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## II. CEAL at IFLA, Beijing

As part of the 62nd General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), held in Beijing from August 25-31, 1996, the Council on East Asian Libraries co-sponsored a Special Conference designed as a way to bring together librarians from China and North America. The day-long event, which CEAL planned together with its partners from the '96 Beijing IFLA Conference China Organizing Committee, was entitled "The Evolving Research Library and East Asian Studies," and featured nineteen papers, most of which had been published (*Proceedings of the Special Conference on the Evolving Research Library and East Asian Studies*. Beijing: International Academic Publishers, 1996) and distributed to all participants beforehand. The papers are as follows:

1. "General Bibliography and Summaries of Ancient Chinese Books"--Xu Yimin
2. "A Review on the Sifting of Ancient Books in China"--Pan Yinsheng (Gansu Provincial Library)
3. "Organizing for East Asian Studies in the United States: The Origins of the Council on East Asian Libraries, Association for Asian Studies"--Eugene W. Wu (Harvard University)
4. "Cooperation or Competition; Real or Virtual; More or Less: Experience of East Asian Collections in Australia"--Susan Prentice (Australian National University)
5. "The Future of the Chinese Publishing Industry"--Yang Muzhi (State Press and Publication Administration)
6. "The Publication of Newspapers and Magazines in the Period of Reform and Development in China"--Cai Jianguang (State Press and Publication Administration)
7. "The Changing Role of East Asian Studies Librarians in North American"--Ai-Hwa Wu (Arizona State University)
8. "Collection and Use of East Asian Art Materials in the United States"--Lily Kecskes (Freer Gallery)
9. "Managing an East Asian Collection in a Decentralized Environment: the Illinois Experience"--Karen T. Wei (University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana)
10. "Cyberjournalism: News About China on the Internet"--Kuei Chiu (UC Riverside) and Yu-Lan Chou (UC Berkeley)
11. "Library Automation and Networking in China"--Jia Lu (Ministry of Culture, Library Department)



12. "A Discussion on Library Information Networking in China"--Huang Jungui and Tan Xiangjin (Zhongshan Library)
13. "East Asian Libraries Cooperative World Wide Web: An Experiment in Collaboration to Build Interdependence"--Maureen Donovan (Ohio State University)
14. "Network Technology: What Does it Mean to East Asian Libraries in North America"--Yuan Zhou (University of Minnesota)
15. "East Asian Collections in the Global Information Network"--Xinping (Peter) Zhou (University of Pittsburgh)
16. "Microfilming in China's Libraries"--Li Jian (National Microfilming Centre of Library Resources)
17. "The Dr. You-Bao Shao Overseas Chinese Documentation and Research Center"--Hwawei Lee (Ohio State University)
18. "National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources Multi-Volume Sets Project"--Sachie Noguchi (University of Pittsburgh)
19. "The Korean Collections Consortium of North America"--Joy Kim (University of Southern California)

In addition to those CEAL members who gave papers, several others attended the Special Conference as well as the IFLA General Conference.

The day after the Special Conference, visits were paid to the China National Publication Import & Export Corporation (CNPIEC) and the China International Book Trading Corporation (CIBTC), both of whom were key participant-sponsors of the Special Conference.

The Beijing General Conference attracted the largest attendance ever for an IFLA meeting. Attendees from all parts of the world had, in addition to a rich choice of formal paper presentations, the opportunity to visit the conference exhibition halls, to attend several receptions, including a formal dinner in the massively spacious Great Hall of the People, and to participate in several organized visits to local libraries and tour venues. The General Conference's opening session was addressed by Premier Li Peng and by Fei Xiaotong, who delivered his address in English. At the closing session, the guest lecturer was Alain Peyrefitte, Member of France's Parliament and a noted sinologist. The end of the week also coincided with the opening of the 6th Beijing International Book Fair, sponsored by the China National Publications Import & Export Corporation, which was a marvelous opportunity to meet publishers from all parts of China, as well as from around the world.

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