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President's Message

Ever since its establishment in 1972, CALA has been an organization serving its members in network, professional development, and career growth. For more than 47 years, its founders and leaders worked with all members to make CALA one of the successful ALA Ethnic Affiliates. We owe a huge gratitude to them for their excellent contributions, leadership, and services.

Today, ALA is facing all kinds of challenges. A few of these challenges are: declining membership, organization budget deficits, efficiency of governing a huge non-profit organization, and how to maintain its success, strength, and agility as a 21st-Century association, etc.

Like ALA, CALA has many challenges too. There are three things we need to do this year. The first one is to engage more with our members. CALA’s most valuable treasure is its talented and devoted members. If we can do a good job in membership engagement, we can tap their potentials and get things done easily. The second one is to raise more funds to support our members’ professional development activities. A healthy financial status will certainly ensure success in hosting programs and conducting professional activities. The third one is to review and revise a new strategic plan for 2020-25.

In order to achieve the above goals, CALA needs more collaborations within our organization as well as other ALA Affiliates. It will also require everyone’s contribution and service. CALA’s EC, Board, and Chapter Presidents will work more closely to ensure CALA’s tasks will be accomplished. Here, I call upon your support and trust to work together and to help each other. By working together and respecting our members’ valuable perspectives, we can help CALA develop and grow bigger and stronger in a new and changing world.

This year is also a special year as Patty Wong, CALA’s life member and library leader, is running for ALA President. We are all very proud of her and would like to do what we can to support one of us running for ALA President!

While writing this message, our hearts also can’t help going to our members in California since they have had severe earthquakes some time ago, and now they are facing big wildfires. We care so much about them and really hope their families are safe, and their homes and belongings are intact.

With warm regards,

Fu Zhuo
CALA President 2019-20
Announcements

CALA Member Patty Wong Running for ALA Presidency
2021-2022

Patricia “Patty” M. Wong, City Librarian at Santa Monica Public Library is a candidate for the 2021-2022 presidency of the American Library Association. Patty currently serves on the ALA Executive Board and is an active member of numerous ALA committees. She is an active member of ALSC, LLAMA, PLA, United for Libraries, YALSA, the Social Responsibilities Round Table, Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, and the Rainbow Round Table. She is a member of the Freedom to Read Foundation and, as an Executive Board member, has worked with the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Committee on Legislation and the Conference Committee. In CALA, Patty served on numerous committees including Board Member of CALA (1991-93), and President of CALA, California Chapter (1993). Patty is also the recipient of several awards including the 2012 ALA Equality Award, CALA Distinguished Service Award (2014), and Member of the Year, California Library Association (2012). She holds a BA in Women’s Studies and an MLIS, both from the University of California at Berkeley.

We are all very excited for Patty running for ALA presidency 2021-2022!
The CALA Sheila Lai Research Grant Committee is pleased to announce that Jon R. Jablonski is the winner of the 2019 Sheila Lai Research Grant

Jon R. Jablonski researches children’s libraries operating as private businesses and by non-profit organizations across China. He also works with the Smiling Library (微笑图书馆) to offer reading promotional activities to rural and semi-rural primary schools in the city of Chengdu, and rural Sichuan Province.

Jon R. Jablonski is the Director of Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory at the UC Santa Barbara Library. Jablonski served on CALA committees and presents at the Southern California annual meetings. He has been pursuing interests in China since 2007 and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach library science at Wuhan University in 2011.

Please join us in our congratulating Jon R. Jablonski and wishing him continued success in pursuit of excellence in research.

The Subcommittee would like to thank Ying Zhang, the CALA President (2018-2019), and the support of the CALA Executive Committee, who provides guidance and support for the operations of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee would also like to thank the CALA Web Committee as led by Minhao Jiang to update the award information (https://calaweb.org/awards/lai_research_grant).

A special thank you goes to the CALA members who participated in this year’s CALA Sheila Lai Research Grant. Thank you for your participation and support and we look forward to seeing your applications in the future.

Sincerely,

CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Subcommittee (2018 – 2019)

Sai Deng, Co-Chair
YiPing Wang, Co-Chair
Jia He
Daniel Xiao
Jingshan Xiao
Announcement (Continued)

CALA Jing Liao Award for Best Research Announcement

It is our pleasure to announce that Professor Wenxian Zhang’s work, China Through American Eyes: Early Depictions of the Chinese People and Culture in the US Print Media, has been selected as the winner for the CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research 2019. The CALA Annual Jing Liao Award for the Best Research aims to recognize excellence in Library and Information Science related research by CALA members and to honor the memory of Jing Liao, a long-time CALA member and a devoted and accomplished librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A full citation of the winning work is:


Regarding the research work, as described by the author, “Cultural understanding between the United States and China has been a long and complex process. The period from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twentieth century is not only a critical era in modern Chinese history, but also the peak time of illustrated news reporting in the United States. Besides images from newspapers and journals, this collection also contains pictures about China and the Chinese published in books, brochures, commercial advertisements, campaign posters, postcards, etc. Together, they have documented colorful portrayals of the Chinese and their culture by the U.S. print media and their evolution from ethnic curiosity, stereotyping, and racial prejudice to social awareness, reluctant understanding, and eventual acceptance. Since these publications represent different positions in American politics, they can help contemporary readers develop a more comprehensive understanding of major events in modern American and Chinese histories, such as the cause and effect of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the power struggles behind the development of the Open Door Policy at the turn of the twentieth century. This collection of images has essentially formed a rich visual resource that is both diverse and intriguing; and as primary source documents, they carry significant historical and cultural values that could stimulate further academic research.”

The CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Subcommittee has reviewed and evaluated many applications. The submitted proposals were very competitive which made it a challenge to pick the winners. The Subcommittee used the score table based on the award criteria and had an online meeting to discuss the merits of each submission to come to its final decision.

After the peer-review process, the CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Subcommittee believes that the author Professor Wenxian Zhang has done a comprehensive and profound study of the images of China and Chinese as reflected in the western print media from mid-19th century to the early 20th century. The collected images have great breadth, accompanied with rich historical information, and reflect different aspects of the Chinese social, economic and political life and status, which reveal a biased yet changing view of the people and culture of China and Sino-US relations. This research has its important and unique value in the Chinese Studies as well as archive study field.

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Members' News

Former CALA President Yuhfen Diana Wu Retires

After 32 years of service, former CALA president Yuhfen Diana Wu retired on August 23 from the San Jose State University Library.

Ms. Wu was Head of Academic Services from 2011-2014 at the San Jose State University Library. She was the coordinator for International and Extended Studies to support international students and programs, and visiting scholars. During this period, she worked closely with CALA Executive Director Lian Ruan to host visitors and library leaders from China numerous times as well as scholars from other countries. Those leaders were attracted to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, which is a joint-use library between a major metropolitan university (SJSU) and a large public library system (SJPL has 24 branches). It was awarded "Library of the Year" by Library Journal in 2004.

She served on the California State University Council of Library Deans Assessment Team from 2012 to 2016. This standing Team has developed a toolkit to be easily adapted for all CSU libraries. It is open to anyone who is interested in the assessment of library services. See the kit at http://libguides.sjsu.edu/CSULibraryAssessmentKit.

Ms. Wu is a CALA life member. During her tenure from 2004 to 2006 as a president-elect, president, and immediate-past-president, she has set many first's for CALA:

- As chair of the CALA program planning committee at ALA annual in Chicago in 2005, she invited 4 outstanding speakers: Susan McGlamery (founder and pioneer of 24/7 live chat), Wilfred Fong (library science educator), Hao-Jen Ko (live chat in Mandarin Chinese) and Alma Ortega (chat in Spanish) to speak on "Riding the Electronic Rooster: Multilingual Virtual Reference Online Chat." It was well received as a pioneer presentation when 24/7 chat still in its infancy.
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Once she took over as CALA president, she has done the following firsts:

- appointed Dora Ho to chair the CALA Officer’s Handbook
- chaired the Best Books Award to authors who are Chinese American (see the first award recipient at the ALA annual in New Orleans)
- ordered a CALA banner as a gift to be exchanged with other organizations (see below)
- ordered a gavel as a simple for presidency to be used at board meeting

The banner was distribute to chapter presidents so they would be able to present or exchange it with other professional organization or VIPs as an official symbol of CALA. This banner was adopted by the Northern California Chapter.

*Fourth Person from the Left, Diana Wu in the center of the pictures with other CALA members at an ALA Annual Conference*
Members' News (Continued)

Former CALA President Yuhfen Diana Wu Retires

Professionally, she is a well achieved scholar with 53 works on her scholarly institutional repository at SJSU. Among those works, they have been downloaded 3673 times as of September 6, 2019. Two of those publications were selected by ACRL - Instruction Section as recommended reading. They are as follows: Teaching Faculty's Perspectives on Business Information Literacy, Building Context-Based Library Instruction.

In 2007, Diana has been recognized as one of the 40 outstanding alumni by the School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University to celebrate its 40th anniversary. That same year she received a research grant from RUSA-BRASS, American Library Association, sponsored by Emerald Publishing Group. This is a grant to support her sabbatical research project: Information Literacy in the Workplace: a Cross-cultural Perspective. As of September 11, 2019, this article has been downloaded 406 times by scholars around the world.

