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**REPORT ON  
SCHOLARLY INFORMATION ON EAST ASIA  
IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

IFLA Satellite Meeting in conjunction with WLIC Seoul, 2006  
**Friday, 18 August, 2006**

by  
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Special Committee for 2006 IFLA Seoul

### **1. Charges for the Committee**

In March 2005, Abraham Yu, then Chair of the Council on East Asian Libraries, appointed the Special Committee for 2006 IFLA Seoul, with the following charges:

- Coordinate with the Korean Library Association (KLA) to organize a session during the conference
- Promote participation from CEAL members and friends
- Arrange tours for CEAL delegates to visit libraries, vendors, and utilities, etc.
- Develop training programs with local libraries, if available
- Make an interim report before the conference and a final report after the conference

### **2. Membership**

The initial members appointed by Abraham Yu were: Wooseob Jeong, Mikyung Kang, Joy Kim (Chair), Philip Melzer, and Hyokyoung Yi. Later as the work of the Committee progressed, Philip Melzer became Co-Chair with Joy Kim, and more members were added to the Committee. The expanded membership was organized as follows:

**Steering:** Wooseob Jeong, Mikyung Kang, Joy Kim (Co-Chair), Philip Melzer (Co-Chair), and Hyokyoung Yi.

**Fundraising:** Mikyung Kang (Chair), Joy Kim, Zhijia Shen, Younghee Sohn, Hyokyoung Yi, and Keiko Yokota-Carter.

**Logistics:** Wooseob Jeong, Mikyung Kang, Hana Kim, Joy Kim, Sunyoon Lee (Chair), Wenling Liu, and Younghee Sohn.

**Program:** Gary Gorman, Wooseob Jeong (Co-Chair), Sunyoon Lee, Philip Melzer (Co-Chair), Akira Miyazawa, Zhijia Shen, Keiko Yokota-Carter, and Peter Zhou.

**Publication:** Gary Gorman, Hana Kim, Gail King, Wenling Liu, Philip Melzer (Co-Chair), Akira Miyazawa, Zhijia Shen, Hyokyoung Yi (Co-Chair), and Peter Zhou.

### 3. The Conference Program

In June 2005, the Committee developed and submitted a [proposal](#) (attached) for a one-day pre-conference to IFLA which was approved. Several calls for paper proposals on various venues over the next few months generated over 30 paper proposals altogether. The Program Team selected 24 papers and one keynote address and developed a two track program as follows:

<b>Program</b>		
08:00-9:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
<b>MORNING SESSION 1</b>		
09:00-09:20	Introduction, acknowledgements	
<b>Keynote Address</b>		
09:20-09:40	Satoru Takeuchi: Early Book Paths as Preface to Library Cooperation	
<b>Digitization of nonroman scripts and digital collections; E-resource management</b>		
09:40-10:00	Xian Wu: Digital preservation: commitment and collaboration	
10:00-10:20	Junglim Chae: Building digital special collections in Yonsei Library	
10:20-10:40	Charlene Chou: Access to Chinese resources in global digital libraries: beyond cooperative cataloging	
10:40-11:00	Sun-Ah Key: E-resources management and user services with the YERM	
11:00-11:20	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>	
<b>MORNING SESSION 2 (Session A)</b> Publishing trends for scholarly information		<b>MORNING SESSION 2 (Session B)</b> E-resources; Digital resources
11:20-11:40	Nanako Takahashi: Analysis of Korean author names in publications -- for considering headings for persons in NACSIS-CAT	Taketoshi Ishikawa: NDL (National Diet Library, Japan) information services on Asia -- focusing on Internet information
11:40-12:00	Yuko Matsuzaki: Sharing East Asian economic experiences: Shashi and transnational corporate activities	Jung-ran Park: Global access to Korean cultural heritage resources: examination of the current status of digitization practice in the National Library of Korea (NLK)
12:00-12:20	Yunshan Ye: Literature in the age of market economy: new trends in Chinese literary publishing	Hideo Yamanaka: Image data as the bibliographic description for early Japanese books
12:20-12:40	Karen T. Wei: Academic publishing and information service to China scholars in North America	Cathy Chiu: East Asian E-Resources Training and Information Literacy

