Committee Activities

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

I. Plenary Session

Minutes of the CEAL Plenary Session
Marriott Hotel, Boston
March 24, 1994

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Chair: Ken Klein, University of Southern California
New Secretary: Doris Seely, University of Minnesota
New Treasurer: Sachie Noguchi, University of Pittsburgh

Subscription prices for the CEAL Bulletin will be increasing. Individual subscriptions will rise from $15 to $20 and institutional rates will change from $25 to $35.

REPORT

ARL Foreign Acquisitions Study and AAU Research Libraries Project
Jutta Reed-Scott

The goal of the Association of Research Libraries’ (ARL) Foreign Acquisitions Study was to evaluate the current state of affairs in research libraries concerning foreign acquisitions. The study was done to identify trends in publishing output and scholarly research and the impact of technology, particularly as related to foreign language materials. It was designed to find out where research libraries stand in terms of adequate collection development, and point out areas where support is not adequate or where the long-term impact of a gap in acquisitions will lead to problems.

The Association of American Universities’ Research Libraries Project, which was undertaken in collaboration with ARL, assessed the long-term impact of the gap between budgetary constraints over the past five years and the increased growth in publishing and student enrollment. The Project’s Task Force on Acquisition and Distribution of Foreign Language and Area Studies Materials, chaired by John H. D’Arms of the University of Michigan, with Ronald P. Toby of the University of Illinois and Dorothy Gregory of the University of California, Berkeley who, among the task force members, are especially knowledgeable about East Asia, looked at strategies to improve access to and delivery of foreign materials. Bibliographic access is possible at present but a rapid, effective document delivery service is not in place.
Libraries must rethink the development of their collections. With the new paradigm shift toward electronic access, libraries are moving toward using technology and digitization to improve access and delivery of materials.

Key Recommendations:

* Develop network-based distributed programs for foreign acquisitions in North America. With the advent of the Internet and digitization, there is a growing need to invest in the infrastructure in order to operate in this environment. We must be technologically prepared.

* Develop three pilot projects:
  (1) Latin American Studies (a hemispheric network system supported by the Mellon Foundation),
  (2) German materials (as many of the foreign materials acquired by American research libraries are from Western Europe),
  (3) Japanese language science and technology serials.

The focus on science and technology in the third pilot project was due to the presence of advanced systems in place at the article level. The National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources is exploring some projects in the humanities and social sciences which would complement the focus on science and technology. New funding sources would be identified through this initiative. This pilot project will first study Japanese science and technology collections in universities, examining what titles are held, what titles are lacking, and what titles could be shared.

Ohio State University already has a project to make the tables of contents of Japanese-language journals available on-line. A steering committee will be appointed initially to assess serials holdings and recommend further actions.

The Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force report has just been completed. Other task forces examined intellectual property rights and managing science and technology information. The AAU annual meeting will be held on April 19 and the ARL annual meeting will be held on May 19. After these two meetings have taken place, it is expected that organizational support and funding will be sought in order to carry out the projects. These projects will be used as building blocks, with later projects broadening their scope.

Maureen Donovan introduced five break-out sessions which she organized around areas that had been the focus of much attention during her three-year term as Chairperson. Since many of the initiatives and points of discussion are ongoing, it seemed especially important to provide the incoming Chairperson, Ken Klein, with a sense of the thinking of CEAL members on these topics. In her remarks Ms. Donovan noted that there have been
tremendous changes in our libraries and in our work in the time since she took office — for example, use of e-mail was rare then and now it is commonplace. However, the changes that we will see in the future are likely to be even more striking. CEAL has always been an effective organization in helping librarians of East Asian collections learn the skills they need to do their work well. Its close connection with the Association for Asian Studies makes CEAL especially well suited to play an important role as the revolution in scholarly communication currently underway unfolds. However, if CEAL is to continue to be effective it must be able to change and adapt. Therefore, each of the break-out session groups was asked to make recommendations that would help CEAL to become better able to meet its future challenges. All groups were also asked to discuss the name change proposed by T. H. Tsien and Ed Martinique. In addition, each group was given a sheet with a number of topics to stimulate discussion.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Session 1 - Reported by Ken Klein

Discussion Focus:
CEAL's mission, procedures (bi-laws) and ongoing revisions, fund-raising, CEAL meeting schedule and format.

