

Minutes of the meeting of EASL at Tübingen sep 8/9 84

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1. It was agreed to have the following agenda
2. It was agreed to merge the office of chairman and secretary into a single office. The meeting was of the opinion that after the resignation of John Ma these offices should be combined for practical reasons.
3. David Helliwell of Oxford was elected chairman.
4. The foremost task of the chairman will be to draw up a mailing list, which should include all potential members. In this connection it was raised the problem of John Ma's survey, which should supply this information and is urgently needed, but isn't available so far. It was felt that if anything should happen to prevent the appearance of the survey in the near future, we may seek ways to attempt a new survey.
5. It was discussed the announcement of the publication of the Ssü-k'u ch'üan-shu in the PRC. Information was given on a workshop on authentication and preservation of rare materials in Taipei later this year. Jane Huang will definitely, Lars Frederiksen perhaps attend and each undertook to write an article for the newsletter.
6. Streffer offers and it was accepted to have a meeting of EASL on sep 5/7 85 in Berlin
7. A report was given by H. Nelson on his discussions about the unionlist of periodicals with the subcommittee of EACS. After discussion it was agreed that the project cannot be followed up on the intended line and that we shall pursue it on an altogether different line. Nelson suggests using an existing system similar to the one he executed for British holdings of current periodicals. Streffer offers to try to arrange to enter material into the existing system of general holdings of periodicals in Germany, which then would produce the European list of Chinese periodicals for EASL. He also thinks he can find the source of money for an editor of the project for one year. He will report on this on the next meeting.
The following resolution will be submitted to EACS:

The librarians group discussed the progress to date of the European Union List of Chinese Periodicals. We take note of the following: No material progress has been made in the 3 years since the proposal was first made.

In the meantime other possibilities have arisen: Firstly:

A union list of current Chinese serials, which has the capacity to include dead serials as well has been created in the UK.

Secondly: The possibility has arisen of adding to the German Union List of Periodicals non-German locations for Chinese serials.

We therefore concluded that both the British and German union list schemes offer more prospect of material progress than the present proposal which we now recommend be dropped from the EACS programme. We propose to explore these other avenues during the coming year.

8. Helliwell reports on the newsletter which he thinks can be out in the beginning of next year. It will be printed and mailed through Staatsbibliothek Berlin. It was agreed that the title shall be The EASL Bulletin. Some copies will be sent to organisations in Non-European countries. Requests for subscriptions will be decided about on the next meeting.
9. Streffer introduced a discussion which embraced:
 - international interlibrary loan
 - the problems involved in locating material which may be dispersed widely among european libraries.We agreed to continue to examine ways of making the contents of our collections more widely and readily available.
10. Nelson reports on a feasibility study recently undertaken into RLIN/CJK and its negative outcome.