In 2017, she was awarded by PrivCo as Excellence in Business Librarianship. According to the Selection Committee, she "was chosen in part for her incredibly strong record of publishing on business librarianship." PrivCo is a provider of the business database of private companies.

She is a former council member of the American Library Association from 2008-2011 as well as a member of the ALA Diversity Council from 2008 to 2010.

Other Members' News

In 2008, the Dongguan Library received the “Presidential Citation for International Innovation” Award from ALA. On the 10th anniversary of the Award, Mr. Guoqing Li, Chinese & Korean Studies Librarian at Ohio State University recapped the achievement of the Dongguan Library and told a great story of the collaboration between the Gongguan Library and CALA. This article was published in the September issue of the Library Tribune and was subsequently published on the Wechat of the National Library of China Publishing House. Read more at https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/Ybx55i8ol_o4IRc7xyWlc2Q

Members' News (Continued)

The 2019 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program

by Lian Ruan

The 2019 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program has been held successfully at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) from June 26 to July 27. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian and Director of IFSI International Programs at UIUC has helped organize the program in partnership with various organizations in China and the USA since 2005. This year marks its 15th anniversary with the largest number of participants ever, with 41 participants from all over China. Our special thanks also go to CALA members who have supported the librarians’ field trips to various locations: Ning Zou at the Harvard University, Jianye He at the University of California Berkeley, and Doris Tseng at the San Francisco Public Library. Jiuming Ji, Research Librarian, the East China University of Science and Technology Library, and Yimin Zhao, Professor, the Yunnan Normal University Library, won the China Endowment Fund Scholarship Award from the University of Illinois Foundation that supported their LIS research and scholarly activities.

Dr. Lian Ruan with the 41 participants from the 2019 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program
Members' News (Continued)

2019 Council of Chinese American Deans and Presidents Forum at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio
by Shali Zhang

In the photo: Xuemao Wang (left), Vice Provost for Digital Scholarship, Dean and University Librarian at the University of Cincinnati, and Shali Zhang (right), Dean of Auburn University Libraries, in the Dean’s office of University of Cincinnati Libraries, on November 1, 2019.

Xuemao Wang hosted the 2019 Council of Chinese American Deans and Presidents Forum at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, with a theme on Contributions of Immigrant Leaders. Over 30 individuals who hold the positions of deans, associate deans, vice provosts, and vice presidents in the institutions of higher education in the U.S. attended the annual forum. Dr. Neville G. Pinto, President of the University of Cincinnati, gave a keynote speech at the event.

Scholarly Communications Librarian at the Princeton University Library, met at the 2019 ARL Fall Meeting in Washington, D.C. in September 2019. Yuan Li was a Fellow of ARL Leadership and Career Development Program (LCDP). At the ARL meeting, Yuan was a platform member to report the LCDP program experience with other fellows at the closing ceremony. LCDP prepares mid-career librarians from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to take on leadership roles in their careers and in the profession at large.

In the photo: Shali Zhang (Left), Dean of Auburn University Libraries, and Yuan Li (Right),
Interviews

Three Questions for Hal Kirkwood, Special Libraries Association (SLA) President

In this interview, CALA Newsletter Co-Editor Ray Pun speaks with SLA President Hal Kirkwood on his presidency, highlights, and experiences. Hal is also the Bodleian Business Librarian in the Sainsbury Library, Said Business School at the University of Oxford.

Ray: Thank you so much for speaking with us Hal! Can you share highlights from your SLA Presidency?

Hal: Some highlights of my presidency would include, first and foremost, working with such an incredible group on the Board of Directors. We are in challenging times as an association and as a profession, and the current group of Board members have been engaged and dedicated to identifying potential solutions as well as understanding the risks involved so that we can move SLA forward to a positive future. It has been an honor to work with them throughout this year.

A second highlight has been meeting so many members of SLA during my travels. I wish I could have made several more trips to meet more members. I had a barnstorming trip to meet with members of the Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York City, and Cleveland chapters (all within 10 days!). I attended conferences in Europe, Abu Dhabi, and India, as well as the IFLA conference in Greece, meeting information professionals from many different locations and professions. Seeing their challenges and solutions was incredibly eye-opening to experience. The association, is filled with creative, intelligent people striving to provide access and services related to information in a multitude of ways.
Interviews (Continued)

A final highlight of my year was the annual conference. It was held in Cleveland, Ohio, my hometown. I was not involved with the selection, so it was a completely unexpected surprise and coincidence that the conference was held there. The group that selected it had no idea that I would be president in 2019. The conference itself was an amazing experience with fantastic content and energy. There were so many memorable moments and just a really positive feel throughout the whole event. I was incredibly proud of how it all came out; Jeff Bond and his conference task force did a superb job.

Ray: These highlights are very interesting! I am glad you were able to attend the IFLA conference in Greece. What has been the most surprising moment in your SLA presidency so far?

Hal: The most surprising moment… that’s a tough question. I’m not sure I’ve had one surprising moment. There have been little surprises throughout the year but nothing that stands out specifically. I think one of my most satisfying moments was when my daughter was able to attend much of the annual conference. As she grew up, the annual conference was always something that I went away for a week in the summer to then return and talk about, so for her to see what it was all about, the experience of it all, and to see me serving as president, was a really gratifying and enjoyable part of my tenure as president.

Ray: What’s next for you and for SLA, and where do you see SLA heading?

Hal: What’s next for me in a simple sense is to become past-president of SLA and hand over the leadership to Tara Murray. More specifically, I hope to continue to keep the Return on Investment and Workplace Information Literacy Framework initiatives moving forward.

As far as where do I see SLA heading, I think there are several things on the horizon. We must continue to look at the expenses and the revenue of the association; trying to find new revenue streams to supplement the membership dues and conference registration. Identifying opportunities to create value for members is always in the works so that we are meeting members needs throughout their career. We must continue the discussion around our brand and name, is it encompassing enough to attract potential members who don’t work in libraries and don’t have a librarian in their title. We can’t be afraid of trying new things or afraid of making changes. Associations are under severe pressure from many different directions, and we have to work to remain valued and relevant in the eyes of our members and potential members.
Interviews (Continued)

Three Questions for Mary Lee Kennedy, Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL)

In this interview, CALA Newsletter Co-Editor Ray Pun speaks with ARL Executive Director Mary Lee Kennedy on ARL’s priorities and goals and trends in academic/research librarianship.

Ray: Thanks for speaking with us! As the ARL Executive Director, what are some of your short/long term priorities for ARL that you’d like to share?

Mary Lee: The Association has committed to six priorities related to its 2019-2021 objective to advance an equitable and enduring research information environment that meets scholars’ needs now and in the future. I invite the reader to consult our 2019-2021 Action Plan, and to consult our website where we highlight our work on each of the priorities and share resources that we create in order to advance the mission of research libraries. Given this, my immediate priority is to engage our members and partners to advance on our leadership and partner commitments regarding advocacy and public policy, data and analytics, diversity, equity and inclusion, and scholars and scholarship.

The cross-cutting themes in the priorities relate to the central focus of ARL which is the policies and practices at the intersection of research institutions and public policy, as they support the research and learning community. With that as our focal point, my priorities include ensuring that research libraries are represented and engaged where they need to be with research and learning community leaders (e.g. scholarly societies, higher education associations), with those setting and informing public policy (e.g. Congress, national agencies, international initiatives such as cOAlition S), and with leaders of research institutions (e.g. provosts, vice-presidents of research, CIO’s, data science directors).

We've initiated a collaborative partnership with CNI and EDUCAUSE on the emerging technologies in research and learning and what that means for research libraries. The project will identify strategic emerging technology trends in the research and learning community, and with our shared community we will identify achievable and desirable opportunities. We will issue a series of reports, a final set of recommendations, and commit to specific actions.
Interviews (Continued)

It is critical that we raise the visibility and voice of research libraries with public policy makers and with the research and learning community. Where it makes sense, we need to demonstrate our value as a public good. This is particularly important given the fast-changing nature of digital innovation and the ethical implications, the very human capacity for critical thinking, intellectual freedom, and the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion. A priority then is to both know the impact research libraries have, and to highlight the impressive work of research libraries as collaborative partners and leaders through individual examples and as a collective.

**Ray: What do you anticipate will be highlights or trends for this coming year in academic/research libraries?**

Mary Lee: I anticipate that academic and research libraries will continue to be part of the broader discussion around intellectual freedom, privacy, disinformation, and diversity, equity and inclusion. These are real-time opportunities for academic and research libraries to clarify how these fundamental values play out in practice during a time of significant societal flux and rapid digital innovation.

In the United States, higher education is undergoing tremendous pressure whether it be questions about the value of higher education, changes in learning and research, shifting demographics, student wellness or research costs. The library is directly affected whether that is about its value as an institution, the ability to demonstrate the impact on research, learning and teaching, or the challenges faced in prioritizing and funding the work in alignment with institutional priorities. Few institutions are in the position of having to fund the past, the present and the future. The is particularly important with increased focus on costs and accountability. Trusted relationships and partnerships become even more important in challenging times.