Recommendations:

* A Task Force be struck to examine the CEAL name change as well as CEAL's mission and its relation to ALA, AAS, etc. The Task Force should consider changes in the by-laws. A vote would be taken based on their recommendations.

* CEAL meet twice a year; once in conjunction with AAS and once in conjunction with ALA.

* CEAL meetings take place before the AAS conference to free CEAL members to attend AAS sessions.

Session 2 - Reported by Anna U

Discussion Focus:
CEAL's external role, relationship to AAS, international subscribers/members, contacts with libraries in Asia, relationship to other similar organizations.

Recommendations:

* No Task Force be struck on CEAL's name change; CEAL should concentrate on services.
* CEAL should reflect its strong ties to AAS by including faculty representation.

* The name most favored was Council on East Asian Libraries.

* AAS should have representation on CEAL and vice versa. Existing councils and committees should be used to facilitate exchange.

* Contact with foreign libraries should be strengthened and better institutionalized. Information exchange between CEAL and libraries in Asia and the rest of the world should be encouraged.

Session 3 - Reported by Kristina Troost

Discussion Focus:
CEAL and public services, bibliographic instruction, interlibrary loan, reference services, database searching, inclusion of/communication with faculty.

Recommendations:

* The majority of Session 3’s members preferred the present name for CEAL. (“Committee” was said to be viewed more favorably in terms of gaining travel funds.) A ballot should be taken regarding the change.

* CEAR or SEAR, i.e., Committee or Society of East Asian Resources was suggested as a name change. An interest was expressed in including western language sources about East Asia as well as Asian language resources in the meaning of the name.

* The executive committee seriously consider a Public Services Subcommittee to include more coverage of public services than is possible with the existing Subcommittees on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Materials.

* Appoint a permanent Program Committee to work with AAS to coordinate the timing of CEAL meetings and the AAS conference sessions.

Session 4 - Reported by Ed Martinique

Discussion Focus:

Recommendations:
* A ballot was favored for the name change of the Committee. Suggested name changes included: Society for East Asian Libraries, Society of East Asian Librarians, Association of East Asian Libraries.

* To assist librarians in their academic development, CEAL publications should be refereed.

* Headers/footers should be added to the CEAL Bulletin on each page.

* Advertising and subscription forms should be included in the CEAL Bulletin.

* An increase in the frequency of the Bulletin was suggested.

* Publishing the CEAL Bulletin and Directory electronically was suggested.

* Job postings should be put on eastlib.

* CEAL should sell mailing lists to publishers.

* The annual statistical survey will be produced in revised form this year, with additional instructions. CEAL is open to suggestions; additional categories such as listing by language have been suggested.

* Eastlib should be moderated but not archived; if something is of value, it should be included in the CEAL Bulletin.

Session 5 - Reported by Yasuko Matsudo and Jutta Reed-Scott

Discussion Focus:
CEAL and the ARL Foreign Acquisitions Study, AAU Research Libraries Project, other studies, including reports generated by CEAL task forces for the ARL study.

Recommendations:

* The group favored Council of East Asian Libraries.

* There was an expressed need to focus on professional development.

* CEAL should emphasize its strong connections with AAS.

* Major issues include: How will faculty respond to the ARL Study? Who will pay for access versus acquisitions? How will libraries deal with resource sharing when there is heavy demand locally?
* A continuing relationship between CEAL and ARL is needed to foster cooperation, such as a task force or other group set up to give an ongoing structure and promote the kind of good communications that have been possible recently.

