

National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources
Winter Biannual Meeting
6-7 January 1995

In attendance:

Karl Kahler	University of Pennsylvania; Chair, NCC
Brener, Steven	NCC Director
Cain, Jack	ISM Library Information Services
Heinrich, Amy	Columbia University; Former Chair, NCC
Ichiko, Morita	Library of Congress
Matsudo, Yasuko	University of Michigan
Minichiello, Sharon	University of Hawaii-Manoa
Okuizumi, Eizaburo	University of Chicago
Reed-Scott, Jutta	Association of Research Libraries

Unable to attend:

Krauss, Ellis	University of Pittsburgh
Westney, Eleanor	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Yamashita, Samuel	Pomona College

Guests:

Gangloff, Eric	Japan-US Friendship Commission
Pashal, Michael	The Japan Foundation
Troost, Kristina Kade	Duke University

I. Greetings and Updates

A. Steven Brener, new NCC Director, was introduced. Prior to accepting the Directorship, Steven Brener was the Program Manager of the Japanese Science and Technology Management Program at the University of Pittsburgh, one of eleven national United States-Japan Industry and Technology Management Training Program centers. Other work experience includes being an analyst of the high-technology industry at the Nikko Securities Co., Ltd., in Tokyo, and an electrical engineer at Digital Equipment Corp., in Massachusetts. His education includes a Master's in Public and International Affairs with a concentration on Asian Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, and a BS in Physics from SUNY Stony Brook.

B. Membership issues: Replacement of Eiji Yutani and Tamiyo Togasaki.
Togasaki: Togasaki asked T. Miyakawa to replace her as Japanese liaison for NCC. Both Okuizumi and Heinrich made written requests to him to that effect. Miyakawa was concerned about the cost to NCC of bringing a member from Japan. He also was concerned

that there was no formal mission assigned to the Japanese liaison. The committee members agreed on the importance of having at all NCC meetings a liaison from Japan who can comment on issues from the perspective of the information community in Japan.

Action: Write to Miyakawa to request that he be NCC's liaison. He should be provided with a formal title and an official charge.

Action: Add a phrase to the bylaws about the Japanese Representative to the NCC.

Action: Prepare an explanation in Japanese about our activities.

Yutani: Three preferences were suggested in the search for a replacement of Yutani: 1) senior librarian; 2) comes from medium-sized library; and, 3) west-coast based. The Nominating Subcommittee approached one colleague who could not serve. The Nominating Subcommittee will again solicit nominations and make recommendations to the committee.

C. Review of Ongoing Activities

1. Multivolume Set (MVS) Subcommittee update (Heinrich): So far, the MVS has received eleven applications for support of participation in the multivolume project. It will meet in Chicago on January 23. Awards are expected to be announced by mid-February. The membership of the MVS remains the same as last year, namely, Heinrich, Ishimatsu, Morimoto, Brenton, Hastings, and Noguchi. Recommendations from the Nominating Subcommittee will be discussed concerning the replacement of Heinrich and one of the members currently at Berkeley.

This year only, the MVS subcommittee, upon the recommendation of committee members, accepted applications for reprints of current periodicals as possible recipients of support funds.

The MVS is looking for a grant application from the Serials Subcommittee to support cooperative serial acquisitions, including reprints of ceased periodicals.

Action: Contact Mihoko Miki, Serials Subcommittee cochair to discuss grant proposal for the Serials Subcommittee.

2. Serials Subcommittee Report (Heinrich): The Serials Subcommittee has not produced much lately. It is, however, interested in a serials back-issue project. The Committee applied for Title IV funding two years ago. It was not funded partly due to whether or not the givers would prefer to fund the efforts of a consortium rather than of an individual institution. A restructured subcommittee was formed two years ago. Matsudo will contact cochair Miki about submitting a request as part of the grant proposal to JUSFC due March 1.

3. Japan Foundation Library Support Program Advisory Subcommittee Report (Heinrich): Members on the subcommittee are Yutani, Heinrich, Troost, Okuizumi, and Westney. Kristina Troost, cochair of the Subcommittee with Heinrich, will represent the NCC at the AAC meeting in early February. She will present the recommendations of the Subcommittee on applications to the Library Support Program, and update the AAC on the recent activities of the NCC.