The cost of information and its enduring and barrier-free access will remain a strong trend in 2020. We've seen announcements on shared print collection development, institutions taking steps forward on pathways to open access, international adoption of open access principles, and a focus on sustainable information platforms, standards and services. I see an overarching trend on investments to maintain our future.
Interviews (Continued)

Ray: What do you think ARL’s impact on the profession is? Has this changed and how do you anticipate it will change in the future?

Mary Lee: Our impact is achieved by delivering on our mission. As a collective of leading research libraries and archives in Canada and the United States, ARL's mission is to advance research, learning, and scholarly communication. Our contribution takes the form of an open exchange of ideas and expertise, promoting equity and diversity, and pursuing advocacy and public policy efforts that reflect the values of the library, scholarly, and higher education communities. Since very little can be done alone, ARL forges partnerships and catalyzes the collective efforts of research libraries to enable knowledge creation and to achieve enduring and barrier-free access to information. Our impact is in developing research library leaders (e.g. our diversity scholars and fellows, our Leadership Fellows program), fostering collective actions that move the field forward (e.g. research data policy and practice with partners, the Digital Scholarship Institute), representing research libraries in public policy such as copyright, privacy, accessibility, and providing the means to demonstrate research library value (e.g. through data and analytics, communications). The majority of what we do is made available on our website or through our social media, with a goal of sharing what we learn with everyone interested.

As the context changes, "how" we do our work, and "what" forms it takes may change, but the "why" we do the work is always consistent with our mission and our guiding principles. This Association is focused on leadership and partnering with other leaders to advance our shared mission by focusing on the impact we can have at the intersection noted above. I don't see that changing. What is changing is the nature of our work in the context of the fourth industrial revolution. This is both a very exciting time and a challenging time. As the editor of Vannevar Bush's seminal work on machine learning in 1945, "As We May Think", said - our time calls for "a new relationship between critical thinking and comprehending the sum of our knowledge". Libraries are core to this call today and now is the time to take a leadership role.
Book Reviews


Blockchain now is a buzzword everywhere, such as news, books, articles, online courses, webinars, and conferences. Unlike other books on this topic, the author Stephen P. Williams introduces you to some basics and simple knowledge with examples and stories.

This book has four chapters with these titles: “Experiencing Blockchain”, “How It Works”, “Money and Creation,” and “The Thrill of The New.”

It begins with an article about the perils of doing business in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Using blockchain technology, the information of raw materials, miners, producers, logistics, and sellers of smartphones could be tracked sustainably.

Like Stephen mentions, blockchain serves as a permanent and un-hackable ledger for almost any kind of information to be recorded. People may see it as a new technology and software. But it is not as simple as that. It will change the traditional hierarchy system and replace it in a decentralized way. That is to say, no centers and no leaders, and everyone is part of it. Everyone can record his/her own data with a private key and choose to open selectively with a public key. Based on it, the privacy and values could be controlled by the creators. Also, through distributed ledger system, all the transactions will be completed by smart contracts. No one can alter or destroy the data. The whole process will be preserved on the chains. It is truly a linked open data world which brings creativity and innovation.

Besides financial field, like the well-known bitcoins, it could be used widely in medical, educational, publishing, philanthropic, marketing, energy, transportation and real estate fields and so on. Taking medical field for example, building a patient oriented service system will be easy and cheap. With the guarantee of data security, the health records on the chains will provide the information of latest health condition, treatment history, drug allergy, therapeutic effects, billing and payment which will be a totally evidence-based system. Discounts are impossible. Identification questions are nonexistent. Results are available instantly. It will largely improve the transparency and doctor-patient relationship. Due to its extensive use, blockchain echoes the title of the book: the next everything.

Although the technology needs to be enhanced to make blockchain applications better, it will undoubtedly make a revolution to the top-down system, both individually and societally. As the author says, blockchain will bring a brighter future and become an everyday reality.

On the basis of the author's personal thoughts, witnesses and practices, this book is quite readable. If you don’t know blockchain at all, it might be your first choice. And it will guide you how it will change the world. The author also provides books, articles, websites and presentations for further reading.

Reviewed by Yu Huang, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics Library
Book Reviews (Continued)


As a teen, I was fascinated by Marlene Dietrich and discovered her film *Shanghai Express*. The film was everything I hoped and more as I became curious about the stunning femme fatale character Hui Fei played by Anna May Wong. I wondered why she did not appear in more feature films and looked for her in supporting roles. Filled with beautiful images from the author’s personal collection that include photographs and assorted ephemera (movie posters, fliers, newspaper clippings) Hollywood Chinese offers a fascinating glimpse into the small world that was Chinese cinema in the early 20th century and follows that journey to its explosion in 2000s with directors like Ang Lee and movies like *Crazy Rich Asians*.

Anna May Wong would be passed over for a non-Asian actress in *yellowface*, Luise Rainer, in the lead role of *The Good Earth*. In fact, leading roles about Asians in the early twentieth century were almost always played by non-Asian actors in makeup. (Seeing Catherine Hepburn in *yellowface* is at once both amusing and appalling.). Over the years former *yellowface* actors found various ways of justifying their part in excluding Asian actors from feature films.

Luise Rainer truly believed her lead role in *The Good Earth* was not so much about race but about the human element. Turhan Bey on the other hand took an opportunity when he saw one. If Hollywood would offer him such a role, he would take it. It was a business after all. Such justifications might barely suffice until James Hong logically questions why it is no longer acceptable to use *blackface* yet *yellow face* at the time still persisted. Even more interesting to consider that director Wayne Wang found contradiction. He considered the idea of having Jack Nicholson play Mao Zedong, believing it would be “quite interesting” and that he would be able to “capture something that was different.” Still, it is hard to reconcile this thought without considering the ramifications of race.

While not a comprehensive volume on Chinese cinema the author captures key figures and films (the Fu Manchu films, Bruce Lee, Ang Lee, Nancy Kwan) but also includes greats such as Jack Soo, of *Barney Miller* fame. Soo was actually Japanese but changed his name to sound more Chinese and avoid anti-Japanese sentiment and he rose to fame performing in Chinese nightclubs. It was also very interesting to read about Amy Tan and B.D. Wong’s perceptions of *Flower Drum Song*, the first Hollywood film to rely on a mostly Asian cast. This is a fun, fascinating read and would benefit any collection on American cinema.

Reviewed by Patti McCall, Rollins College
ALA Annual Conference is very well organized – all the speakers are well-chosen and presented different perspectives on the issue of diversity, inclusion, in each of their own roles and capacity. I am especially touched by Frank Xu who was the project leader on Jewish refugees in Shanghai. Although I was previously aware of his initiative, it brings me to a whole new level of understanding after the talk – how people united together with different cultural backgrounds and religious beliefs. ALA Poster session is another highlight of the trip. The smaller scaled poster session allows everyone time to explore what other colleagues have been doing – the sense of community is strong and I am very proud of all my Chinese colleague who are diligently engaging themselves in different aspects of library research.

Attending social events organized by CALA is one of the highlights of this conference experience. It is my honor to meet with a lot of CALA members during the poster session, and at CALA Awards Banquet, especially key CALA leaders and those committee members who I have been collaborating with for the past year. It is amazing to see many talented CALA members bringing Chinese culture to the banquet for all to immerse and enjoy. Unfortunately my flight was cancelled and rescheduled to a later time and I missed a few pre-arranged meetings (including CALA board meeting).

Due to the nature of my position as an acquisition librarian for electronic resources, the exhibit hall is where I would normally spend most of my time and energy. I have multiple appointments set up with vendors to explore and discuss our existing subscriptions and potential products to consider. I am able to bring back valuable information to my library, sharing with my colleagues and inform appropriate librarians for possible leads and considerations.

As expected, ALA offered quality sessions and programming, which allows for interactive learning and information sharing. One session talked about how artificial intelligence (Amazon Alexa) was used by patrons to learn about library collections, library events, place hold and renew items etc., it could very well automate many library tasks and enhance library services. Another session focused on ebook usage by analyzing vendor-supplied data to inform institutional research.

All in all, it was a nice experience – plenty of learning, inspiration, and relationship-building!
Conference Reports (Continued)

Reflection on Attending the 2019 ALA Annual Conference

By Hui-Fen Chang

Attending the 2019 ALA (American Library Association) Annual Conference in Washington D.C. this June was a rewarding experience in my professional career as an academic librarian and as a Chinese American Librarian.

My primary purpose of attending the ALA Annual was to present a poster titled “Building an innovative service through collaborative partnership: The presentation coaching program at Oklahoma State University” at the CALA poster session on June 22. This was my first poster presentation at a CALA event, and I was thrilled to have this opportunity to present and to share with colleagues an innovative service that I have helped create at my institution at OSU. Implemented in 2016, the presentation coaching service is to assist undergraduate and graduate students in improving their presentation skills, and these skills we believe are intrinsically tied to students’ engagement in class and success in college.

