

Council on East Asian Libraries Association for Asian Studies 2013 Business and Plenary Minutes

[With President's Supplementary Comments Appended](#)

Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California
Manchester Ballroom A/B
March 20, 2013

Pre-Plenary I: Business (10:00 – 10:20am)

After briefly welcoming members to the 2013 CEAL meeting, President Peter Zhou began the business portion of the meeting.

Zhou announced several new CEAL members:

- Sanghun Cho : Korean Studies Librarian, UCLA
- Urmila Sharma : Asian Studies Librarian, Syracuse
- Yao Chen : East Asian Studies Librarian, University of Minnesota
- Joy Wen : Public Services Librarian, University of Toronto
- Regan Murphy Kao : Japanese Studies Librarian, Stanford University

Other new members were also introduced:

- Adam Lisbon : Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Colorado (announced by Vickey Bestor)
- Molly Des Jardin : Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Pennsylvania (announced by Vickey Bestor)
- Hyun Chu Kim : Librarian & Assistant Professor of Library Science: Kennesaw State University (Georgia) (announced by Joy Kim)

Zhou mentioned the following colleagues who have taken up new jobs during past year:

- Dongfang Shao has left Stanford to become Chief of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress.
- Keiko Yokota-Carter, formerly at the University of Washington, is now Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Michigan.

- Michael Meng, also formerly at Washington, is now Librarian for Chinese Studies at Yale.
- Toshie Marra, formerly at UCLA, is now Librarian for the Japanese Collection at UC Berkeley.
- Setsuko Noguchi, formerly at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is now Japanese Studies Librarian at Princeton.

Zhou also mentioned the retirement of some respected colleagues during the past year:

- Yasuko Makino, recently Japanese Bibliographer at Princeton University and, before that, at Urbana-Champaign and Columbia, has retired after a total of forty years of distinguished service at these universities.
- Mi Chu, Chinese Reference Specialist and Head of the Scholarly Services unit of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress, has retired after thirty-five years of service at LC.
- Diana Chen, Chinese Reference Librarian of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress, has retired after thirty-four years at LC.
- Kenneth Tanaka retired last year after twenty-five years as the University of Maryland's Japanese Librarian.
- Sanae Isozumi, Japanese Studies Librarian at UC San Diego, has retired after twenty-nine years of service there.
- Evelyn Kuo, Head of the Technical Services at UC Berkeley's East Asian Library and former Head of Collection Development and Technical Services at Chinese University of Hong Kong, retired last year after ten years at Berkeley.
- Ju-Yen Teng, Chinese Cataloger at the University of Washington's East Asian Library and before that at the University of Arizona, retired last June after several decades of service.

Zhou noted the passing away of former CEAL President, Hideo Kaneko (Yale University).

Zhou recognized the contributions of four outgoing Executive Board members:

- Mikyung Kang (Harvard), Member at Large
- Beth Katzoff (Columbia), Member at Large
- Joy Kim (USC), Past President
- Hikaru Nakano (University of Florida), Membership Chair

CEAL Elections

Tao Yang announced the election of two new Executive Board Members at Large: Hyokyong Yi and Dawn Lawson. He also announced the appointment of Sarah Elman as Chair of the Membership Committee.

Zhou announced that the CEAL reception would be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Manchester Foyer.

2013 CEAL Conference Evaluation

Wen-ling Liu announced that a one-page survey would be distributed to evaluate the new trial format for this year's CEAL meeting, and urged everyone to provide feedback through this device by 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 21st.

Opening Plenary (10:30 - 12:30pm)

*Open Access and Discovery in the Academic Universe:
Next Steps for East Asian Studies Research and Library Development*

[The Opening Plenary was open to members of CONSALD and CORMOSEA members, as well as to all CEAL members]

President Peter Zhou welcomed all of the attendees to a new format for a CEAL meeting, made possible by funding provided by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. Part of this funding made it possible to invite three keynote speakers this year.

- **Brewster Kahle**, Founder of Internet Archive and Co-founder of Alexa Internet 10:35 - 11:05am
“Universal Access to All Knowledge”
- **Pamela Samuelson**, Richard M. Sherman '74 Distinguished Professor of Law and Information Management, UC Berkeley 11:05 – 11:35am
“Open Access: Opportunities and Obstacles”
- **Clifford Lynch**, Director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) 11:35 – 12:05pm
“Special Collections in the Digital Age”

Following the three keynote addresses, Ellen Hammond (Yale) and Brian Vivier (University of Pennsylvania) served as discussants.

Hammond asked the speakers what universities should be doing to create an environment and context to achieve true open access.

