

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SINOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS (EASL)

Minutes of the Thirty-second Annual Conference
Paris, 4-6 September 2012

The thirty-second EASL conference was hosted by University Library of Languages and Civilizations Studies (BULAC), Paris, France from 4 to 6 September 2012. The meetings were chaired by Maja Fuchs.

The EASL Conference took place simultaneously with the European Association of Chinese Studies ([EACS](#))' conference in order to enhance exchange between researchers and librarians. Université Paris Diderot, the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (**INALCO**) and the Bibliothèque universitaire des Langues et Civilisations (**BULAC**) jointly hosted both events in Paris. EASL members could visit EACS presentations without fees.

During the EASL conference, two library visits, one presentation and a reception were organised by the local host. The reception was held at the conference venue on Tuesday evening. There was a visit to the not yet opened BULAC Library where members were shown the rare books collection on Wednesday.

On Thursday morning, six presentations by EASL members were given during a panel that had been accepted for the EACS schedule; they were met with great interest and produced interesting discussions.

On Thursday afternoon members visited the Mazarine Library where they were given a presentation of the first French public Library and its history. The farewell dinner took place on Friday evening at Le Café du Commerce restaurant.

Present

- **Members**

Inga-Lill **Blomkvist** (Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Denmark)

Barbara **Bonazzi** (École française d'Extrême-Orient, France)

Hiroko **Brittain** (The British Library, Boston Spa)

Cathy **Chiu** (University Library, University of California at Santa Barbara)

Cristina **Cramerotti** (Guimet Museum Library, Paris)

Alice **De Jong** (East Asian Library, Leiden University)

Frédéric **Devienne** (Bibliothèque de l'UFR des Langues et Civilisations de l'Asie Orientale (LCAO), Paris)

Katarína **Feriančíková** (Institute of East Asian Studies Library; Chiang Ching-kuo International Sinological Centre, Charles University, Prague)

Maja **Fuchs** (Library of East Asian Studies / Sinology, University of Vienna)

Marc **Gilbert** (Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon)

David **Helliwell** (Bodleian Library, Oxford University)

Bénédicte **Héraud – van der Meer** (Bibliothèque du Centre d'études sur la Chine modern et contemporaine, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris)
Kerstin **Herelius** (Uppsala University Library)
Olivier **Höhn** (Asia Library, Stockholm University Library)
Matthias **Kaun** (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin)
Anne **Labitzky-Wagner** (Institute of Chinese Studies Library, Heidelberg University)
Dat-wei **Lao** (University Library of Languages and Civilizations Studies (BULAC), Paris)
Hanno **Lecher** (Institute of Chinese Studies Library, Heidelberg University)
Zhenxing **Liu** (University of Nottingham Library)
Fung On **Lui** (Library of the Johann Wolfgang von Goethe-University, Frankfurt)
Andreas **Mixius** (East Asia Department, German National Library of Science & Technology, Hannover)
Nathalie **Monnet** (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris)
Inga **Nyman Ambrosiani** (Asian Library, Stockholm University Library)
Joshua **Seufer** (Bodleian Library, Oxford University)
Martina **Siebert** (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin)
Dellphine **Spicq** (Bibliothèque de l'Institut des Hautes études chinoises of the Collège de France, Paris)
Soline **Suchet** (University Library of Languages and Civilizations Studies, BULAC, Paris)
Erik **Svanström** (Humanities and Theology Libraries, Lund University; Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Denmark)
Thomas **Tabery** (Bavarian State Library, Munich)
Katharina **Thölen** (Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Zürich)
Shenxiao **Tong** (Edinburgh University Library)
Huei-chung **Tsao** (National Central Library of Taiwan, Taipei) (partly)
Wai-hing **Tse** (School of Oriental and African Studies Library (SOAS), University of London)
Shu-hsien **Tseng** (National Central Library of Taiwan, Taipei) (partly)
Benedicte, **Vaerman** (Oost-Aziatische Bibliotheek, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
Marc **Winter** (Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Zürich)
Zhang **Ying** (Irvine Libraries, University of California)
Hsiao-ming **Yu** (Center for Chinese Studies, Taipei)

• **Vendors**

Linda **Empringham** (Brill)
Feng Qi (CNKI, China)
Guan Xiaolan (CNKI, China)
Ke Chunxiao (CNKI, China)
Liu **Li** (CNPIEC)
Li Yaxin (CIBTC)
Gigi **Shih** (Airiti)
Wang Tong (CIBTC)
Wang Xiaosen (China Data Center, University of Michigan)
Wang Yi (Shanghai Library)
Wu Peijuan (Shanghai Library)
Zhang Aizhen (Superstar Information Technology Co., Ltd)

Lucy **Zhang** (WanFang Data Co., Ltd., China)
Zhang Xiaoru (CNKI, China)
Zhang Yimin (CNKI, China)

There were no vendors' presentations due to the adapted agenda, but vendors displayed their products for EASL and EACS participants in designated areas.

Apologies

Valentina **De Monte** (Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon)
Claudia **de Morsier-Fritz** (Zentralbibliothek, Universitäts-, Kantons- und Stadtbibliothek, Zurich)
Bent **Lerbaek Pedersen** (Royal Library, Copenhagen)
Eva **Popovič** (National Museum Library, Prague)

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1. Chairman's address and the welcome speech by the host institution

Maja Fuchs opened the conference by thanking the local host for organising the conference, followed by welcome speeches by **Tiphaine Vacqué (BULAC's Vice Director)**, and **Christine Lamarre (Director of INALCO Chinese Department)** and co-organizer on behalf of EACS.

