

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SINOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS

The sixth annual conference of EASL was held at the Istituto di Fisica Matematica Università di Torino on 30th August 1986.

Present were: Katherina Thölen (Universität Zürich)
Michael Eglott (Universität Zürich)
Kirsten Rønbo Lauridsen (Det Kongelige Bibliotek,
København)
Roger Greatrex (Forskningspolitiska Institutet, Lund)
Elisabeth Eide (Univerisitetsbiblioteket i Oslo)
Renate Stephan (Bayerisch Staatsbibliothek, München)
Ingrid Siegmund-Rux (Universitätsbibliothek und
Technische Informationsbibliothek, Hannover)
Raghavendra Char (Durham University Library))
Frances Wood (The British Library)
Charles Aylmer (Cambridge University Library)
David Helliwell (The Bodleian Library, Oxford)

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1. The following notices were given: of the Colloquium on Resources for Chinese Studies to be held under the auspices of the British Library, School of Oriental and African Studies and the China Library Group, London, 24th-26th August 1987; of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Katalog der Ostasien-Sammlung, which is in the course of publication and available from Harrassowitz in Wiesbaden; of the recent gift of the Ssu k'u ch'üan shu reprint to the Bodleian Library, Oxford, by the National Palace Museum, Taipei.

2. Thanks were expressed to the Staatsbibliothek Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin, for once again undertaking the printing and distribution of the bulletin, the second issue of which had been published in July. Arrangements were made for gathering material for the third issue. More detailed discussion of the future of the bulletin was deferred until 1987.

3. The manager of OCLC CJK had been invited to attend the sixth annual conference to demonstrate the system, but was prevented from doing so by a previous commitment. It was noted that he had already agreed to demonstrate the system in London next year at the colloquium announced above.

4. The German ZDB had agreed in principle to the acceptance of non-German locations of Chinese periodicals, but several outstanding problems were preventing its immediate implementation: the RAK had not yet approved pinyin as a standard German form for the romanisation of Chinese, and funds for clerical assistance were not yet available. However, the German representatives present thought that a solution to

these problems would soon be found. The unavoidable absence from this year's conference of J-M Streffer, who was instrumental in the project, had also prevented further progress this year. The production of a revised European union list of Chinese periodicals remained a priority for EASL, and substantial progress was expected at next year's conference.

5. Members noted with satisfaction the close connexion that had been established with EACS, and expressed the hope that librarians would continue to be represented on the EACS board, which would be kept fully informed of EASL's activities. However, it was felt that future EASL conferences would not necessarily be held in the same place as those of the EACS.

6. David Helliwell was re-elected to the office of chairman for one more year.

7. It was decided that the seventh EASL conference would be held in London from 27th-29th August 1987, i.e. immediately after the BL/SOAS/CLG colloquium, to give members the opportunity of attending both. A visit to Oxford would be arranged during this time. The 1988 conference would be held in Copenhagen during the month of May.

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