My goal was to share this project with CALA colleagues so they could take away from the poster presentation to create their own coaching services or to generate ideas for innovative library services at their institutions. During the poster session, I received heart-felt, warm welcomes and support from CALA colleagues who attended the session. Each of them offered constructive feedback on my poster and helpful suggestions for improving the coaching service. The support I received from colleagues were positive and encouraging. I was very grateful to have this opportunity to take part in this event. Equally meaningful to me was the chance to attend other poster presentations by other CALA colleagues. I was very impressed by (and extremely proud of) their research projects and their accomplishments at their institutions. Learning their achievements in their work and their contributions to library services only has inspired me to work harder and be active in my own work and contributions to my library and librarianship as a whole.

As the outgoing Treasurer of the ALA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT), I attended the LIRT’s Steering and Executive meetings during the conference. In addition to offering the Treasurer report at the meeting, I had the opportunity to attend the LIRT programs/events and engaged in conversations and discussions on topics such as mindfulness of library instruction, and assisting high school students smooth transitioning to colleges. Library instruction is a main area of service in my work as a subject and liaison librarian at my institution. As the field of library instruction continues to evolve and develop, I strongly believe the importance for librarians to keep abreast of skills and knowledge, so that we are able to continue providing the most up-to-date and best services possible. Although I did not get to attend all conference programs that I had planned during my short three-day stay at the conference, all in all my ALA experience can be summarized as memorable, positive and inspirational. I am very grateful to receive the CALA travel grant for making my attendance of this conference possible. Thank you CALA.
Conference Reports (Continued)

ALA 2019 Conference Report
by Hong Yao

For the 2019 conference, I attended two CALA board meetings and the Award Banquet. It was great to meet so many colleagues in DC and had a chance to chat and to discuss what we’ve achieved in the past year and what stays ahead of us for what is next.

As the incoming president for 2020, I had a special meeting with Fu Zhou. He informed me of all the activities he involved so far and provided instructions for me to take it over for the coming year.

At our small CALA EC meeting, we established a game plan for fundraising. We will do two things:

- Continue our effort to convince Dr. Lee for a possible endowment of $50,000- $100,000. We agreed to visit Dr. Lee at his Chicago home and NYD home. Hong will work out a plan to have an oral history session for Dr. Lee and his wife.
- Start to accept web advertising from vendors, other institutions or companies

I totally enjoyed the conference and stayed busy because of many vendor meetings, and CALA activities. Looking forward to our 2020 meeting, where I will be responsible for many of the program developing and planning.

ALA Annual 2019 Conference Report
By Raymond Pun

I am very grateful for CALA’s support to attend the ALA Annual 2019 conference in Washington D.C. The Chapter President travel grant provided a wonderful opportunity for me to continue strengthening CALA’s activities in ALA conferences.

As an ALA Councilor at Large, I was fortunate to be attending the three ALA Council sessions in-person and voted on a number of important resolutions such as Resolution on Library Services for Children in Detention at Migrant Detention Centers and Resolution on Digital Content Pricing for Libraries. In addition, I was elected to serve on ALA’s Committee on Committees to be chaired by ALA President-Elect Julius C. Jefferson Jr. This committee is charged to appoint interested and qualified ALA members to specific committees. This is an exciting opportunity for CALA members to consider serving in ALA level committees such as Diversity, Education, Library Advocacy, Professional Ethics, International Relations, Intellectual Freedom, Legislation, Publishing, Policy Monitoring and more! I encourage CALA members to look into these committees and consider serving to add more perspective and representation for and from our association.
Conference Reports (Continued)

In this conference, I chaired two sessions under ACRL’s Leadership Discussion Group and the ACRL’s International Perspectives Discussion Group. The former session focused on doctoral experiences of librarians pursuing doctoral degrees. The latter session invited Korean Studies Librarian Yoo-Seong Song to speak about his research fieldwork in academic and research libraries in North Korea. Both sessions were well attended and had lively discussions. I was also pleased to participate in a panel discussion hosted by ACRL Women’s Studies and Gender Studies (WGSS) program on the role of academic libraries in the neutrality debate.

In addition, I was pleased to help coordinate two sessions under the ALA’s International Relations Round Table (IRRT). One focused on international jobs that featured CALA member Clement Lau to speak about his work overseas in Hong Kong, and the other session with CALA member Grace Liu on international library leaders. I also thanked Past ACRL President Lauren Pressley in-person for her wonderful interview contribution for the CALA Newsletter (Spring 2019). Lauren shared what ACRL is doing to promote equity, diversity and inclusion and discussed her presidential highlights.

For CALA activities, I attended and participated in the CALA’s Board of Directors Meeting I enjoyed the opening and closing sessions at ALA Annual. Overall, I appreciate CALA’s support, and will continue advancing and supporting CALA and its members to be proactive and engaged in the profession.

Reflection on Attending ALA Annual Conference 2019
by Grace Liu

It has been an unforgettable experience attending ALA Annual Conference 2019 on June 21 to June 25th at Washington DC. I was performing a duty as the co-chair of the international connections committee (ICC) of the international relations round table (IRRT) at ALA. Our committee has organized two annual conference programs and one photo gallery project for the annual conference. I’ve been mainly participated the ALA/IRRT ICC committee meetings, our annual conference programs and moderated one program. I am also an active member of the RUSA Business Reference And Services Section (BRASS) and have been serving the membership committee and Emerald Research Award Committee. I’ve also attended the BRASS discussion sessions and met other business librarians at reception, forum and dinner activities.

Moderated ICC Committee Programs

An International Leaders Forum: Leading a Vision for a Global Community of Libraries
Monday, June 24, 2019 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

It is very fortunate for our committee to work with the ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo to organize two consecutive sessions of the International Leaders’ Forum. I moderated this session and there were about 100 attendees for this session.
In this session, Loida gave a welcome remark to our audiences and our honored guests and Muzhgan Nozarova, the Chair of the IRRT also addressed a welcome speech and introduced our guests. For this session, we invited Donna Scheeder, immediate past president of IFLA, Glória Pérez-Salmerón, the current president of IFLA, Gerald Leitner, the general secretary of IFLA and Catherine Lau, the National Library Board of Singapore. They have shared their perspectives on the importance of building a united community of libraries. They also shared the efforts that IFLA has made to bring libraries around the world together. Our committee made a short video to share other perspectives from the world library leaders. The themes came up from these leaders were: if libraries around the world work together, we will inspire thinking beyond boundaries, we will create new learn opportunities, we will provide universal access to knowledge and we will promote justice and peace around the world, and we will become stronger.

Donna Scheeder shared her personal experience of becoming a president of IFLA and finding the challenges that libraries work in isolation and demand a call for action to bring us together. The IFLA global vision project ignite a wide range of discussion on how we can build a strong community and the project collected thousands of ideas and saved them on IFLA idea store. The IFLA world library map is another project that bring libraries around the world together. We initiated this annual conference program because we believe that Libraries around the world share a deep commitment to support the enduring values necessary for the continued progress of humanity including justice, freedom, equality and peace. These values are universal and borderless. This effort is also made to respond to a call by international members of ALA to promote the concept of a global community of libraries.

Attended ICC Committee Programs

*Learning International: Stories from the Field*

Monday, June 24, 2019, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Learning International: Stories from the Field is a panel discussion featuring experienced and diverse American librarians with international experience. In this discussion, we invited Clement Lau, Amanda Click, Celia Emmelhainz, Carolyn Runyon, Carolyn Ann Jeziorski and Margaret Spires. They have shared their experiences and stories about how they became involved in international work, and shared their best advice for getting involved with international librarianship. The conversation was inspiring and covered wide range of topics from exploring the opportunities to meeting new challenges to different kinds of benefits of working as an international librarian. One of our committee members Ayaba Logan moderated this session and there were about 60 attendees for this session.

**ICC project at the Annual Conference**

Our committee also curated a photo gallery for the ALA annual conference: The “Best Practices from World Libraries” photo gallery projects. The project presents a selection of photographs from around the world, which feature library projects and programs that best demonstrate this year’s ALA theme, “Libraries = Strong Communities”. The project idea comes from 2018 IRRT Emerging Leaders’ Project: Towards Increasing Engagement of International New Professional Leaders in ALA Activities, which identified “sharing innovative services and best practices” and “promoting the concept of a global community of libraries” as the highest priorities.

We believe the photographs selected best illustrate libraries’ innovative services and impact in building strong communities around the world. These images demonstrate ALA’s core values of librarianship in promoting democracy, diversity, social responsibility, lifelong learning and professionalism, and embrace what Dr. Michael Stephens called “the heart of librarianship” in pursuing “attentive, positive and purposeful change”.

The photo gallery was displayed at the second floor of the convention center and the virtual sites has got over one thousand hits.
Conference Reports (Continued)

Other events and programs
Except for the programs organized by our committee, I have also attended IRRT committee meetings where all committee chairs come together to discuss challenges and takeaways for this year’s committee work. We brainstormed some ideas for improving the process of our committee work. This year’s IRRT emerging leaders project was about developing international mentorship program. After the discussion, I’ve been thinking a new form of mentorship program, which is a problem-based consulting and mentoring program and hopefully to share it with our chairs and co-chairs if get the chance.

