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North American Coordinating Council On Japanese Library Resources Meeting Summary: September 30 and October 1, 2011

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, (104 Storch Memorial Building)
In Conjunction with the Southwestern Conference of the AAS (SWCAS)

Present were Officers: NCC Chair Keiko Yokota-Carter, NCC Chair, Executive Director Victoria Bestor; Council Members Tomoko Bialock, Philip Brown, Eiichi Ito (LC), Ken Ito (NEAC), Michiko Ito, Setsuko Noguchi (CEAL), Fabiano Rocha, and Hamish Todd (EAJRS). Observers: Beatrice Caraway, Paige Cottingham-Streeter, Susanna Fessler, Kuniko Yamada McVey, Margaret Mihori, Chris Nolan, Lisa Wong, and Grace Yu, rapporteur.

Friday, September 30, 2011: Morning Session

On behalf of Trinity University Library, Chris Nolan, Associate University Librarian, welcomed the Group. Chair Keiko Yokota-Carter thanked Mr. Nolan for Trinity's hospitality both for the Team-Building Workshop on September 29th and for hosting NCC's Meeting in conjunction with SWCAS.

Keiko first reported on the recent NCC elections conducted electronically in accordance with NCC bylaws. Kuniko Yamada-McVey, Librarian of the Japanese Collections at the Harvard-Yenching Library, has been named NCC Chair-elect to serve a one year term during 2012 followed by three years as chair, 2013, 14, and 15. Four new Council Members were also elected to begin terms over the next year: they are Tomoko Bialock, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Southern California; Philip Brown, Professor of History, Ohio State University; Susanna Fessler, Professor of East Asian Studies, University at Albany (SUNY); and Chiaki Sakai, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Iowa, who succeeds Dawn Lawson as Digital Resources Chair. She also welcomed Hamish Todd, Lead Curator, Japanese & Korean, The British Library, NCC's new liaison with the European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (EAJRS).

I) Reports from Funding Agencies, Collaborators, NCC Committees, and Working Groups:

Paige Cottingham-Streeter, the new Executive Director of the **Japan-United States Friendship Commission**, made an oral report on JUSFC activities. The Commission had just held its annual grants meeting. She congratulated NCC on having been awarded a multi-year grant, the only multi-year grant given this round. All program requests were cut at least 5%. NCC was cut in its request for next year's Summit expenses; she expressed the hope that NCC would still be able to undertake all its planned activities despite of JUSFC's fixed income. She noted that it had been impossible for the Commission to continue all programs during this time, and that NCC was fortunate not to have been cut further. She said that the Commission is pleased to see the extent to which NCC continues to focus on programs and services for smaller institutions and Commissioners were enthusiastic about NCC's Team-Building

Workshops. The Commission will be asking all long-term grantees to conduct periodic self-assessment and NCC should plan to do so before the end of the third year of the upcoming grant (by 2014-15).

She spoke about the role of CULCON and efforts to increase its visibility. CULCON's 12 members meet concurrently with the Commission; the next bi-national session of CULCON will be in April 2012. CULCON interests focus on education, policy, and cultural issues. Recent concern has included strategies for supporting the next generation of Japan's specialists, bringing more new people into the study of Japan, and developing mentoring strategies. The CULCON and Commission Websites will be expanded to include more information on the activities of JUSFC grantees.

The report for the **Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, CGP** was given by Lisa Wong of the CGP New York staff. She noted that new grant guidelines are available on the website for the coming fiscal year. A new focus is on funding brief trips to Japan for faculty and students in undergraduate courses on Japan; funds are available for travel and accommodation expenses. A professor should accompany students, and to qualify a course must have at least 1/3 of its content focused on Japan.

Ken Ito of the University of Hawaii reported on several documents from the ***Northeast Asia Council (NEAC) of the AAS*** distributed in advance. He noted that applications for Japanese study research remain strong with over eighty applications received. Incoming NEAC representative Patricia MacLachlan, who had taken part in the Team-Building Workshop, also spoke of that program's relevance to NEAC.

