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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Planning and preparations have begun for the CEAL Annual Conference, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 3, 2008. Each year, staff of the Association for Asian Studies go to great lengths to secure rooms and equipment for CEAL's annual conference and related meetings in the hotel that hosts the AAS conference. CEAL is grateful to the Association for performing this service.

The CEAL Executive Board will decide on the order in which meetings will be held. The chairpersons of standing committees will soon begin working with committee members to arrange programs that will report professionally relevant news and important accomplishments in their areas of responsibility. I will prepare the agenda for the Plenary Session that opens the conference.

Again this year, the Membership Committee will host a mentoring session, providing an opportunity for new CEAL members to meet and talk with experienced librarians about a wide range of topics of professional interest. The Public Services Committee will hold a round table discussion for librarians who work with small collections. That committee will also help arrange meeting space for the Committee on Asian Diaspora and Genealogy.

This year, in addition to the conference itself, CEAL members have the luxury of being able to attend one of three preconference sessions, to be held at Emory University on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1:

The Committee on Korean Materials will hold a "2008 Workshop on Korean Studies Librarianship." The workshop is intended for junior Korean librarians as well as East Asian librarians who are in charge of Korean collections in addition to their primary responsibilities for other language collections. Those interested in attending the workshop should contact Mikyung Kang, Chair, Committee on Korean Materials, at mlkang@fas.harvard.edu.

The Committee on Technical Processing is hosting the Library of Congress' Catalogers Learning Workshop, "Metadata Standards & Applications." The instructors will be Allene Hayes, Digital Projects Coordinator, and Rebecca Guenther, Senior Networking and Standards Specialist, both at the Library of Congress. As described by the organizers, "The course presents 21st century bibliographic control concepts, including metadata standards and applications. The goal of the course is to relate what attendees already know about library catalog metadata to digital library metadata, thereby preparing them to apply their current knowledge to new areas." For information on how to register, contact Ms. Setsuko Noguchi at enoguchi@uiuc.edu.

The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) will present an Advanced Corporate Names Authority Workshop for members of the CJK NACO Project, and those who plan to join the Project. The workshop is built on the Corporate Names module of the five-day NACO training package, and will thoroughly cover the rules for establishing corporate names in the context of CJK cataloging. Details on registration for the workshop will be forthcoming from Jiping Wu, Cooperative Cataloging Program Specialist, Library of Congress (jiwu@loc.gov).

Several other meetings relevant to East Asian librarians will be held in conjunction with the CEAL conference: the Open Meeting of the National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Materials, the Japanese Company Histories Interest Group, and the OCLC CJK Users Group. There will be more news about these, and possibly other meetings of interest to CEAL members, as we draw nearer to the conference.

Many thanks to our colleagues who are contributing significantly to the profession by taking the time to arrange and present these professionally relevant meetings.

Philip Melzer, President
Council on East Asian Libraries