12:40-13:40	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION 1</b> <b>Collection Development and Collection Management</b>		
13:40-14:00	Hyun-Hee Kim: Building the management model for the national consortium of institutional repositories	
14:00-14:20	Amelia McKenzie: New directions for library collections on Asia	
14:20-14:40	Glenda Lammers: Cooperative collection development for East Asian collections: determining overlap and unique holdings	
14:40-15:00	Gillian Currie: National Gallery of Australia implements project to integrate information into collection management system	
15:00-15:20	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>	
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION 2 (Session C)</b> <b>Cooperative reference service; Information service; Document delivery</b>		<b>AFTERNOON SESSION 2 (Session D)</b> <b>Cooperative reference service; Information service; Document delivery</b>
15:20-15:40	Hong Xu and Xiuying Zou: Global document delivery and user studies: the Gateway experience	Jiping Wu: Essential Democracy in Action -- Cooperative Cataloging of East Asian Material
15:40-16:00	Jing Liu and Jade Atwill: Bridging East and West with cooperative reference service	Shuyong Jiang: Is faster better? an observation of Chinese vendor records
16:00-16:20	Kyungmi Chun and Jaeun Ku: Collaborative virtual reference service for Korean studies	Hiroshi Motoyoshi: The peculiarity of Chinese and Japanese orthography, absence of word division requires more flexible matching system (PowerPoint file)
16:20-16:40	Mihyang Park: The strategy and future plan for information service in the National Assembly Library	Hideyuki Morimoto: JTKU bibliographic records loaded in RLG Union Catalog: their compatibility with LC practices for Japanese-language monographic title cataloguing

#### 4. Sponsors

The conference was supported by the following sponsors: the **Oceania Section of the IFLA** which made it possible for the conference to be approved by IFLA; the **Korean Education and Research Information Services (KERIS)** which provided two banners and refreshments for the conference; the **Korean Library Association** which provided flowers for the conference site and dinner for the organizers; and the **Yonsei University** which provided the facilities, a banner, many volunteer workers, and all the logistical support. In addition, all the sponsors helped with publicity.

## 5. Tours

Two tours were arranged: 1) The Seoul National University (SNU) on August 17 featuring the Kyujanggak (the Yi dynasty's Royal Library), the Museum, and the Central Library; 2) Yonsei University on August 18 featuring the Central Library (various subject reading rooms, rare books, E-resources, the seating management system, the reference room, the Korean studies collection, etc.) and historic sites of the Yonsei campus, etc.

## 6. The Website

Wooseob Jeong and Sunyoon Lee developed a Website in spring 2006, featuring the conference program (with links to the full-texts or slides as they became available), the online registration form, logistical information, etc, at <http://ohmyvocabulary.com/ifla/>.

## 7. Attendance

- **The Conference:** Of the 132 people pre-registered online, 84 people actually attended. There were an additional 26 onsite registrants, making the total of registered attendees 110, not counting a few who attended without registering. The registered attendees represented 7 different countries: the United States (49), Korea (40), Japan (11), Australia (5), Canada (2), Singapore (2), and Nepal (1).
- **The Tours:** Approximately 10 people attended the SNU tour, and approximately 40 attended the Yonsei tour.

## 8. Dinner

The President of the Korean Library Association, Dr. Han Sangwan, hosted dinner for the Keynote Speaker Dr. Satoru Takeuchi and the planners from CEAL and Yonsei. CEAL funds provided dinner for the volunteer workers from Yonsei.

## 9. Financial Report

No registration fees were charged. The authorized CEAL funds (up to \$500) were used as follows:

- Business lunch with Yonsei organizers (8/14/06): \$42.23
- Dinner for the volunteer workers (8/18/06): \$140.65
- Name tags, Folders, Markers, etc.: \$106.66
- **Total Expenditure: \$289.54**

## 10. Publication

The Publication Committee has arranged to have a Korean publisher (Hanguk Haksul Chongbo, a leading database vendor and e-book publisher) publish the papers as a book in 2007. The contents will also be available as an e-book.

## 11. Evaluation

The Committee fulfilled all of its charges except for the following:

- 1) Arrange tours for CEAL delegates to visit libraries, vendors and utilities, etc.

The Committee did not include vendors and utilities in its tour program thinking that CEAL delegates could visit them at the IFLA exhibits. What we did not realize was that many CEAL members attended only the CEAL Pre-conference and not IFLA itself. In hindsight, it would have been good to have arranged a visit to a bookstore, a vendor or two, or KERIS, the Korean bibliographic utility. While it is

regrettable that we missed a rare opportunity, CEAL members are reminded that the Committee on Korean Materials arranges meetings with Korean vendors each year during annual CEAL conferences. Those interested in Korean vendors are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

2) Develop training programs with local libraries, if available.