A number of questions were raised by NCC Council Members: Of the projects NEAC has funded for instructional materials and independent research projects, how many have an online component to them so as to create more visibility? [Answer: As yet only a handful, but perhaps that should be more emphasized in the future.]

Are research applicants asked to include the facilities they will visit? [Answer: Yes, those names must be included.] Note: NCC's Research Access Guides should cross-reference its list-building with NEAC Applications.

A question was raised about NEAC's new Distinguished Speakers Bureau listing of those who can offer NEAC-supported lectures. The list given out only included last names, and often there may be more than one person in the field with a given last name. [Answer: Further detail is provided on the NEAC Website.]

It was agreed that NCC and NEAC must continue to work together in supporting institutions with smaller Japanese studies programs. Last year, NEAC supported NCC's 3-D Conference planning the next decade. Data from NEAC grants should be made available to NCC to help build the Research Access Guides, and also NCC can make the Speakers Bureau list better known to institutions that take part in Team-Building Workshops.

Eiichi Ito, attending for Franklin Odo, Asian Division Chief, presented the **Library of Congress** report. Their budget for 2012 is in limbo through the continuing resolution process of Congress. He also noted that NCC-LC collaboration continues strong. His colleague Mari Nakahara currently serves as Co-Chair of NCC's Multi-Volume Sets Grants Program. Mari has also been closely involved in LC efforts to assist following the Daishinsai, especially to help reclaim digital and paper data. In May Mari and NCC Executive Director Vickey Bestor met with Associate Librarian of Congress Deanna Marcum to encourage LC's deeper support in post-shinsai efforts. Since that time Andrew Robb, LC Conservation Librarian, has visited Japan and worked with colleagues there. LC was also instrumental in working with National Diet Library and the saveMLAK group in working with libraries and collections at all levels.

Mr. Ito provided brief updates on other LC activities. The Twitter archive, donated to Library of Congress, is still wending its way through legal procedures to determine how that wealth of data may be used in the future. 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the planting of the cherry trees in Washington by the Japanese government. Events planned in conjunction include an exhibition co-curated by Mari Nakahara.

The **Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)**'s oral report was given by CJM Chair Setsuko Noguchi. She announced that members of CJM for her term are Tomoko Bialock, Eiichi Ito, Hamish Todd, Chiaki Sakai, Toshie Marra and Keiko Suzuki. Discussion focused on plans for the 2012 CEAL meetings, still being finalized, and on plans to change CEAL's logo. There is also a committee to suggest changes to the CEAL Fellowship Dinner format. She announced that the CEAL Board has approved indexing of the contents of the *Journal of East Asian Libraries* on EBSCO. Incoming CEAL President Peter Zhou is working with AAS on a Luce Foundation grant for "The Future Direction of East Asian Studies and Libraries in 21st Century."

Hamish Todd, the newly delegated representative to NCC from the **European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (EAJRS)**, gave his first report to NCC. EAJRS was established in 1989 as a forum for academics, librarians, and curators with Japanese interests from throughout Europe. EAJRS meets annually in September, each year in a different location. In 2012 they will meet in Berlin.

In the past, EAJRS and NCC worked in parallel across the Atlantic, with NCC programs and services usually being the subject of at least one presentation at EAJRS's annual meeting and generally several EAJRS members attending NCC's Open Meeting at AAS. A number of EAJRS board members took part in NCC's 3-D Conference after which it was decided that NCC would ask EAJRS to designate an official liaison to the NCC with an eye to keeping both sides fully informed of each other's activities and priorities and to developing deeper collaborations between EAJRS and NCC.

A great deal of EAJRS's work has been centered around cataloging, which has yielded a union catalog of early Japanese books in Europe of 13,000 -14,000 volumes and a union catalog of Japanese book and serials in major European collections. The total number of holdings in the European union catalog is over 400,000 records. There are a number of

shared concerns that EAJRS and NCC may work on together, such as changes in access to resources in Japan with the implementation of NII's CiNii books, and furthering Japanese resource sharing strategies.

