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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The October issue of the *Journal of East Asian Libraries (JEAL)* is published midway between Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) annual meetings, which means going back in time and then forward. Each of the sections below tries to bring you up to date on the past six months and also let you know what is ahead.

### ***CEAL 2015 Elections***

One of the first announcements of the Chicago meeting was the 2015 CEAL election results. The following new officers and executive board members were elected in March: Treasurer, Xi Chen (University of California-San Diego), Secretary, Adam Lisbon (University of Colorado-Boulder) and two Members-at-Large, Hana Kim (University of British Columbia) and Charles Fosselman (Stanford University). Next spring (2016) we will be electing the following officers: Vice President/President-Elect, Membership Committee Chair, and two Members-at-Large. There will be a call for nominations later this year. Please start thinking about running for election!

### ***CEAL 2015 Annual Meeting***

The 2015 Annual Meeting sessions indicated considerable interest in developments in digital humanities, linked data, and other library technology trends. The post-conference survey results indicated that one of the top reasons people attend CEAL is to acquire such knowledge and practical skills. The other top priority is to network with colleagues. These survey responses will help the CEAL Executive Board in planning for the 2016 Annual Meeting in Seattle. The survey results also reminded the CEAL board that early notification of conference workshops and events is crucial. The Executive Board will be mindful of this as the planning for next year's conference proceeds.

### ***Mellon Foundation-CEAL Innovation Grant for East Asian Librarians***

In late spring, the first two winners in the Innovation Grant Program were announced:

#### *Duke University Libraries*

Project Lead: Luo Zhou, Chinese Studies Librarian, for "The Memory Project." Grant funds will be used primarily for the arrangement, description, and reformatting of over 1,000 interviews constituting an oral history of the Great Famine in post-Revolution rural China.

#### *The Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University*

Project Lead: Yunshan Ye, Librarian for East Asian Studies, for "Blogging and Microblogging: Preserving Non-Official Voices in China's Anti-Corruption Campaign." Web content related to the Anti-Corruption campaign in contemporary China will be the focus of this digital archiving effort.

The second round of Innovation Grants will be open to CEAL members in January 2016. The deadline for proposals (in an amount *up to* \$100,000) will be March 1. Please think about developing a proposal for submission next year!

## **CEAL Activities**

Finally, I would like to recognize the work of all CEAL committees and subcommittees during 2014-2015. Not only did each committee sponsor excellent annual meeting sessions; in addition, they sponsored a range of national and international workshops, published books, and contributed to the formulation of international standards, among other activities. I cannot remember a year in which there were so many accomplishments by this dynamic organization. Below is a list of just some of the highlights:

### *Committee on Chinese Materials (CCM)*

- Workshop on Chinese Rare Books and Classics (Beijing, June 2014), co-sponsored with the National Library of China.
- Workshop on Chinese Film, Television and Documentary (Beijing, June 2015), co-sponsored with a number of Chinese organizations and universities.
- Workshop on Ancient Chinese Books and Contemporary Chinese Digital Resources (Taipei, August 2015), co-sponsored with the National Central Library, Taiwan.
- CTP/CCM Joint Working Group on ISO 7098 Romanization of Chinese, which provided a CEAL response to the International Standards Organization about this topic.

### *Committee on Japanese Materials (CJM)*

- CTP/CJM Joint Working Group on ALA-LC Japanese Romanization Table Survey (June 2014) to identify CEAL members' concerns and comments.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Kuzushiji [Japanese cursive-style writings] Workshop (New York City, May 2014), co-sponsored by Columbia University and the National Institute of Japanese Literature.
- Workshop on Japanese Rare Books (Chicago, March 2015).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kuzushiji Workshop (Berkeley, CA, May 2015).

### *Committee on Korean Materials (CKM)*

- 4<sup>th</sup> Kyujanggak Workshop for Korean Studies Librarians from Overseas (Seoul, August 2014), co-sponsored with the Kyujanggak Institute and Korea Foundation.
- Publication of ***The Handbook for Korean Studies Librarianship Outside of Korea*** (December, 2014), print and online: [www.eastasianlib.org/ckm/HANDBOOK\\_FOR\\_KOREAN\\_STUDIES\\_LIBRARIANSHIP.pdf](http://www.eastasianlib.org/ckm/HANDBOOK_FOR_KOREAN_STUDIES_LIBRARIANSHIP.pdf)
- Consortial negotiation for North American institutions for subscription to Korean Studies resources as part of the Korea Foundation's 2015 Library Support Program.

### *Library Technology Committee*

- Development of new system for managing CEAL website content using "cloud" based folders (January 2015).
- Transition to new hosting service for CEAL website and CEAL Directory (January 2015).

- Appointment of Library Technology Committee Chair Designate (Tang Li).

#### *Membership Committee*

- Planned and coordinated CEAL Annual Meeting Membership Reception.
- Published first Annual Meeting Program in print and online.
- Solicited vendor support for annual meeting program.
- Conducted post-meeting membership survey.

#### *Committee on Public Services*

- First open call for presenters for the committee's 2015 Annual Meeting session (Fall, 2014).
- Planning for 2016 pre-conference workshop on the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy.

#### *Committee on Technical Processing (CTP)*

- CTP/CCM Joint Working Group on ISO 7098 Romanization of Chinese.
- CTP/CJM Joint Working Group on ALA-LC Japanese Romanization Table.
- 2015 Pre-Conference Workshop on RDA (Chicago, March 2015).
- 2015 Workshop on NISO Demand Drive Acquisition of Monographs and KBART, co-sponsored with the CEAL Task Force on Metadata Standards and Best Practices for East Asian Electronic Resources (Chicago, March 2015).
- CEAL Response to the ISSN International Centre's Proposal regarding Major and Minor Title Changes for Serials in Chinese and Japanese submitted to the Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA with the endorsement of the American Library Association (October 2014).

#### *Publication Committee*

- Published final issue of the *Journal of East Asian Libraries* in print format (No. 159, October 2014).
- Transition to fully online, open access journal (No. 160, February 2015): <http://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/jeal/>

#### *Statistics Committee*

- Workshop "Introduction to CEAL Online Statistics I" (Online, September 25, 2014). <http://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/15260>
- Workshop "Introduction to CEAL Online Statistics II" (Online, September 30, 2014). <http://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/15261>
- CEAL Statistics annual data collection and analysis (October 2014 – January 2015)
- Published CEAL Statistics annual report in *Journal of East Asian Libraries*, February 2015 (see link above).

Congratulations and thanks to all CEAL committees and subcommittees for these wonderful achievements.

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President  
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