I also participated in the BRASS discussion, where business librarians discussed issues with business databases and business information literacy instructions and experiential learning. Another meaningful discussion I participated is the ALA Remodel Recommendations Input Session with the Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness. The Committee shared the ALA new remodel plan and sought feedbacks from the audience. I hoped they could share more details on their original research and some background knowledge on their analysis of the situation and stakeholders, but unfortunately, the committee didn’t cover those part in the conversation and it will still be a long way to go for the remodel. After the remodel discussion, I attended the Matrix Management in Libraries: Exploring a Collaborative and Cross-Functional Management Model to Provide Greater Value and Increase Impact, which showcased the George Washington University Libraries and Academic Innovation department, who was trying to renovate their department functions and provide more flexibility for workers to define their roles based on matrix management model. The new design of the library services can potentially motivates their employees and develop a sense of ownership and belonging, but at the same time, they shared the concerns of the librarians of being less specialized. In the program, Providing Equivalent Experiences: Flipping the Library Orientation for Online Students, librarians from the Penn State University shared their experience of using micro badging program to engage nearly a thousand of online students.

Besides these programs and events, I also participated in several receptions and dinners with other business librarians, which were a good opportunity to share our personal experience and expertise and get to know each other in the same subject field. I also joined the University of Illinois Alumni reception where I met with the Dean and the guru of reference services Professor Linda Smith who is going to retire. These all the memorable part of the ALA experience.
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Report on Attending CALA Annual Conference 2019

By Peng Mu

It is my first time to attend CALA Annual Conference. As the president of CALA Southeast Chapter, I am the CALA board member. During my stay at Washington DC, I attended 2018-2019 CALA board meeting III, and the CALA Awards Banquet, visited the Library of Congress. 2018-19 Board Meeting III was held on June 21, 2019 at Capital Hilton, Washington DC. We approved minutes of Board Meeting II 2018-19. Ying Zhang, CALA president, gave the president’s report. Ying Liao gave the Treasurer’s Report. We discussed several issues brought by committees.

1. The membership committee proposed discontinue of print membership directory due to the cost, and workload. The committee didn’t receive any advertisement revenue for this year’s printing. The heavy workload included exporting member information, format and content editing, proofreading, printing, and shipping. On the other hand, members could get instant access of member contact information from the online membership database. We could not reach a consensus on this issue. The board members will continue the discussion.

2. The membership committee raised concerns of previous practice of sharing copies of print directory with vendors who placed ads in the directories, and if we should include a written consensus in the application form regarding sharing member’s information in the print directory and allow members to choose NOT to share their information.

3. The membership committee also had questions about the eligibility of students of LIS program outside of North America for Dr. Li’s Student Membership Scholarship. The board members agreed we should first get Dr. Li’s agreement if the scholarship could extend to students from outside of North America.

4. Best Research Subcommittee recommended to add Chinese related research to the rubrics of both awards for consideration, to separate research books from research journal papers (limit the Jing Liao Award for the Best Research to article and book chapter format only). The subcommittee also recommended to add an additional award for research book(s) in studies of Chinese, Chinese culture and heritages and Chinese archives research.

5. The Election Committee suggested the total number of Committee members can be about five, including the chair, at least one member from the Web Committee who is familiar with the voting system and one member from the Membership Committee who is familiar with the membership system.


7. The Web Committee suggested to move useful webpages from different chapters to the WA system to make a consistent styling.

CALA Awards Banquet was held on June 22, 2019. Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President attended the banquet and gave a speech. 6 librarians received the awards.
Conference Reports (Continued)

ALA Annual Conference Report

By Wenzian Zhang

The 2019 CALA Jing Liao Best Research Award Recipient

Although I am a life member of the Chinese American Librarians Association, due to other engagements, I do not regularly go to ALA annual conferences. The last time I attended ALA annual event was three years ago, when the group met in Orlando.

With support and encouragement from my CALA colleagues, I joined the 2019 meeting in Washington, DC. And have greatly benefited from this year’s program lineup. During the Saturday afternoon session on June 22, 2019, “Embracing Diversity from Multiple Lenses,” I found presentations by Peter Zhou (Director of Asian Library at UC Berkeley) and Andrea Malone (University of Houston Library) contained useful information about diversifying collections and library services in academic settings. I was also fascinated by the community outreach undertaking led by Frank Xu, Manager of Language and Literature Division at the Brooklyn Public Library, who coordinated efforts of documenting the life experiences of Jewish refugees in Shanghai during World War II. Afterwards, I attended the CALA Poster Session, and held very productive conversations with Ning Zou on her research project “Think Like an Assessor,” and Dave Wang on “How China Helped to Shape American Culture: The Founding Fathers and Chinese Civilization.”

Later in the evening, I participated in the CALA Award Banquet in Chinatown and greatly enjoyed the delicious food and cultural performance by colleagues. I am mostly grateful and truly humbled by the 2019 Jing Liao Best Research Award for my recent academic book on China visualized by Americans.

Over the weekend of June 22-23, in addition to CALA programs, I also attended and benefited from various ALA sessions. In particular, I found “A Conversation with US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor” very inspirational. During the keynote presentation, the first Hispanic and Latina Supreme Court Justice talked about the loss of her father as a young age, her personal escape at her local library, her early determination to pursue law as career, her struggle with diabetes, her journey as a bestselling author of children’s books, and the will of people to change laws in the United States. The other sessions I participated in and learned from include: “Update on ACRL Research Agenda for Scholarly Communication,” “Blockchain: Transforming the Technological Future,” “Digital Special Collections Discussion Group meeting,” and “Digital Preservation Interest Group.” They are all related to our work as information service professionals, and it is very helpful to talk with other colleagues who are facing similar challenges in a time of rapid change.

In sum, all of these would not be possible without strong support from CALA. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to President Ying Zhang, Director Lian Ruan, Chairwoman Sai Deng and the rest of committee members. Your professional recognition is very much appreciated!
Conference Reports (Continued)

IFLA 2019

CALA Members Participation in IFLA 2019

Compiled by Michael Bailou Huang

The IFLA’s World Library and Information Congress 2019 with the theme of “Libraries: dialogue for change” was held in Athens, Greece on August 24-30, 2019. More than 3300 delegates from over 130 countries participated in the Congress, which consisted of more than 500 speakers at over 250 open sessions, nearly 200 poster sessions and 30 lightning talks. Over 20 Satellite Meetings were held in the surrounding region and gave in-depth attention to a broad range of current topics. A number of CALA members attended the Congress and spent a packed week of learning, reflection, discussion, and networking.

CALA Executive Director Lian Ruan was invited to speak at the Chinese Speaking Caucus Meeting on August 24 on behalf of CALA President Fu Zhuo and Executive Committee of the Board and her presentation title was Chinese American Librarians Association and Global Library Community. She also attended the IFLA General Assembly Meeting and casted the vote for CALA. As a member of the Information Literacy Section Standing Committee, she attended the business meetings and associated programs. Lian joined a discussion meeting with Katherina Lee (Chair, ALA IRC Asia &amp; Oceania Subcommittee), Tina (Tao) Yang (Chair, IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania), and Michael Bailou Huang (Co-Chair, CALA International Relations Committee) for possible collaborations. Lian met a number of Chinese colleagues and discussed potential collaborations with the Library Society of China and several other libraries.

Group photo of CALA members at IFLA
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Raymond Pun is appointed as the information coordinator for the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPD WL) Section, he is also a new standing committee member for 2019-2023. For the CPD WL satellite meeting in Zagreb, Croatia, he was the chair of the programming committee and co-organized this conference at the National and University Library in Zagreb on August 20-21, 2019. At IFLA WLIC 2019, he gave two presentations, and wrote four articles for the American Libraries magazine covering various sessions such as artificial intelligence, government information and the global digital divide. Find them here: https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/authors/ raymond-pun/

On August 21 & 22, 2019, Ping Fu, Professor of Central Washington University attended the IFLA WLIC Preconference Satellite Meeting - Robots in Libraries: Challenge or Opportunity at Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau, Berlin, Germany. At this preconference, he presented a paper titled “A Post-implementation Review Analysis for an Autonomous RFID Inventory Project: A Qualitative Study” that he co-authored with Professor Zhengwei Xia and his research team from Wuhan University. The entire presentation has been live streamed and the full text of the paper will be published in the IFLA Library and can be open accessed by anyone in the world. He attended all sessions on the two days and had a good opportunity to learn from and connect with other speakers and attendees. From August 24 to August 29, Ping attended the IFLA WLIC 2019 in Athens, Greece. This is his first time to attend IFLA. He attended the General Opening Session, OCLC Industry Symposium, IFLA President’s Session, Publishing and Practicing Workshop, Assessment and Data visualization for Librarians, and other various interesting sessions during the conference. He also visited the IFLA exhibition and had a good connection and networking with some CALA members and librarians from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other parts of the world.