Maja Fuchs then extended her warm welcome to all the participants and especially to the new members who joined the conference for the first time.

2. Minutes of the previous EASL conference and member reports

The minutes of the 31st EASL conference were approved.

3. Treasurer's report

Anne Labitzky-Wagner presented her Treasurer's report. There was an increase of €9.35 in the form of interest for 2011. As German banks calculate interests for the entire fiscal year – 1st January 1st to 31st December, the interests that have been accumulated in 2012 will be shown in next year's report. The total balance is €1,879,66.

4. Report on conferences

4.1. 2012 International Seminar on Digital Publishing and Digital Library, Kunming 25th -30th June, 2012 (Erik Svanström, Copenhagen/Lund ; Inga-Lill Blomkvist, Copenhagen)

http://big5.oversea.cnki.net/kns55/2012_Seminar/gb/Default.htm

4.2. IDEAS 3rd IT seminar “*An East Asia Knowledge Infrastructure for Europe: Integrating State of the Art Electronic Resources for East Asian studies*”, Brussels April, 2012 (Matthias Kaun, Berlin)

4.3. Treffpunkt Standardisierung at the 101. Deutscher Bibliothekartag 2012, Hamburg, 22 - 25 May 2012 (Anne Labitzky-Wagner, Heidelberg)
<http://reg.mcon-mannheim.de/onlineprogramm-mmv/index.aspx?kongressID=49>

4.4. Colloquium: The Selden Map of China, Oxford September, 2011 (David Helliwell, Oxford)
<http://seldenmap.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

4.5. Texting China: Composition, Transmission, Preservation of Pre-modern Chinese Textual Materials, Chicago 11th -13th May, 2012. (Matthias Kaun, Berlin ; Nathalie Monnet, Paris)
<http://textingchina.lib.uchicago.edu/>

5. Presentations of EASL members

The following presentations were given by members:

- David Helliwell – *Project presentation*
- Hanno Lecher – *From 9 to 1: not being a countdown*
- Thomas Tabery – *Cataloguing and Digitising Chinese Rare Books and Manuscripts at the Bavarian State Library*
- Ying Zhang and Cathy Chiu – *Collaborative Chinese Collection Development at the University of California*

These presentations will be found on the EASL website for members to access.

6. Presentations on the EASL panel at EACS

- Matthias Kaun – *Find & Acces: Looking for and into Chinese materials in Europe*
- Martina Siebert – *The Changing Landscape of Chinese Digital Resources*
- Thomas Tabery – *Digitisation of Collections on East Asia in European Libraries*
- Marc Winter – *Yongle Dadian for the iPad: The Chinese “Holdings” in the Universal Library of the Internet Archive*
- Anne Labitzky-Wagner – *WorldCat, HEIDI & Co.: observations on their basic principles and differences*
- Nathalie Monnet – *Ancient Books, New Resources: Online Access to the Ancient Chinese Collections at the Bibliothèque nationale de France*

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7. Discussions on EASL affairs

7.1. EASL webpage

Extensive discussions regarding the future of the EASL webpage resulted in a decision to keep it, although in a simpler and more easily updated form. The EASL Secretary is responsible for updating member information, minutes, agendas and member presentations. Maja Fuchs is responsible for updating and shortening of the presentation of EASL on the front page. David Helliwell is responsible for supplying the previous EASL meeting minutes from the start in 1981 to 1995. Katharina Thölen is responsible for completing the BEASL archive.

Correct member information is to be given by the end of 2012 to the Secretary by country/area representatives as follows:

- Czechoslovakia - Katarína Feriančíková
- Spain - Martina Siebert
- Netherlands – Alice De Jong
- Belgium - Benedicte Vaerman
- UK – David Helliwell
- Italy - Barbara Bonazzi
- Germany – South: Hanno Lecher ; North: Martina Siebert
- France – Soline Suchet
- Nordic Countries – Erik Svanström
- Austria - Maja Fuchs
- Slovenia - Maja Fuchs
- Russia - Maja Fuchs

7.2. Simultaneous search of Chinese materials in European Libraries

Matthias Kaun welcomes all libraries with Asian studies related materials to join CrossAsia MetaSearch.

<http://crossasia.org/search.html>

7.3. IDEAS 3rd IT seminar

EU will support infrastructure but not support buying recourses. Libraries have to find money on a national level for resources and then go to EU to ask for help with infrastructure.

7.4. EASL meetings in China

The suggestion by CNPIEC to hold EASL meetings in China was turned down.

8. Elections

The meeting accepted that Maja Fuchs, Erik Svanström and Anne Labitzky-Wagner would continue as Chairwoman, Secretary and Treasurer.

9. Next conference

Thanks to Alice De Jong's invitation, the thirty-third annual EASL conference will be held Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th September 2013 at the East Asian Library, Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Future conference venues were briefly discussed:

2014: Stockholm, Sweden or once again parallel with EACS in July at Braga, Portugal

2015/2016: Oxford or Heidelberg

The thirty-second EASL conference closed with an expression of thanks to Soline Suchet and Dat-wei Lao for their excellent arrangements.

Erik Svanström
EASL Secretary
9 March 2013, Lund