It is also hoped that EAJRS and NCC will work together on other programs such as the Tenri Workshops on Japanese Antiquarian Books, which took place between 2007 and 2009, with seven US and eleven European participants. We may also work together (or learn from one another) in developing consortia that support licensing strategies and work together to get discounts from Japanese publishers and more broadly involve smaller institutions in our regions. Future collaboration on conferences or training workshops would be other projects for future collaborations.

He closed by saying that EAJRS colleagues look forward to working with NCC on the planned *Global Access to Japan Summit* in 2012 and by inviting NCC members to attend EAJRS in Berlin, September 19-22, 2012.

The ***Japan Liaison's Report*** was given by Yoshiro Kato of Keio University. He first discussed the JUSTICE project in Japan, which is a consortial effort of 448 institutions attempting to negotiate with vendors of Western language digital resources. NCC is interested in learning how JUSTICE might serve as a model for Japanese collections abroad.

Mr. Kato spoke again about his hope that NCC will advocate for wider exchange of librarians between institutions internationally. NCC already takes part when groups of librarians visit the region, as they will do in later 2011 with the exchange group from the Japanese Association of Private University Libraries (JASPUL). Since NCC is not a library or a collection of its own, what further role might NCC play in facilitating such exchanges? Other issues that complicate expanding exchanges of Japanese librarians include: some institutions are not willing to receive exchanges because of lack of space; there are few appropriate training programs; safety issues lead to concerns about liability in hosting librarians from abroad; and, many Japanese librarians do not speak enough English. CULCON has begun a curator's exchange. Since librarians are also curators, is there possibly a way to include them in the CULCON exchange?

The Report on the ***Digital Resources Committee*** was given by new DRC Chair Chiaki Sakai. She spoke about identifying candidates to be on the DRC. She hopes to recruit more members working with small institutions. Chiaki also discussed having two liaisons, one from Japan and one from EAJRS. DRC is also working on updating its website contents, to get more information from vendors and more information on use for first-time subscribers. Her committee is also working with NCC staff in creating and redesigning NCC's information literacy pages to integrate into NCC's new LibGuides/CampusGuides (LG/CG) platform. She is also working with NCC part time staff member Adam Lisbon to help develop the subject guides portal and to make navigation more convenient for users.

The ILL/DD Committee Report was given by Michiko Ito, who reported on the redesign of the pages and reformatting into the LG/CG platform. The members of her committee have been reviewing those revisions and additional feedback is expected.

Echoing the concerns raised by Hamish Todd of EAJRS, Michiko expressed concerns about NII's transition of ILL/DD communications to the CiNii Books platform. The new system will be released shortly but the exact date is not announced, nor is it clear when the new instructions for use will be released. The new system will be further complicated by separate searching for the journal database, with unknown content.

OCLC continues to say that they will replace the ISO Protocol on which the GIF project relies. The 245 institutional members have relied on WebCat and ISO for several years now and the changes will be difficult for many of them. A key component will be making sure that all institutional policy entries via OCLC are kept up to date. The ILL/DD Committee is also working with OCLC to encourage Japanese libraries to be more proactive in updating their directory entries.

The June 2011 issue of *Research Library Issues # 275* is devoted to ILL issues. That issue, which is available in PDF from ARL at <http://publications.arl.org/rli275/>, reaffirms ARL and IFLA's support of international ILL/DD in the face of copyright challenges. NCC and other institutions abroad continue to promote interlibrary loans globally. However, Japanese institutions have been slow to adopt such practices either locally or globally. The philosophy of open access is to share creativity, but that has been a difficult policy for Japanese institutions to embrace.

Michiko also reported on ILL/DD Co-Chair Lars Leon's recent participation in an ALA session on interoperability. The fact that he was invited to lead discussion sessions helps to enhance NCC's and the ILL/DD Committee's visibility.