Ping Fu at IFLA WLIC 2019
As the Chair of the IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group (LibPub SIG) Communication Committee, Grace Liu, Editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Librarianship, attended the LibPub SIG group meeting and made a report to the entire group on behalf of the Communication Committee. She joined the newly established LibPub SIG Coordinating Committee, and participated in the first meeting at IFLA. As a committee member, she attended the IFLA Working Committee for International Guidelines for Library Service to Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants.
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Group photo of CALA members at IFLA

Grace Liu in IFLA WLIC 2019
Ning Zou, Associate Director for Student Academic Services & Learning Design; Research Librarian at Gutman Library, Harvard Graduate School of Education was thrilled to be selected to serve on the IFLA Information Literacy Standing Committee (SC) from 2019-2023 and to work closely with devoted and experienced CALA members, Min Chou and Lian Ruan, to enrich the committee work. Prior to the full conference, she was invited to give a talk - A Holistic Approach to Assessment and Instructional Design for All Types of Libraries: One Framework and Multiple Use Cases - by the IFLA Statistics and Evaluation SC in the IFLA Satellite pre-conference at the University of Piraeus. The session was interactive, hands-on and conversational. She was very grateful to converse ideas, frameworks and good practices with attendees from several countries and various types of libraries. The full conference was a mind-blowing experience. The poster sessions were inspiring with innovative designs, rich content and engaging presenters. The poster on green library initiatives, information literacy research at graduate level and building a librarian network in entrepreneurship were especially appealing to her given her area of expertise and future professional engagement. Another shoutout was to the fabulous conference programs organized by the Information Literacy SC, the School Library SC and the Statistics and Evaluation SC respectively. Each panel consisted of a diverse group of librarians who shared their wide range of good practices, theoretical frameworks and practical advice with the audience.
Conference Reports (Continued)

Michael Bailou Huang, Director of Global Library Initiatives and SUNY Distinguished Librarian Professor of Stony Brook University, attended the World Library and Information Congress: 85th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Athens, Greece from August 24 through August 30, 2019. The Congress theme was “Libraries: dialogue for change” and about 3,300 library professionals from all over the world participated in the annual event. The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. Michael serves his second term on the IFLA’s Health and Biosciences Libraries Section as a standing committee member (2019-2023). During the Congress, Michael actively participated in business meetings of the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section, and its open sessions titled “Health information professionals – Developing the dialogue, addressing the challenges of the future,” and “Library integration into the research lifecycle: A STEM perspective.” In addition, he volunteered to help at the ALA Stand. As Co-Chair of CALA International Relations Committee, Michael participated in a conversation with Lian Ruan, CALA Executive Director, Katherina Lee, Chair of ALA IRC Asia & Oceania Subcommittee, and Tina (Tao) Yang, Chair of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. The conversation effectively resulted in a joint program proposal submitted to ALA in Chicago 2020.

Group photo of CALA members at IFLA WLIC 2019

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I am thankful for CALA’s support in providing this opportunity for me to participate in IFLA WLIC 2019 in Athens, Greece. This year, I started my first term as an elected member of the CPDWL (Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning) section and as the information coordinator. In this role, I will support our section in fostering professional development activities for library workers globally through shared resources, programs and learning engagements.

CALA was able to support my participation in the IFLA CPDWL Satellite Meeting held at Zagreb, Croatia in the National and University Library at Zagreb. It was my first time there but also I was the programme committee chair where I steered 12 members across the world to create a dynamic satellite meeting that highlights professional development, digital transformation and learning in LIS field. I collaborated closely with the Croatian Library Association in making this programme possible. In this satellite meeting, I also presented my paper in career information literacy based on research I had been conducted. The sessions in this satellite meeting covered important topics such as artificial intelligence, smart cities, digital technologies in libraries ranging from global perspectives in Turkey, Slovenia, Croatia, Hong Kong, India, Finland, Italy and more. I appreciated the opportunity to connect with so many colleagues and learning to find ways to support each other. In addition, I was able to also talk about CALA, and share how CALA has supported my work over the years and continue to strengthen learning for all.
Conference Reports (Continued)

At the main conference in Athens, I was able to connect again with different stakeholders and learn more about different strategies ranging from sustainability to educational programming. For this conference, I gave two papers; the first one focused on textbook affordability plans which highlighted my work as a solo librarian in a graduate education school and how we have identified and implemented OER practices to reduce financial barriers experienced by our graduate students who are also teachers. In my second presentation, I co-presented with another colleague on inter-faith dialogue and how libraries can document such engagement and conflict in difficult times between different religious groups. I covered the role of Wikipedia, religious programming and key reflections by all participants to ensure that these dialogues are documented for future interests. For CALA, I collaborated with Drs. Clara Chu and Lian Ruan to organize the annual IFLA joint association dinner: ALISE, ASIS&T, iSchools and CALA, we had many attendees and I am glad that this was able to happen again. In addition, I was also able to report my experiences in the American Libraries Magazine to cover interesting stories such as artificial intelligence, government data, digital divide and more.

This conference was another great opportunity for CALA to get together and connect with different groups and learn about different engagements. I appreciate the opportunity to share my work and experiences with others and continue promoting CALA’s role as a leading association in supporting global librarianship.

2019 Chinese American Genealogy Conference Report
By Susan Kreite and Philip Sutton

As Reference Librarians in the Irma and Paul Milstein Division of U.S. History, Local History and Genealogy, at the New York Public Library, we encounter patrons from many different ethnic backgrounds who need help in tracing their family tree.

This can be challenging. For one thing, the vast majority of genealogical records available online relate to those of European descent (although more and farther-flung records are being digitized all the time). Additional barriers to non-European genealogical research are imposed by language, cultural differences in recording family histories, and the variability of historical circumstances. To overcome these difficulties, we are always on the lookout for ways to learn about lesser-known genealogical resources.
Conference Reports (Continued)

So when we heard about the 2019 Chinese American Genealogy Conference, hosted by Think! China Town, and the Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI), City University of New York, we jumped at the chance to attend. The presenters included historians, archivists, museum curators, an oral historian, a photographer, a linguist, and of course genealogists. This two-day conference was split into two sections.

Day One was devoted to beginning Chinese American genealogy research, and included presentations centered on getting started, exploring personal documents (i.e. records in the possession of families), and how to conduct research online. Joyce Moy kicked off proceedings with an overview of the history of Chinese immigration to the United States, proving the tenet that successful genealogists should know some history. Henry Tom’s presentation Chinese Genealogy Research w/o Having to Know Chinese gave an overview of accessing records in the US and China, with lots of tips on how to conduct research without being fluent in Chinese languages. Kevin Chu talked about collections and digital initiatives at the Museum of Chinese in America, including a project to digitize Chinese language newspapers in the US. Tony King’s presentation Tips for Conducting Chinese Genealogy Research in America described research strategies, and collections online, including FamilySearch collections of Chinese family histories, Jiapu and Zuup (Chinese clan genealogies). Gene Chen presented on the Geography of Villages of Siyi, reminding us that genealogy is about names and places, and Rochelle Hoi-Yiu Kwan of StoryCorps talked about how that organization is helping Chinese Americans record their oral histories. The day ended with Ava Chinn’s Finding Railroad Worker Ancestors and Other Stories, exploring her family history and immigration in light of the unrecognized contribution made by Chinese Americans to the construction of US railroads.

Day Two focused on continuing research, with presentations on finding Chinese family histories, understanding Chinese naming conventions, accessing records in archives and special collections, and conducting research in China. Genealogist Amy Chin, our genial host for the weekend, gave an excellent presentation on finding clues to ancestry in personal collections, i.e. family photos, correspondence, oral histories, cemetery inscriptions, immigration paperwork, and coaching books, as well as in the kinds of records all Americans use to research their family histories: censuses, ship passenger lists, vital records, directories, deeds, wills, maps, and so on. Linguist Patrick Chew presented on Chinese names, their origins, naming conventions, how those names are often mixed up and misspelt in American records, and on geographic place names and their hierarchies as Chinese toponyms. Photographer Alan Chin shared images of his familial hometown, Toisan, in Guangdong Province. Tony King of FamilySearch, shared his knowledge of Interpreting Chinese Genealogy Books, many available through the FamilySearch database, and Angela Tudico described accessing and interpreting Chinese Exclusion Act files at the National Archives. Fabina Chiu-Rinaldi talked about the Chinese in Peru, drawing upon her own family history, in her presentation The Journey of Chinese-Americans with Peruvian / South American Roots (Cuentos-Chinos), and Polly Shih Brandmeyer rounded out the conference with a fascinating presentation on researching Chinese family history using American and British Christian missionary archives.

These sessions collectively provided an overview of the history of Chinese American immigration and also highlighted unique strategies and resources available for Chinese Americans who are interested in uncovering their family’s past.
We also learned about a number of useful online finding aids and databases, including the following:

- [Chinese Immigration Records](#) on NARA’s website
- California, San Francisco, Register of Chinese Immigrant Court Cases and Foreign Seamen Tax Cards, 1883-1924, available on [FamilySearch](#)
- [Roots Village Database](#)
- [A Guide to Reading Engravings on Chinese Tombstones](#)
- Siyi genealogy forum
- [Chinese Genealogy Forums](#)

While we still have a lot to learn, attending this conference was a great first step toward gaining the information we need to help Chinese American patrons with their genealogical research.

Wish you had gone? Well, thanks to the AAARI the good news is many of the presentations are available online at [aaari.info/2019genealogy/](#).

