

## EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SINOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS (EASL)

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Conference  
Leiden, 4-6 September 2013

The thirty-third EASL conference was hosted by East Asian Library, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands from 4 to 6 September 2013. The meetings were chaired by Maja Fuchs.

During the conference, two library visits, one presentation and a reception were organised by the local host. The reception was held at the conference venue on Wednesday evening. On Thursday afternoon there were two visits, one to the Leiden University Library where members were shown the Van Gulik collection and the other to the Bibliotheca Thysiana where they were given a presentation of the Library and its history. The farewell dinner took place on Friday evening at the City Hall Restaurant.

### Present

#### • Members

Inga-Lill **Blomkvist** (Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Denmark)  
Hiroko **Brittain** (The British Library, Boston Spa)  
Alice **De Jong** (East Asian Library, Leiden University)  
Jarmila **Fiurášková** (Department of Asian Studies, Palacky University, Olomouc)  
Maja **Fuchs** (Library of East Asian Studies / Sinology, University of Vienna)  
Marc **Gilbert** (Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon)  
David **Helliwell** (Bodleian Library, Oxford University)  
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)  
Hanno **Lecher** (Institute of Chinese Studies Library, Heidelberg University)  
Fung On **Lui** (Library of the Johann Wolfgang von Goethe-University, Frankfurt)  
Eva **Popovič** (National Museum Library, Prague)  
Martina **Rysova** (Department of Asian Studies, Palacky University, Olomouc)  
Joshua **Seufert** (Bodleian Library, Oxford University)  
Delphine **Spicq** (Bibliothèque de l'Institut des Hautes études chinoises, collège de France, Paris)  
Soline **Lau-Suchet** (University Library of Languages and Civilizations Studies, BULAC, Paris)  
Erik **Svanström** (Humanities and Theology Libraries, Lund University)  
Thomas **Tabery** (Bavarian State Library, Munich)  
Katharina **Thölen** (Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Zürich)  
Shenxiao **Tong** (Edinburgh University Library)  
Wai-hing **Tse** (School of Oriental and African Studies Library (SOAS), University of London)

Benedicte **Vaerman** (Oost-Aziatische Bibliotheek, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)  
Ruili **Zhang** (University of Manchester Library)

- **Vendors**

**Bao** Xuesong (Superstar)  
Rodney **Buhrsmith** (Eastview)  
Jason **Dai** (WanFang Data)  
**Chen** Dan (Shanghai Library)  
Dominique **De Roo** (Brill)  
Claire **Feng** (CNKI)  
**Guan** Xiaolan (CNKI)  
**Ke** Chunxiao (CNKI)  
**Liu** Li (CNPIEC)  
Heleen **Palmen** (Brill)  
Melody **Wang** (Shanghai Library)  
**Wang** Tong (CIBTC)  
**Wang** Xiaosen (China Data Center)  
**Xiao** Zhifei (China Int'l Book Trading Corp.)  
**Xu** Zhuoyun (Shanghai Library)  
**Yuan** Lei (Shanghai Library)  
**Zhang** Aizhen (Superstar)  
**Zhang** Guifang (Beijing Chinese Book Trading Co.)  
**Zhou** Linlin (CIBTC)  
**Zhu** Haibo (Beijing Chinese Book Trading Co.)

### **Apologies**

Barbara **Bonazzi** (National Center for Scientific Research (NCRS), Paris)  
Claudia **de Morsier-Fritz** (Zentralbibliothek, Universitäts-, Kantons- und  
Stadtbibliothek, Zürich)  
Katarína **Feriančíková** (Institute of East Asian Studies, Charles University, Prague)  
**Huang** Xiyi (Leeds University Library)  
Graham **Hutt** (formerly at The British Library)  
Dat-wei **Lau** (École française d'Extrême-Orient, France)  
Bent **Lerbaek Pedersen** (Royal Library, Copenhagen)  
**Liu** Zhenxing (Hallward Library, University of Nottingham)  
Andreas **Mixius** (East Asia Department, German National Library of Science &  
Technology, Hannover)  
Inga **Nyman Ambrosiani** (Stockholm University Library)  
Emma **Palmqvist** (Stockholm University Library)  
Cordula **Treimer** (Museum für Asiatische Kunst / Kunstbibliothek Staatliche Museen  
zu Berlin Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz)  
Marc **Winter** (Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Zürich)  
**Yu** Dong Klara (Vatican Library)

## **ACTA**

### **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 a welcome speech by **Maghiel van Crevel (Professor of Chinese literature and Academic Director of LIAS)**.

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 32<sup>nd</sup> EASL conference were approved.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

Anne Labitzky-Wagner presented her Treasurer's report. There was an increase of €4.72 in the form of interest for 2012. As German banks calculate interests for the entire fiscal year – 1<sup>st</sup> January 1st to 31<sup>st</sup> December, the interests that have been accumulated in 2013 will be shown in next year's report. The total balance is €1,883,98.

It was decided that Soline Lau-Suchet will be refunded for the money missing for last years farewell dinner.

### **4. Report on conferences**

4.1. "The cloud" (BULAC non Latin scripts pilot library)(Anne Labitzky-Wagner, Heidelberg)

4.2. Sino-American librarians' conferences in Lanzhou and Xinjiang (Inga-Lill Blomkvist, Copenhagen ; Wai-hing Tse, London)

### **5. Presentations of EASL members**

The following presentations were given by members:

- David Helliwell – *Serica : a progress report*
- Marc Gilbert – *Who's who in the Jesuit collection? A quest for identity*
- Erik Svanström – *Digital collection of Chinese watercolours illustrating porcelain manufacture at Lund University Library*
- Matthias Kaun – *Cross Asia Search -NEW*

### **6. Discussions on EASL affairs**

### 6.1. EASL webpage

The EASL webpage will update its membership directory with the help from its members and from EACS newly updated membership registry. Other minor changes were also discussed.

The new revision of the ISO standard for the romanization of Chinese was much discussed.

### 6.2. Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA)

PDA and other solutions that can be used to limit or enhance the way in which librarians shape a library's collection in the long perspective were lively debated.

### 6.3. Common European OPAC entry for Chinese resources

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

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

## 7. Elections

The meeting accepted that Maja Fuchs and Anne Labitzky-Wagner would continue as Chairwoman and Treasurer. Due to an extended workload, Erik Svanström had to give up the post as Secretary, he was warmly thanked for his excellent contributions during his active time by the group and the Chairwoman. He will continue working on the website in close cooperation with Mathias Kaun. Marc Gilbert was elected as new Secretary.

## 8. Next conference

Thanks to Olivier Höhn's invitation, the thirty-fourth annual EASL conference will be held Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the East Asian Library, Stockholm University, Sweden. Maja Fuchs will find out what EASL could contribute to the EACS meeting in Portugal (Braga, July 2014).

There was also an invitation from Oxford to hold the 2015 EASL meeting there.

The thirty-third EASL conference closed with an expression of thanks to Alice De Jong for her excellent arrangements.

Erik Svanström  
EASL Secretary  
20 February 2014, Lund