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September 20, 2005

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

What an exciting and productive summer CEAL members have had! Some CEAL members traveled to Asia or Europe to participate in professional activities while others were dedicated to coordinating meetings at the international level. For example, members of the Special Committee for 2006 IFLA Seoul contributed to planning for a one-day pre-conference meeting during the 72<sup>nd</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council, to be held on August 20-24, 2006, in Seoul, Korea. We would like to thank the Korean Education & Research Information Service (KERIS), for joining with us as the meeting co-organizer. Your participation in the pre-conference meeting either as presenters or as part of the audience is highly encouraged. Not only will your participation enhance your professional knowledge and skills, you will also have an opportunity to explore Korean culture in the heart of Seoul.

On behalf of CEAL, I sent a letter to Professor Colin Bundy on September 7, 2005 to express our concerns regarding the decision made by SOAS over the specialist librarian positions at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. A copy of the letter is available on eastlib. We sincerely hope that SOAS remains dedicated to the excellence of Asian Studies by maintaining high standards for its East Asian collection as well as its specialist librarians.

This issue of our journal includes articles, reports, memorials, and new appointments. Articles include: Overseas electronic resources on the Chinese Cultural Revolution; Starting a new East Asian Collection; Cooperation in Chinese authority work; Introducing Naxos Music titles to an OPAC; and the OCLC Connexion Client. Reports include: the NCC 2005 open meeting report; the NCC Publishers and Vendors Roundtable; and the *Shashi* (Japanese Company Histories) Interest Group meeting.

As the 2006 election approaches, the Nominating Committee may contact you to run for various positions. I strongly encourage you to run for the position of Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, or Member-at-Large.

You may have noticed that the June 2005 issue of JEAL has a newly designed cover. Please join me in thanking Gail King, JEAL Editor, for redesigning the cover to reflect the diversity of our organization. I sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication from our members. You have contributed to our excellence and the recognition of the critical role CEAL plays in the East Asian library community.

Sincerely,



Abraham J. Yu, President  
Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)