Susan Kreite and Philip Sutton, September 2019

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The 9th Yunnan Sino-American Forum on Library Practice in 2019

By Ying Zhang

Starting from December 2018, Ying Zhang, the 2018-19 CALA President, under the advice of the CALA EC has worked with the Yunnan Academic Library and Information Committee (YALIC) in planning and organizing the 9th Yunnan Sino-American Forum on Library Practice in 2019. After close collaboration and numerous communications back and forth for over 6 months, details for the forum including time, location, and them were determined.

Representing CALA, Ying Zhang invited distinguished ALA guests Wanda Brown, the 2019-20 ALA President and Library Director for the Winston Salem State University, and Mary Page, the 2015-16 ALCTS President and Library Dean at the West Chester University. The 2018-19 CALA International Relations Committee coordinated the call for presentations and selected 4 submissions, including Dr. Andrew Lee from George Manson University, Mr. Yue Li from the Florida State University and Mr. Lili Li from the Georgia Southern University and Ms. Ying Zhang from the University of Central Florida Libraries.

Under Ying Zhang’s leadership and gracious hosting from the Chuxiong Normal University, the 9th Yunnan Sino-American Forum on Library Practice whose theme was “Construction and Development of Smart Libraries” went on with a tremendous success. Wanda brought greetings from ALA. Along with the 6 key speakers from the CALA delegate, 7 prominent library scholars from China and Yunnan also gave key speeches on the topic of smart libraries. 20 prize-winning papers selected by the YALIC also were presented. The Forum also marked a first-time participation from the largest public libraries in Yunnan Province. During the Q&amp;A session, the discussions and exchanges on the differences and similarities of library practices in each country were riveting. The 4 Chinese American Librarians served as ambassadors to the libraries of both countries. Mr. Lili Li and Mr. Yue Li each translated for Wanda and Mary’s presentations into Chinese for the audience; and Ying Zhang translated during other exchanges with the Chinese librarians. Ying Zhang also accompanied Wanda and Mary from when they entered China.

Opening Ceremony: The CALA Delegate and their presentations
Conference Reports (Continued)

Smart Libraries: Trend and implementations -- Ying Zhang

人工智能时代高校智慧图书馆学术信息搜索 -- 李立力
Conference Reports (Continued)

学术传播实验室SP@RC -- Scholarly Productions @ the Research Commons Lab -- 李彦晴

运用中西文移动应用软件来创建元数据:一种新的图书目录 -- 李越、资谷生、赵姝明
Conference Reports (Continued)

Libraries Taking the Lead -- Wanda Brown

Small Changes, Big Impact: Low Cost Building Improvements You Can Make Now! -- Mary Page
YALIC expressed tremendous appreciation to CALA for bringing the caliber of such distinguished panel. On behalf of CALA and the Delegate, Ying Zhang was extremely grateful to the host Chuxiong Normal University for all the arrangements that made the CALA Delegate feel at home. Chuxiong is home to a large population of ethnic Yi people in China. And the conference featured the ethnic characteristics with a showcasing of colorful Yi spirit and fabulous special collections both at the local museum and the Chuxiong Normal University Library. A conference proceeding has been planned forthcoming.

YALIC strongly values the forum as a key venue to foster Yunnan’s library profession; and wishes the forum to continue indefinitely. The 10th Yunnan Sino-American Forum on Library Practice will be held in Kunming, hosted by the Southwestern Forestry University in 2021.
Conference Reports (Continued)

CALA Conference Travel Grant Report
Next Library Conference, June 3-4, 2019
Dokk1, Aarhus, Denmark

By Crystal Chen

The 2019 Next Library Conference took place this year at the IFLA-award-winning Dokk1 in Aarhus, Denmark. The themes for Next Library 2019 were Libraries in Times of Social Crisis, Civic Media and Data Democracy, Temporary Spaces, and Game Changing Tech & Emerging Trends. I, alongside my colleagues Katrina Ortega and Maggie Craig from The New York Public Library, presented the Ignite Talk Libraries for All and Libraries in All Places and the Interactive Session Building Libraries that Empower All Youth (the latter was presented in conjunction with Kristyn Caragher from Chicago Public Library). Keynote speakers included Louise Bernard from the Obama Foundation, Christopher Breedlove from The Burning Man Project, and IFLA President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón.

My Next Library Conference experience began inauspiciously with a cancelled flight in a chaotic airport. Although I was finally able to catch another flight, my arrival was so delayed that it left little time to settle in before a morning presentation. The first day of the conference was spent primarily prepping my notes before marathon back-to-back Interactive Session and Ignite Talk presentations. Both sessions gave me the opportunity to meet and talk with international participants and to hear their perspectives on libraries and librarianship. The Ignite Talks were particularly interesting as it featured speakers giving timed 5-minute presentations, one right after the other. Two of the most interesting presentations included Gallery for Your Dreams by Jaime Kopke that discussed transformative community activities at the Boulder Public Library and Grass Root Libraries Revitalizing Rural China by Zizhou Wang of Peking University and Lu Qiu of the Beijing Brooks Education Center. The latter presentation focused on work by the Grass Root Library Association Preparatory Group to promote reading and to create library spaces in rural communities. Despite being a country away, the similarities between their push for outreach and that of NYPL was notable.

My presentations behind me, the second day of the conference was more relaxed. I attended the thoughtful and inspiring Interactive Session The Power of Stories: Inspiring, Inclusive & Creative Approaches to Community Engagement presented by Kylie Carlson and Felicity Macchion of Yarra Libraries, Dr. Michael Stephens of San Jose State University, and Jason Evans Groth of NCSU Libraries. Afterwards, I caught another Ignite Talk session (this time under the theme of Civic Media and Data Democracy) that included presentations on a sport-focused Netherlands reading program as well as new media projects in Helsinki. In the brief break before Glòria Pérez-Salmerón’s closing keynote, I had the opportunity to explore Dokk1 and investigate the children/teen areas and makerspaces.

Overall, my experience at the Next Library Conference was enlightening and broadened my thinking on what librarianship looks like across borders (for example, teen services seem to be a relatively new initiative in many countries). I also had the opportunity to meet and speak with a range of people that, despite their differences, share a common interest in providing innovative and sustainable library services to their communities, wherever they are.
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Graphic Orientalism: Deconstructing Asian Identity in Comics
By Michelle Lee

From left to right: Caroline Kyungah Hong, Preeti Chhibber, Susen Shi, Ricci Yuhico, Anna Coats, and Crystal Chen

Asian and Asian American depictions in graphic novels were the key talking point at the Graphic Orientalism: Deconstructing Asian Identity in Comics panel during New York Comic Con Professional Day at the New York Public Library on Oct. 3.

CALA members Crystal Chen, Woodstock Library (NYPL) young adult librarian, and Susen Shi, Mid-Manhattan Library (NYPL) young adult librarian, were among six speakers who debated the positive and negative images they found in pop culture.

Chen said she organized the panel to "engage in the difficult question of what makes good representation" for Asian and Asian Americans in comics, graphic novels and manga "because those voices are often suppressed or whitewashed in American media."

She also wanted to acknowledge the term Asian American includes people of South Asian, Southeast Asian and multiracial identities, "not just East Asians, which is often the unspoken norm."

The Ms. Marvel superhero comic books got rave reviews by the panelists for presenting Kamala Khan as a realistic, relatable second-generation Pakistani American character.

Other graphic novels the panelists praised because they “do it right” include The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye, by Sonny Liew, a historical fiction book that chronicles the life of a comics artist and changes in Singapore; The Best That We Could Do, by Thi Bui, a memoir about a Vietnamese American family as they escape war and adapt to a new homeland; I Was Their American Dream, by Malaka Gharib, the memoir of an Filipino Egyptian American journalist and her family; and various works created by Chinese American Gene Luen Yang (of American Born Chinese fame and the New Super-Man series) and Korean American/ biracial Greg Pak (of the Mech Cadet Yu and Totally Awesome Hulk series).
Conference Reports (Continued)

Still, stereotypes continue to appear in comics and films with Asian and Asian American characters portrayed as foreigners, marginalized or model minorities, according to the panelists.

Men are often depicted as having martial arts superpowers or knowing “super-mystical Asian secrets,” Shi said. Girls and women, on the other hand, are often defined by their relationships to male characters or portrayed as secondary characters or sex objects, said Caroline Kyungah Hong, Queens College associate professor of English.

More than 60 people attended the hour-long panel. A slideshow of graphic novels and comics created by or highlighting Asians or Asian Americans played on a large screen. Panel attendees also got a recommended reading list with dozens of comics, memoirs, novels, non-fiction and children's books.

The panelists also acknowledged there are narrative gaps or blind spots in the comics and books about Asian and Asian American experiences.

There are many stories featuring Asian American characters rejecting their culture, young adult author Preeti Chhibber said, yet she noticed there is "not enough (stories) to counter-balance that, not enough celebrations to balance both sides."

Mental illness is another topic that should be further addressed in comics and books, even though the topic is often difficult to discuss in Asian cultures, said Shi and Anna Coats, the Livingston (NJ) Public Library head of youth services.

Coats also said that while there is a large Asian Caribbean population in America, she has not seen any characters of that heritage in comics.

