From the President

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Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

It has been an honor to have served as your CEAL President for the years 2003-2006 alongside such talented and dedicated members as yourselves and those of the Executive Board. This issue of the Journal of East Asian Libraries (JEAL) is the last issue for which I will be writing the introductory message, as I will be proudly turning over the CEAL presidential duties to our new President, Philip Melzer, at the 2006 Plenary Session in San Francisco. Please join me in welcoming our new President.

Since last summer, one of the major activities of CEAL has been planning the 2006 IFLA Seoul Pre-conference Meeting scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2006. The Special Committee for 2006 IFLA Seoul has been working extremely hard planning this event. Your participation in this as well as the 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council is highly encouraged. I would like to thank Joy Kim and Philip Melzer, Co-Chairs of the Special Committee, and members of the Special Committee for their hard work. In addition, I would like to thank Shi Deng, Chair of the Subcommittee on Review and Comment on Resource Description and Access (RDA) Draft, as well as members and advisors of the subcommittee, for their dedication to reviewing and commenting on the RDA draft.

There is much anticipation and excitement surrounding the upcoming San Francisco meeting as it will be marked with distinction. The pre-conference SCCTP Advanced Serials Cataloging workshop, sponsored by the Committee on Technical Processing, will take place at UC Berkeley. In addition to the Plenary Session and committee meetings, there are various round tables, consortiums, library tours, and receptions. Each of the CEAL committees will have special programs to share with us all.

This issue of our journal includes five articles: World Digital Library and E-Resources in the Asian Division, Library of Congress; Ideograph Variant Forms and Usage Control in NACSIS-CAT; Hanbok, Korean Traditional Dress: A Selected Annotated Bibliography; To Extend Functionalities of WebPAC by Developing the Library Online Catalogue into a Library Resources Portal—the Lingnan University Experience; and The 2005 Tokyo International Book Fair. Also in this issue are the CEAL Statistical Report 2004-2005, OCLC Dialog Forum for Chinese Digital Content Report, and NCC September 16-17, 2005 meeting report, plus committee activities, new appointments, and retirements.

As the 2006 CEAL Meeting approaches, I want to thank Nominating Committee members for their hard work in identifying and encouraging new faces to serve on the CEAL Executive Board. I also would like to thank outgoing Executive Board members for their support, dedication, and contributions during the last few years. I will always remember and appreciate their work to help our organization succeed. I am sure that 2006, the Year of the Dog, will be another exciting, challenging, and rewarding year for us all!

Sincerely,

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