Response to the Break Out Sessions was very favorable. The Plenary Session then concluded with Maureen Donovan transferring the seal of CEAL to Ken Klein along her best wishes for him and expressions of gratitude to CEAL members for their help and support during her term. Ken Klein responded by saying that he looked forward to working with Sachie Noguchi and Doris Seely, and hoped for everyone’s help and cooperation during his term as Chairperson.

Submitted by Mary-Beth Clark, University of British Columbia.

II. Subcommittee on Library Technology

The 1994 CEAL Subcommittee on Library Technology session took place on March 24 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Boston Marriott, Copley Plaza. This year we had three presentations and one panel with three panelists.

Ms. Marie Sexton, Principal Librarian at the Asian Collection of the National Library of Australia in Canberra, presented a paper entitled "CJK Down-under: A Progress Report on the Australian National CJK Project." She described the background, current situation, and future plan of national CJK operations in Australia. An automated library system for CJK cataloging and OPAC to connect seven universities and the National Library of Australia was being developed, with use of Australian government funding, for target installation time of the second half of 1994.

The second speaker was Ms. Maureen Donovan, Japanese Studies Librarian at Ohio State University (OSU). The title of her presentation was "Mosaic and the World-Wide Web: Possible Uses for East Asian Collections." She discussed the World-Wide Web (WWW) technology, with special reference to the Australian National University’s efforts in developing a major WWW-accessible information resources site for Asian studies. Mention was also made of the Stanford project in Japanese information collection and organization and of the Ohio State University Libraries initiative in exploring the potential uses of the World-Wide Web for East Asian studies and East Asian librarianship.

Ms. Yu-Lan Chou, Chinese Cataloger at Ohio State University, was the third presenter. The title of her talk was "The CJK Cataloger's Workstation at OSU." She discussed functionality of the workstation now in use for CJK vernacular title cataloging at the Ohio State University Libraries. This 486 processor-based CJK cataloger's workstation, operated through MS-Windows, v. 3.1 (both English and Chinese systems), had multitasking capability to access OCLC/CJK, OCLC/Prism, non-CJK RLIN, various OPACs, WWW, and e-mail.
Last, but not least, we had a panel of three speakers from the University of Washington: Mr. Robert R. Britt, Library Associate at the Marion Gould Gallagher Law Library; Mr. William B. McCloy, Assistant Librarian for Comparative Law at the same library; and Ms. Yeen-mei Wu, Assistant Head/China Librarian at the East Asia Library. The title of the panel was "The University of Washington's Experience with Innovative Interfaces' CJK System." The panelists discussed the use, problems of, and some solutions to the III/CJK system as implemented at the University of Washington. The University had two separate installations of the system: one for the Law School Library and another one for the East Asia Library. The Law School Library "passed" records from RLIN, while the East Asia Library's OCLC records were downloaded on a daily basis through FTP. It was hoped that the next release of the III/CJK program will print CJK vernacular data appearing in US/MARC field 880 on purchase order forms so that the current two-step approach of creating roman-only records on III and supplying vernacular data to the roman-only data downloaded from III to a PC with the use of TwinBridge may be streamlined. Development of a system that would accept handwriting as a vernacular data input method was also mentioned from speakers in the audience.

Preparation for this entire program of the 1994 CEAL Subcommittee on Library Technology was based on input from CEAL members. A program evaluator from the Subcommittee will be soliciting, both formally and informally, participants' assessments of the session as well as suggestions for future meetings. The reader's cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated to make our Subcommittee activities ever more meaningful to CEAL members.

(Hideyuki Morimoto)

III. Minutes of the CEAL Executive Group Meeting II

The meeting was held Saturday, 26 March 1994, at the Boston Marriott, Copley Plaza from 7:00 to 8:35 a.m.