Local libraries capable of offering training programs were so heavily committed as hosts to various IFLA-related programs and tours that we did not want to impose additional burden on them. Instead, the CEAL Committee on Korean Materials and/or the Korean Collections Consortium of North America have plans to offer training programs to CEAL members in the near future.

## 12. Acknowledgements

We wish to acknowledge the following colleagues who worked exceptionally hard for local arrangements:

- Mr. **Youngcheol Moon**, Librarian at the Yonsei University
- Prof. **Seongbin Moon**, Dept of Library and Information Science, Yonsei University and **his students**
- Ms. **Sunyoan Lee**, Chair of the Logistics Team.

Attachment: Program Proposal to IFLA

## **Proposal for an IFLA Satellite Meeting Scholarly Information on East Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL), an organization of librarians engaged in East Asian language collections in North America, proposes to host a one-day satellite conference session on the broad topic of scholarly information on East Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The program will be aimed at librarians and information technology professionals who provide bibliographic information and reference service about East Asia. The speakers, to consist of practicing librarians, library administrators, library school professors, technology experts, and service providers from various countries, will address the audiences' common interests and concerns on collection development, technical processing, public services, and technology.

The objectives of this pre-conference are:

- to share information and expertise about East Asian librarianship
- to understand one another's concerns
- to understand commonalities, differences, and identify potential areas of future cooperation among different countries
- to network

Specific topics we anticipate to emphasize include:

- Cooperative collection development and global resource sharing on East Asia;
- Preservation issues;
- Publishing trends of scholarly information in East Asia;
- Technical processing issues of non-roman language collections in the western world (e.g., Unicode and romanization issues)
- International cooperative cataloging and bibliographic standards;
- Global cooperative reference service (around the clock virtual reference, chat, etc.);
- Information literacy issues;
- Outreach and user studies;
- Challenges and opportunities of working with virtual collections on East Asia;
- Information technology issues for East Asian materials

We anticipate that papers will range in length from 15 to 45 minutes, and that many presentations will feature Powerpoint and other creative visual aids. While striving to strike a balance in coverage among the cultures of East Asia, we particularly look forward to offering presentations that will feature recent advances and accomplishments of Korean libraries that have had significant impact on Korean librarianship globally.

### **AUDIENCE:**

- Librarians who build and work with Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language collections outside of these countries;
- Librarians who serve users of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cultural background who live outside of these countries;
- Members of the library communities in China, Japan, and Korea who work with the materials in these languages;
- Vendors and service providers who meet the needs of these library communities in and outside of their respective countries.

### **ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE:**

We believe 100-150 people will attend the meeting.

### **LOCATION:**

We hope to secure a suitable conference room at the convention site. If it is not possible, we will work with our Korean sponsors to secure a site within Seoul or at a university in another city.

**DATE:**

We hope to hold our program on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> or Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. If this is not possible, we will try to schedule one of the following days, in this order: Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, or Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CO-SPONSORS:**

The program will be organized by the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), a North American professional organization for those involved in developing research collections in support of studying China, Japan, and Korea. The program has the following sponsors:

- The Asia and Oceania Section of IFLA;
- Korean Education & Research Information Service (KERIS), a comprehensive educational information services provider
- The Korean Library Association (KLA)

**DISSEMINATION OF PAPER**

We will work with Dr. Gary Gorman, Chair of the Asia & Oceania Section, and the Korean sponsors to find an appropriate publisher for the papers that are presented at this program.

**ADDRESSING IFLA'S PROFESSIONAL PRIORITIES:**

We envision our program addressing several of IFLA's professional priorities, namely:

**Providing Unrestricted Access to Information**, by focusing attention on how information about East Asia is being collected, organized, and made available through creative Websites; by introducing databases freely available on the Internet, etc.

**Promoting Resource Sharing**, by speaking about ways and examples of collaborative collection development, international ILL or document delivery of East Asian materials, and also innovative approaches to collaborative web portal development and reference service; also, about the use of Unicode to facilitate the international exchange of information, etc.

**Preserving Our Intellectual Heritage**, by describing digitization and preservation projects.

**Developing Library Professionals**, by offering advice on ways that librarians and information professionals can keep current with developments in East Asian information sources.

**Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices**, by sharing experiences in managing library operations in a rapidly changing environment; the creation and dissemination of bibliographic information in East Asian languages, particularly with reference to Unicode and romanization issues; also the use of standards to facilitate the exchange of information with East Asian countries, etc.

**Representing Libraries in the Technological Marketplace**, by describing the increasing availability of digital resources and metadata coming from East Asia via the Internet, and search strategies for finding information in East Asian languages.