, and confirmed the venue with the AAS (August – December 2012, all members and the chair).
- 6) Discussed an initiative of working together with the National Library of China to offer a training program to Chinese librarians in North America on rare books evaluation (December 2012 – January 2013, all members).
- 7) Contacted Mr. Zhang Zhiqing, Deputy Director of the National Library of China (NLC), to discuss a tailored training program for overseas Chinese librarians on rare books, offered by NLC. The program was initially determined to take place in July 2013, but was postponed to 2014 due to budgetary reason (January – march 2013, Susan Xue)

- 8) CCM website update and maintenance throughout the year. The website was updated and the regular maintenance has been operated; the annual programs were uploaded on time. (Tang Li and Susan Xue)
- 9) Planning and preparation for CCM annual program in March 2013 in San Diego, California. (January – March 2013, all members)

V. Functions within CEAL

CCM Chair represents the CCM in the CEAL Executive Board. In 2012-2013, the Chair provided input with regard to CEAL business, including attending the Board retreating meeting in March 2013, contributing to discussion of CEAL's future and direction, discussing CEAL annual programs, approving CEAL Executive Board members' requests, and implementing CEAL organization calendar. Representing the CCM, the Chair served on appointed CEAL committees, working with other committee chairs to address shared issues.

Representing the CCM, the chair has selected relevant news and shared resources and news relating to Chinese materials and Chinese librarianship with CEAL community through Eastlib and CEAL Blogger.

VI. Collaboration with External Individuals and Organizations

The CCM continued conversations with external organizations this year, and will continue the initiatives in the coming years. The discussion with the National Library of China Training program on rare books and rare book evaluation will resume in the summer of 2013. The goal is to have this training program implemented before July 2014.

The CCM will follow up on the initiatives of cooperation and collaborations with institutions in China developed in 2011 and 2012. Some of the areas that the East Asian libraries may be interested would need further exploration:

- 1) Acquiring Chinese materials directly from China through the Publishers Association of China, without through vendors
- 2) Cooperative Cataloging, MARC records downloading
- 3) Collaborative Collection Development
- 4) OPAC and Web Portal, resource sharing
- 5) Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery
- 6) General and Specialized Reference Services
- 7) Professional Training & Certification

VII. Conclusion

The Committee on Chinese Materials was very active in the past year. We had productive discussions, both via email as well as meeting in person in San Diego in March 2013. We successfully organized CCM 2013 Annual Meeting as well as other three programs. The Committee will continue to seek ways to bring timely information on Chinese materials and Chinese librarianship to CEAL community, address issues the community is interested in, and actively pursue cooperation and collaborations with peer s and organizations outside of the US.