In response, Kahle suggested that libraries should invest their funds differently, pointing out that \$3-4 billion now go to journal publishers. He advised against worrying too much about the legal obstacles, but to start making small changes to overcome them.

Samuelson suggested that libraries should identify champions from among the faculty and administration and to begin building conversations on how to advance open access. She also advised libraries to develop best practices for what they can do, repeating the advice to experiment with something small. Universities should be persuaded to think about the next ten years.

Lynch pointed out that many universities have university presses; these should be used to rethink the publishing process.

Closing Plenary (5:20 – 5:30pm)

Manchester Ballroom A

March 21, 2013

In CEAL's first closing plenary meeting, President Peter Zhou reviewed the course of meetings over the previous two days, in order to assess what had been accomplished. This year's meeting experimented with a new format, with one full day dealing with big ideas, centered on the issue of open access to information and launched by three top notch scholars. The afternoon then consisted of two more plenary meetings: one on Collections and the other on Services, each of which including speakers from all three CJK areas. The second day compacted the traditional committee meetings into a series of shorter and, Zhou asserted, more memorable meetings.

Zhou thought that the new format was successful in spurring thought. This year's meeting was focused on the supply side of library and information services. Next year will turn to the demand side, examining what the academic side is doing and what they need from the library.

Zhou once again urged everyone to complete and turn in their surveys.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.

President's Supplementary Comments

by Ceal President Peter Zhou

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The Luce Foundation grant this year allowed the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) to explore future directions for East Asian libraries in light of rapid changes in both academia and information technology. With support from the Luce grant, CEAL was able to organize its 2013 annual meetings around a single unified theme: Open access and discovery in the academic universe: Next steps for East Asian studies research and library development. It was the Council's largest gathering in recent years with over 300 people in attendance, including some from Asia and Europe.

The Council invited four prominent thinkers and experts to address the conference: Brewster Kahle of Internet Archive, creator of the first fully functional online library in the country with more than 1 million public domain books, over 23 million cataloging records and 2 billion readers; Pamela Samuelson of the Berkeley Law faculty, a leading scholar of digital copyright and intellectual property who has contributed much to the development of cyberlaw and information policy in the U.S.; Clifford Lynch, one of the most widely recognized strategists of the universal knowledge repository infrastructure in the nation; and Brian E.C. Schottlaender, a leader in the open access movement within the research library community. This "dream team" of keynote speakers shared the stage to address the 2013 CEAL plenary.

Kahle spoke on the issue of universal access to knowledge; Samuelson discussed the opportunities and obstacles in open access; Lynch analyzed the roles of special collections in the digital age; and Schottlaender offered a historical review of open access in the U.S. These four speeches presented a compressive picture of the open access movement, its past, current state and the future, in multiple dimensions.

In addition to the opening plenary session, this year's CEAL meeting also included two other plenary sessions on collections and services. The collections plenary session was devoted to the topic of open access in China, Japan and Korea, focusing on developments and trends. Three speakers, one each from China, Japan and Korea, reported on the open access movement in those countries. They were Yingkuan Wang, Executive Editor-in-Chief of *International Journal of Agricultural and Biological Engineering* of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Engineering, Syun Tutiya of the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation of Japan, and Heeyoon Choi of Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information of Korea. The second plenary, focused on services, assessed various open-access content in China and compared it with that in the U.S.

CEAL members fully explored the supply side of the information market via open access and digital publishing. They realized that open access has fundamentally changed the ways we think or do business because of the large amount of free information that flows digitally over the web,

digital content in the public domain, and open-access research journals. These have become all powerful means for scholarly research and learning; therefore, they must be brought into library collections and services. Many CEAL members further noted that even though open-access content has become a convenient first stop for many researchers, numerous scholarly publications from East Asia are still not free, open, or accessible without licensing and attendant costs. To some people, open access is both a revolution and a panacea; to others it is more like a maze. The 2013 CEAL meeting also identified barriers and limitations of open-access content.

Prior to the CEAL annual meeting, on Wednesday March 20, 2013, the CEAL Executive Board held a retreat to discuss how CEAL as an organization needed to change. The Board identified three priorities to work on immediately:

- continue to explore new horizons and changes in the scholarly research and information chain;
- develop a dynamic training program for CEAL members; and
- explore the possibility of converting the *Journal of East Asian Libraries (JEAL)* from print to an online open-access journal.

This year CEAL also had a chance to implement a new annual meeting format -- one full day of plenary sessions around a specific theme, followed by a day of committee sessions including reports, briefings, and demonstrations of best practices. It also held a membership reception. Overall, the 2013 CEAL meeting was productive, thought-provoking, and fruitful.