Present: Ken Klein (Chair), Maureen Donovan, (ex officio), Sachie Noguchi (Treasurer), Doris Seely (Secretary and Recorder), Boksoon Hahn, Karl Kahler, Yasuko Makino, Yasuko Matsudo, Anna Liang U, Ai-Hwa Wu, Tai-loi Ma, (Chair, Subcommittee on Chinese Materials), Eizaburo Okuizumi (Chair, Subcommittee on Japanese Materials), Yoon-whan Choe (Chair, Subcommittee on Korean Materials), Hideyuki Morimoto (Chair, Subcommittee on Library Technology), Charles Wu (Chair, Subcommittee on Technical Processing).

PROPOSED NAME CHANGE

The discussion at the breakout meetings of the Plenary Session showed that, while most members are willing to consider a name change for CEAL, few felt strongly that
such a change was necessary. There was no consensus on which of many proposed new names we should choose. The Group agreed that Anna U, Ai-Hwa Wu, and Ken Klein will work together to develop an initial ballot on the question of whether we want to change our name. Included with the ballot will be a summary of the main arguments for and against the change. If the response to this first ballot is negative, the issue will be dropped. If most members favor a name change, a second ballot will be prepared for a vote on which name to adopt.

FUTURE OF THE TASK FORCE ON RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES LIBRARIANS

The Task Force was an outgrowth of the Hoover Conference on National Planning for Japanese Libraries. Chair Sharon Domier (Miyazaki) has concentrated on the training aspect. The popularity of this year's CEAL Preconference Workshop on Handling Vernacular on Personal Computers and over the Internet and the workshop organized in Los Angeles last year by the Subcommittee on Japanese Materials are indicative of the need for and interest in such training activities. However, dividing the responsibility for the workshop planning between two groups proved cumbersome this year. The Group agreed to disband the Task Force and leave it up to the Subcommittees to organize their own training activities for the time being.

PROPOSED FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

The members of the Group agreed that it is important to create a public services committee. Under the CEAL bylaws, all subcommittee chairs are to be elected at the same time, but the CEAL chair may establish a subcommittee and appoint a temporary chair, pending an election. The Group agreed that we do not want to wait for the next election, so Klein appointed Yasuko Makino to serve for two years as ad hoc chair of the new subcommittee and to select the other members of the subcommittee. (In a posting to eastlib dated 5 May 1994, CEAL Chair Ken Klein reported that the members of this new subcommittee were: Cathy Chiu (UC Santa Barbara), Chungsoo Kim (New York Public Library), Mihoko Miki (UC Los Angeles), and Kristina Troost (Duke University). —Editor)

ILL AND BI TASK FORCES

The work of these task forces will continue, but will be folded into the new Subcommittee on Public Services.

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, HONOLULU, AND BEIJING

The incoming Vice President of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Evelyn Sakakida Rawski, would like to see CEAL and other librarians’ groups present programs of interest to other AAS members on a continuing basis. It has been
proposed that there be four days of AAS meetings in Honolulu rather than three, and that one of the four days be devoted entirely to library-related programs. In order to prepare the way for this, it was suggested that a Friday evening program of interest to both librarians and scholars be presented in Washington next year. The Group concurred with this suggestion and agreed to schedule CEAL meetings on Wednesday as well as Thursday in order to free Friday evening for this purpose.

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM CEAL SUBCOMMITTEES

Evelyn Rawski suggested that the CEAL Subcommittees on Japanese and Korean Materials make annual reports directly to the Northeast Asia Council of AAS and the Subcommittee on Chinese Materials make annual reports to the China and Inner Asia Council on issues of interest to AAS so that AAS can keep up with CEAL activities. The Group considered and accepted this suggestion.

CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN AAS ALLC

Karl Kahler noted that both he and Maureen Donovan have worked with the AAS Asian Libraries Liaison Committee and that it is important for Ken Klein to maintain this relationship.

OUTGOING MEMBERS THANKED

Outgoing Executive Group member Boksoon Hahn and outgoing Chair Maureen Donovan were thanked for their work on behalf of CEAL over the past three years.

Submitted by Doris Seely