The panelists also advocated for more books about Asian and Asian American LGBT (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender) experiences, especially for stories other than people coming out, or being bullied, rejected or suicidal.

"We need more queer and trans stories - not suffering, alone or persecuted - joyful stories," Hong said. "And more stories on disability and disability justice."

Ricci Yuhico, Mid-Manhattan Library (NYPL) young adult services managing librarian, recalled recommending the young adult novel Picture Us in the Light by Kelly Loy Gilbert to a teen in the library and the teen was thrilled to find out that the book’s Chinese-American protagonist, Danny Cheng, reflected the student’s own identity.

“He’s Asian and gay? Thank you!” Yuhico said about the teen’s reaction upon picking up the Stonewall Honor award-winning book, which also deals with themes of family, love, loss and the pressure to succeed in high school.

The panelists also provided practical ideas for how educators and librarians can promote and include diverse comics in their libraries and classrooms, such as creating front-facing book displays similar to those found in bookstores and providing teachers with diverse reading lists.

"Showcase diverse comics everywhere in the curriculum," Hong said.

Hong considered criticism to be an important educational skill and she encouraged students and teachers to not only just read diverse books, but they can also host in-person book discussions or have virtual book talks via Google Hangouts or on social media.

"To critique is an act of love," Hong said. "You can critique items you love."

Graphic Orientalism: Deconstructing Asian Identity in Comics

Recommended Reading List: bit.ly/asianreadinglist
Report on China Trip in August, 2019

By Jiaxun Wu


This conference was hosted by Tongfang Knowledge Network Technology Co., Ltd. Beijing (CNKI), in conjunction with Tsinghua University Library, Hong Kong University Libraries, and Jilin Province Library and Jilin University Library. More than 2,000 scholars, librarians and other professionals attended the conference, from 31 countries and regions. Speakers and attendees share their perspectives and progress updates on work reported at past CDPDL conferences.

Among many presentations, I would like to introduce the report “Where is the ‘Value’ in an Academic Library?” by Peter Sidorko, University Librarian from Hong Kong University Libraries. This report revealed some unique ways to emphasize the important values of libraries in general and academic libraries in particular. Peter Sidorko discussed library values using qualitative and quantitative data. From a broad perspective, Peter studied library values with quality of students, success in school, achievement after graduation, teaching of faculty, grants of a school, and reputation of the university. Peter further examined the university libraries and public libraries of England as some sample studies. The author also used the concept of spent and return, cost and gain to discuss the values of an academic library.

I would like to briefly highlight a few presentations. Mingliang Wang, founder & chairperson of CNKI, made a welcome remarks. Zheng Bing, Executive Vice President, Jilin University, gave a speech on “New Mission and Innovative Service Demand of Universities under Innovation-driven Development Strategy.” Youqiang Wang, University Librarian, Tsinghua University Library, delivered a presentation titled, “Knowledge Innovation Service of University Libraries: Models and Approaches.” Ping Yu, Director, Jilin University Library, focused on “Library Knowledge Innovation Service for ‘Double First-Class’ Construction in Colleges and Universities: Exploration and Practice.”

A few professionals from North America also made presentations. Here are a few highlights. James Cheng Librarian, Harvard–Yenching Library, Harvard University, “What Can Digital Resources Providers Do for the Academic Library?” Jim Cheng, Director, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University presented on “Thoughts on Digital Preservation and Access of Library Time-based-media Materials.” Yunfei Du, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Information, University of North Texas delivered a presentation on “Data Science, Learning Analytics, and Implication to Academic Library Services.”
Conference Reports (Continued)

In the conferences, the librarians took the opportunity to exchange information, renew the friendship, and also took a lot of pictures. This year, due to my walking problems during conference period, Ding provided valuable help to me from beginning to end. My sincere thanks to Ding.
Fifth Sino-American Academic Library Forum on Collaboration and Development

Afterwards, we went to Hohhot for the Fifth Sino-American Academic Library Forum on Collaboration and Development. This Forum was hosted by China Academic Social Sciences and Humanities Library (CASHL), Society of Chinese Studies Librarians (SCSL), and Library Society of China – Branch of Higher Education. More than 120 specialists and librarians attended the conference.

The University Librarian of Peking University, Jianlong Chen, made a speech on “The Strategic Plan of Peking University Library.” He introduced the new leadership of the library, emphasizing the importance of the information service, how to work efficiently for providing the service, using the resources and strength of Peking university library to support other university libraries, including one experienced associate university librarian went to Shanxi University for the University Librarian, in the meantime, still serves as the Associate University Librarian of Peking University Library. Through this arrangement, these two universities will increase the cooperation, and Peking university library is working to give more support on the development of Shanxi University library. Long Xiao, the University Librarian of Shanxi University Library, discussed her new role and introduced Shanxi University Library.

Jianlong Chen in the Conference
Conference Reports (Continued)

Hong Cheng, the President of SCSL, Chinese studies librarian of UCLA, made a speech on “Library and Social Development: a Challenging Decade and Beyond.” Hong reviewed the 10 years history of the cooperation and development between Society of Chinese Studies Librarians and the Society of Higher Education of China. His speech focuses on four topics: One, the theme of the Fifth Sino-American Academic Library Forum, two, the relationship between social development and library’s development. Three, social development is not straight forward but spiral forward, fourth, the challenge from the spiritual forward of the social development to the library.

Peter Zhou, Director of the East Asian Library at UC Berkeley, made a speech on “Tendency of the development on Academic Libraries in the United States.” He discussed academic exchange and Open access. He asked questions on open access: for example, who is going to maintain these open access databases? What will be the relation of the two models: open access and commercial subscription? Open access model hasn’t received enough support. He provided a brief list of participation of OA world-wide with total of 138 universities for 2020. He also discussed the libraries’ merge and reconstruction processes. He mentioned the change the emphasis from tradition to e-resources and digital humanities.

Delger Borjigin, the Director of Mongolian Collection, Inner Mongolian University, introduced and discussed the development of the digital collection on Mongolian studies in Inner Mongolia University. He also gave us a tour on the rare book collection of the Library. The library holds Mongolian language of Buddhist scriptures. The library also holds Gesar Epic. That is one of the longest historical poems in the world. The holding of the library is 1716 edition.
I was invited to be a chair for the Plenary Panel. In that panel, there are five presentations in total. Li Wang from Brown University made a presentation on American Sinologist Charles S. Gardner and the Chinese Collection at Brown University. Garner is a professor on Chinese studies in the twentieth century, he donated his own collections to Brown University, including rare books. This paper mainly focused on his working relationship with some Chinese scholars who once visited United States and Harvard University. Xin Yuan, Director of Tsinghua University Special Collection discussed their special collection and working relations with other university libraries.
The conference also gave the certificates to all the excellent presentations. Due to the high quality of the presentation, all presenters from North America received award certificates.

The President of SCSL Hong Cheng and chair of CEAL Chinese material committee Xiaoqin Qiao were invited for Award presenters. I am the member of CEAL Committee on Chinese Materials this year.

Left and Right: Hong Cheng and Xiaoqin Qiao
Conference Reports (Continued)

Conference on Permanent Preservation on Digital Resources

On August 17, we went to Beijing by overnight train so we can start meeting when we arrive in Beijing in the early morning.

The meeting’s topic was on “Permanent Preservation on Digital Resources” hosted by China National Publications Import & Export Corporation (CNPIEC). The representatives from libraries of universities, social science academies, publishers, and librarians from North America attended the meeting. More than 90 people attended the conference.

Jichen Zhang, the General Manager of CNPIEC, discussed the work has been done by CNPIEC, from the perspectives of four key elements of the mechanism, technology, model, and correlation on digital resource preservation, as well as six key relationships, such as preservation and use, permanent and up-to-date, paper and electricity, bare data preservation and platform function services.
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Lan Wang, University Librarian of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Larry Alford, University Librarian at the University of Toronto; Peter Zhou, Director of East Asian Library, UC Berkeley; Jim Cheng, Director of East Asian Library, Columbia University, made presentations in the conference.

Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF)

We also attended Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF). This is one of the largest book fairs in the world. The exhibition size is 100 thousand square meters, around 2,600 publishers participated in the exhibition. CNPIEC prepared a section on Chinese Studies with the emphasis of academic publications for overseas librarians to select books. The total number of titles are more than 15,000. The librarians from North America, mainly Chinese Studies Librarians or East Asian Librarians with emphasis on Chinese Studies, highly evaluated the exhibit.

Then I went to Shanghai. In Shanghai, I met university librarians, Chinese Studies librarians, Professors on Chinese Studies, including some influential scholars. I was invited for two presentations on China trip, Chinese studies and reference services.

In sum, the conferences include very rich and important information. One thing cited here, thousand may have been left out. In the meantime, we truly had a very busy schedule. Many days, we had formal and informal meetings from early morning to the evening. Sometimes, I needed to use an alarm to wake up in the middle of the midnight for a better access of my working emails and working web pages. I also used my vacation time to meet some professionals and scholars. But it is truly worth it. I have learned tremendously from the meetings, from colleagues, and I also met some old and new friends, further developed good working relations with vendors, libraries and more.