The question of ILL/DD Statistics was raised. According to the NII Website GIF had about 1,000 transactions. US libraries use ILL/DD extensively; University of Kansas, for instance, had ILL/DD traffic of about 35,000 items, which is only considered a moderate level of activity.

In general Japanese libraries lend much less than foreign institutions, only around 2,000 items per year. Japan is still struggling with copyright issues related to the means of communicating ILL transactions online. A final resolution of Japan's policy on document delivery (using online means) has not been reached; however, if a hard line is maintained, the future of document delivery is questionable. Science materials are among those most requested by Japanese users from GIF, especially nursing and medical journals.

Fabiano Rocha reported that the **Image Use Protocol** Website regularly receives questions from scholars working on publishing a book. Generally NCC is easily able to answer the questions with reference to the Website, but sometimes members of the IUP Working Group must be consulted, especially the advisors in Japan, currently

Professors Ryo Akama and Keiko Suzuki at Ritsumeikan University. With the recent transfer of the IUP pages to the LG/CG platform there is need to revise the IUP Workshop Templates to fit the new format. IUP also regularly receives suggestions about additional IUP pages.

Keiko Yokota-Carter reported that at the European Association of Japanese Studies meetings there was a great deal of interest in IUP and that she met Japanese scholars who want to publish with US publishers who need to use the IUP template. Clearly it benefits scholars much more broadly than just those in North America, the original audience for which it was intended.

The ***Librarian Professional Development Working Group (LPD)*** report was presented jointly by Fabiano Rocha and Setsuko Noguchi with its principal focus on the Junior Librarian's Seminar taking place in Toronto prior to the AAS in 2012. Fabiano reported that the seminar received Japan Foundation funding and that participants may be able to receive three nights in the seminar hotel (double occupancy). The University of Toronto is also providing some co-funding and will host the seminar. Materials from the seminar will be published on the NCC Website, and NCC hopes to be able to videotape some of the sessions for editing and publishing as Webinars.

Fabiano noted the last Japanese studies librarian professional training seminar was offered by NCC in 2002, and the Toronto seminar will be the first in a decade. The seminar will cover such issues as collection development, information literacy, special exhibitions, NCC services, cataloging, and a roundtable with junior and senior librarians discussing new challenges. There will also be vendor sessions. Admission will be open globally and the seminar can accept up to 24 participants. Interest has been expressed from librarians in Latin America, Australia, and New Zealand with travel funding priority being given to those coming the greatest distance. While applications will be open to all, priority will be given to currently employed librarians.

Setsuko Noguchi also noted that CIC would be hosting a Webinar on Copyright Laws in Digital Media. NCC will publish the Webinar on its site for future access.

NCC's ***Multi-Volume Sets (MVS) Committee's*** report by Mari Nakahara and Michael Bourdaghs was presented by Vickey Bestor and incoming MVS co-chair Philip Brown. 2010-11 was the first year of the new two-tiered MVS grants system, and 10 MVS grants were given, 5 to large collections and 5 to small collections (those with annual Japanese materials budgets of under \$10,000). Of the ten successful grantees, four institutions had never applied to MVS before. As noted in the JUSFC report, MVS has been funded for another 3 years through 2015. MVS's online application and grants-management system, instituted last year, is working very well, saving paper, staff and committee time. One paper copy is made for archival purposes; otherwise, the entire process is paperless.

Written reports were submitted for the ***Japan Art Catalog Project Collections***. Keiko

Yokota-Carter's introduction and Chair's report spoke of her visit to NACT and introduced their new staff.

Friday, September 30, 2011: Afternoon Session (1:00 to 4:30)

II) NCC Administrative Reports:

NCC Chair Keiko Yokota-Carter reported on attending the European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS) held in August at Tallinn University in Estonia. The conference was an outstanding opportunity to meet scholars from Eastern and other parts of Europe and to discuss Japanese information resource needs, especially for digital databases.

