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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2007 CEAL Conference will be held in Boston from Tuesday, March 20 through Thursday, March 22 at the Boston Marriott Copley Square Hotel. The conference will officially open with the Plenary Session at 8:30 on Wednesday, March 21 in Salon A-C (where standing committee meetings will also be held).

Attendees will hear a presentation by Dale Flecker on the Google Books Project, the implications of the project for libraries, and its relationship to CJK materials. Mr. Flecker is Associate Director, Planning and Systems, Harvard University Library.

The chairpersons of standing and special committees have been working with the members of their committees to plan presentations on topics of timely professional interest. The Small Collections Round Table and the new Genealogy and East Asian Diaspora Group will hold meetings on Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon respectively. New members and librarians who have recently entered the field are encouraged to attend the meeting called Talking with Experienced Librarians, which will be held on Wednesday evening. The Executive Board plans to hold two meetings, one on Tuesday evening and the other on Thursday afternoon.

Related meetings of interest to conference attendees include the Korean Collection Consortium of North America Annual Meeting, the Japanese Company Histories Meeting, the NCC Open Meeting, an RLIN-OCLC Transition Meeting, and the annual meeting of the OCLC CJK Users Group.

James Cheng, Head of the Harvard-Yenching Library, has kindly made arrangements for this year's Fellowship Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 PM at the China Pearl Restaurant. The Harvard-Yenching Library will also host a reception on Friday afternoon. Tours are being arranged for that library and other Harvard libraries that may be of interest to conference attendees.

The agenda for the CEAL conference and related meetings has been posted on the CEAL home page at: <http://wason.library.cornell.edu/CEAL/CEAL2007.htm>

At-Large Executive Board members Hong Xu and Kuniko McVey will soon be contacting CEAL members with instructions for how to cast ballots in this year's election. Members will vote for the chairperson of the CEAL Membership Committee, as well as two At-Large Executive Board positions.

Best wishes to all,

Philip Melzer
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