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From the chairperson

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I apologize for the delay in getting this issue to you. Ed Martinique sent it to me on time (in mid-July), but I held it thinking that the CEAL Directory was going to be done in a few days. Those days unfortunately stretched into weeks. As a result this issue is now about two months late.

Invoices are being sent to all but a few subscribers who have paid ahead. My hope is to send out all the invoices at one time and then take care of all the checks and updating the subscription information in the CEAL database during one season of the year. Follow-up invoices will be sent out again with the next issue for those of you who do not pay this time. If you think that there might be a mistake in the invoice, please let me know and I will check against the ledger. Every effort was made to input correct information in the newly compiled CEAL database, but undoubtedly some errors have crept into this large file.

Many efforts are underway to increase contacts between CEAL and other organizations. As many of you are aware, a delegation from Europe was at the CEAL meeting in Washington. Soon I will go to Paris to meet them at the European Association of Sinological Librarians meeting in Paris. In his remarks at the Chinese Subcommittee meeting in Washington, Thomas H. Hahn, Chairperson of EASL, urged further cooperation between European and American libraries in the areas of document delivery, resource sharing and international interlibrary loan. Of course we are still trying to develop further in these areas among ourselves. However by extending our dialog to include our European colleagues hopefully we will be able to increase our chances for success in these challenging areas.

Another initiative for increased communication has been taken by Karl Kahler (Penn) and Ray Lum (Harvard). Before the Washington meeting they contacted me and the chairs of CORMOSEA (Susan Go) and CONSALD (Lynette Wageman) and urged us to get together and meet during the AAS conference. A short, informal meeting was held of the three chairs and Karl and Ray. As a result of that meeting a proposal for a panel at the next AAS was developed and discussions for an Asian Library Liaison Committee are now beginning. I feel that increased channels of communication are always welcome and that there are many overlapping areas of interest among the library committees of AAS. Therefore I have been very enthusiastic about these developments. Please let me know if there are any areas that you think should be explored. I will let you know about progress at the next CEAL meeting.

I am very happy to report that T.H. Tsien has graciously agreed to be Guest Editor of CEAL Bulletin Number 100. He will begin his work soon. I am sure that he will be contacting some of you for contributions.

There are many other CEAL activities underway as this new academic year begins. I think that we can look forward to many exciting reports at the next CEAL meeting.

With best wishes,

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