

OVERSEAS NEWS

US libraries reaffirm support for Wade-Giles romanisation

Following the Library of Congress' document *Pinyin: Possible Approaches for Cataloging and Automation*, the Association for Asian Studies, Inc. in USA surveyed its members. This resulted in a letter, dated July 20 1990, and supported by 31 US academic libraries including those with major Chinese collections. The letter strongly opposed any change to the Wade-Giles romanisation standard for Chinese and reaffirmed the position taken in 1981. The letter is published in the *CEAL Bulletin* No. 90 (June 1990).

Sesame Bulletin

Sesame Bulletin reports on international developments in language automation, covering computer handling of scripts, character sets, and applications. This journal will interest scholars, government departments, community groups, libraries, or any agency working in a multilingual context where automation is necessary.

Subscriptions for 1991 (Volume 4) are now due, at £30.00 (surface mail) or £35.00 (airmail) for individual membership. Renewals received by 1st December 1990 are entitled to a £3.00 discount. (Individuals contemplating subscribing: if interested, please contact me about co-ordinating payment to avoid individual bank charges - Susan MacDougall).

CALA news

The Chinese-American Librarians Association (CALA) is continuing its Chinese American Resources Directories Project, and producing directories to resources in Indiana, Michigan and South Carolina. Ching-chih Chen, who is a member of CALA, has recently received the 1990 LITA/Gayford achievement award for her work on the Project Emperor 1: China's Treasure Revealed via Videodisc Technology.

From: CALA Newsletter No. 50 (October 1990).