

EAST ASIAN LIBRARY RESOURCES GROUP OF AUSTRALIA

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**East Asian Library Resources Group of Australia (EALRGA) General Meeting
and
Round Table Discussion on Chinese Collections**

13 July 2011 2:30-5:00pm

McDonald Room, Menzies Library, The Australian National University, Canberra

Minutes

Present: Bick-har Yeung (President, EALRGA) (CHAIR/FACILITATOR), Wan Wong (Treasurer, EALRGA), Rebecca Wong (Secretary, EALRGA), Amy Chan (ANU), Darrell Dorrington (ANU), Hongli Jia (ANU), Toshio Takagi (ANU), Shuming Bao (China Data Centre), Angela Li (CNKI), Zhang Yimin (CNKI), Dennis Kishere (Monash U), Di Ouyang (NLA), Irina Chou (NLA), Amelia McKenzie (NLA), Simon Shi (Superstar), Zhang Aizhen (Superstar), Jason Dai (Wangfang Data).

Apology: Renata Osborne

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ITEM 1 EALRGA GENERAL MEETING (2:30-3:00p.m.)

1.1 Welcome by the President

The President welcome attendants from Australian libraries and representatives of Chinese information resources providers.

1.2 Report on EALRGA Committee meeting on 23 March 2011

- a) New members – Renata Osborne has stepped down as President and became the Vice-president of EALRGA.
- b) Susan Prentice has stepped down as EALRGA's Committee member and left the committee.
- c) Bick-har Yeung was elected as the President of EALRGA with effect from 1 April, 2011. Bick-har will continue to serve as editor of the EALRGA Newsletter until August 2011.
- d) Wan Wong will continue to serve as the Treasurer.
- e) Rebecca Wong (ANU), joined EALRGA Committee as the Secretary on 23 March 2011.
- f) Michelle Hall (Melbourne U) will be the editor of EALRGA Newsletter with effect from issue 59 Dec 2011.
- g) The President thanked Renata, Susan, Wan and Previous EALRGA Committee members, Andrew Gosling and CP Tang for their contributions to EALRGA.
- h) The President Welcome Rebecca and Michelle on board to the Committee.
- i) 1,000 pieces of EALRGA Bookmarks are now available. East Asia Library representatives are welcome to bring back to the library for distribution.

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- j) All Newsletters since Issue 1, 1978 are now available online. Thanks to Wan's hard work on making it happened.
 - k) EALRGA used to have members through subscription to the Newsletter. The Newsletter is going online and available for free access. The latest EALRGA distribution list is based on the old membership subscription. If anyone wants to be added onto the EALRGA list, please contact any of the Committee members.
- 1.3 EALRGA Funding for East Asian library and research activities
- a) Limited amount of funding is now available for conference attendance, promotional activities, etc. Funding guidelines are available on website
 - b) This year, EALRGA Fund was allocated to NLA applicant to attend JSAA.
 - c) Funding applications close at end of April each year for the following year. Interested parties can send application to Bickhar, Wan or Rebecca
- 1.4 EALRGA Library booth at CSAA and future related activities
- a) EALRGA Library Booths was first trialled out in ASAA in Melbourne 2 years ago. Since then, the Booth was set up in ASAA in Adelaide last year and JSAA (Melbourne) and CSAA (Canberra) this year.
 - b) Besides the Booth, EALRGA also engaged in a Panel on Library Resources in CSAA conference, together with Andrew Gosling's book launch organized by NLA.
 - c) Members stationed on the Booth should be more proactive to hand out information.
 - d) It was agreed that these events were important meeting point and a Library Booth will be well placed.
 - e) Committee members to consider using EALRGA fund to make a big signage/banner in future booths.
- 1.5 Future EALRGA AGMs location and time
- a) Frequency of AGM – it is recommended that AGM are to be held every second year, preferably during ASAA or as chance comes up.
 - b) Membership – No official membership is required. EALRGA will keep a register of interested people and institutions.
 - c) At present, no restriction on type of libraries/geographic interest is specified.

Committee members

ITEM 2 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS (3:00-4:30pm)

- 2.1 NLA's Overseas Collecting Review
by Meredith Batten, Project Manager of the NLA's Overseas Collecting Review, National Library of Australia

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In this review, Meredith Batten talked about the current project on Overseas Collecting Review and how this will inform management on strategies to reduce processing cost of overseas resources while improve access to the information.

2.2 CEAL Meeting Report, 30 March 2011, Hawaii
by Darrell Dorrington, ANU Library

In this session, Darrell Dorrington shared his experience in CEAL Meeting in Hawaii. Given the recent incident of earthquakes and tsunami in Japan, the CEAL Board meeting was opened with discussion on share/distributed storage of physical collections to survive natural disaster. More information on the CEAL meetings is available on CEAL website.

2.3 A National Approach to Chinese Electronic Resource Subscription
by Rebecca Wong, Darrell Dorrington, ANU Library

In this session, Rebecca Wong examined the common features of national licenses internationally and compared them against the Australian landscapes. Strategies on ways forward to make unaffordable resources available for East Asian libraries are discussed. Darrell Dorrington identified some potential information resources which are candidates for a national approach.

2.4 Establishment of a Central Register of Major Chinese Items for Consideration
Chaired by Bick-har Yeung

All participants joined the discussion on how to establish a central register to exchange information on interest to information products. The register will provide information to exchange commands on products or initiate collaborative efforts on negotiation.

2.5 Resolutions

- a) National Approach – Members are recommended to
- consider a model recently established for a Japanese product (one subscription shared by 5 libraries)
 - Consider central support to take care of diverse demands. Potential funding sources can be the government, private sector donors.
 - Have the leading institutions to provide training to smaller institutions
 - EA Librarians should begin to get user groups (e.g. Australian Centre of China in the World) involve in EALRGA activities.

All members

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- b) Central Register – a wiki account will be set up in ANU. East Asian Librarians will be invited to join the list. *Rebecca Wong*
- c) EALRGA shall advocate for joint meeting with JSAA and KSAA in next ASAA to strengthening the bonding and share concern on common to East Asian Libraries and users, especially on grant seeking and consortium negotiations. *Committee members*

The Meeting and Round Table Discussion ended at 5:00p.m.