Executive Director Victoria Bestor reported on her 5-week Japan trip in June and July 2011. During that time she had dozens of meetings with colleagues, made presentations on NCC services, and attended the Conference on Asian Studies in Japan (CASJ) at IUC. Major topics of discussion were digital resources access and pricing for smaller institutions, plans for the *Global Access to Japan Summit*, and the aftermath of Japan's 2011 Disasters.

She also reported on Website Migration to the CampusGuides Platform, including providing a demonstration of the site's navigation and introducing the beta version of the Research Access Guide and the Subject Guides Portal. Plans are for new units to be fully implemented and published online on March 11, 2012 in commemoration of the first anniversary of the Tohoku Daishinsai. Her report also included a summary of 2010-11 expenses and an update on 2011-12 year-to-date, including the hiring of part-time staff with the support of the CGP grant.

III) Discussion of New Initiatives Derived from the 3-D Conference Recommendations:

- a) The Team-Building Workshop Pilot, which occurred the previous day, September 29, 2011, was extremely successful. Six teams took part and have each planned major new courses, programs and services. A detailed report can be found at <http://guides.nccjapan.org/teamworkshop?hs=a>. Principal funding for the Team-Building Workshops was provided by Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, with additional support from the Japan-US Friendship Commission and the Toshiba International Foundation.
- b) The planned *Global Access to Japan Summit* in November 2012 was a major subject of discussion. Keiko Yokota-Carter reported that her meetings at EAJS had introduced her to several faculty who might serve as speakers at the *Summit*. Negotiations are ongoing with Culture Japan about their co-sponsorship.
- c) Fabiano Rocha reported on his presentation at EAJRS on the Research Access Guides, which was very positively received. Fabiano and Hamish Todd, EAJRS representative, also reported on other discussions at EAJRS and suggestions were received about further ways that EAJRS and NCC can collaborate.

Friday Evening: Some members attended the reception for the opening of an exhibition on Asian Art at San Antonio Museum of Art Reception held in conjunction with the Southwest Conference of the Association for Asian Studies.

Saturday, October 1, 2011: Morning Session (9:00 to 11:30)

IV) New Business, Council Recommendations, Plans for Future Meetings:

- a) NCC-related activities in connection with the aftermath of the March 11, 2011 Daishinsai were discussed. Setsuko Noguchi reported on the formation of the Disaster Preparedness Working Group made up of US and Japanese librarians and conservation experts helping to devise best practices for creation of strategies for dealing with damage to materials from floods and tsunami. She will be organizing a session for the Committee on Japanese Materials Meeting with Working Group Members.
- b) In addition, the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies will hold a roundtable on their Japan Digital Archive of Japan's 2011 Disasters, for which NCC has provided logistical and networking assistance.
- c) Tomoko Bialock raised the question of whether NCC might articulate best practices to help faculty identify the "easiest most cost efficient method" to put a journal online, perhaps through JSTOR or Project MUSE <<http://muse.jhu.edu/about/publishers/index.html>> or a combination of both. Is this an area in which NCC might provide an important online service such as it has done with the IUP to help Japanese studies professors and editors of a print journal? What are the current "conventional wisdoms" on this subject, and would an NCC-created website be useful in articulating such best practices? It was agreed that this might be a valuable project for NCC to work on in the future and following discussion the idea was tabled for future consideration.

It was decided that the fall 2012 NCC Meeting would be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Ohio State University. If possible a meeting will also be scheduled at OCLC prior to the meeting and representatives of the National Institute for Informatics (NII) and JANUL will be invited to attend.

Following the conclusion of the NCC Meeting many members attended the **SWCAS Luncheon and Keynote Speech** in Coates Student Center, where discussions of future NCC projects continued.

Trinity University Library and the Southwestern Conference of the AAS (SWCAS) hosted these Meetings. Travel and accommodations for Council Members and for Team-Workshop Participants were supported by grants from Japan US Friendship Commission, Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, and Toshiba International Foundation.

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