4. National Diet Library (NDL) International Division (Matsudo): There was nothing to report at this time. Matsudo will talk with CEAL about ILL in Japan beyond NDL.

5. Database Subcommittee Report (Heinrich): Information about the Japanese Resource Sharing Project in the *NCC Newsletter* was well received. Further, the database project, which involves Columbia, Duke, Berkeley, MIT, and OSU, is going well. A home page on the WWW now exists to which all consortium members will be able to make contributions. The two addresses (URLs) for the home page are <http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu> and <http://dragon.lib.ohio-state.edu>. The software is being loaded and set up at OSU. Some nonaffiliated groups have expressed interest in providing information including one that specializes in Japanese film, and the National Security Archives for Government Documents. NCC is serving as the advisory committee making suggestions regarding what should be mounted on the database. Materials have been mounted concerning the ARL Demonstration Project on Japanese Scientific and Technical Information.

Action: Director to solicit input from NCC members and communicate them to Maureen Donovan, coordinator of the project. Action: Ask Donovan to post a document on a listserv to solicit offers for loading information. (Need to look at guidelines at other listservs.)

The following suggestions were made regarding what should be mounted on the database: tables of contents, Japanese language instruction, reference bibliographies, pointers to other databases, information character set exchange, specific document series, and funding available by other foundations. In addition it was suggested that the database can be used as a tool to coordinate proposals for future spending.

6. Japan Documentation Center (Morita): (a) A Japan Documentation Center (JDC) database providing English language abstracts of various documents is available, and a list of periodicals and some tables of contents is being developed. The database is small, however, with a little over 500 titles of 8 to 2,000 pages in length. Older information will be deleted. At this time it is accessible by Gopher only; however, in the future, it should become available over the WWW. Committee members suggested that there be no overlap with other data available over the WWW.

(b) The Japan Association for Cultural Exchange (ACE) has appointed a librarian from the International House of Japan (IHouse). The Tokyo Acquisitions Facilities held an opening ceremony at the end of September. In attendance were US Ambassador Walter Mondale and Takako Doi, Speaker of the House (Japan).

(c) The JDC will have its second annual conference on April 24. This one will focus on research on the policymaking process in Japan.

(d) The JDC is making arrangements with NDL for improved materials exchange between those two organizations for policy related documents.

(e) The Japanese section of LC is planning to reduce the number of categories of exchange materials for Japanese government documents. Most local government documents will no longer be supplied when put into practice. This might affect some institutions and the continuation of such holdings in the US should be discussed.
Action: NCC should consider helping distribute acquisition and cataloging responsibilities of the exchange. NCC will refer this to the CEAL Subcommittee. Need to send a letter to the chair of CEAL about Morita's news.

7. National Security Education Program (NSEP—Boren Fund): The NSEP has funded a University of California/SD project to enhance their supercomputer library designed to provide: 1) a multilingual exchange of information around the Pacific Rim; 2) an electronic resource partnership around the Rim; and, 3) information for navigating the Rim.
Action: NCC should contact NSEP about the need to recognize character set differences among Pacific rim countries.
Action: NCC should inquire about future funding from NSEP for NCC projects.

8. CULCON: Gangloff urged that there be a discussion about the international exchange of information, especially for database exchange.
Action: Heinrich will send a copy of her letter to CULCON.
Action: NCC will follow up on an a query from Yokoyama of the Gaimusho as to what the Gaimusho should supply on-line.

9. CEAL Update (Okuizumi): Professor Ushiro Kome will be invited to talk on the connection between writers and publishing companies at the annual meeting of the CEAL Subcommittee for Japanese Materials in Washington, DC. He will discuss the first editions of the novels and poetry of Natsume Soseki, Mori Ogai, Yosano Akiko, Nagai Kafu, and Kitahara Hakushu from various points of view. He also serves as Director of the Yamanashi Prefectural Literature Museum. Mrs. Ichiko Morita, Head of the JDC, will give an update of the Center's activities at the same meeting. In addition, Sachie Noguchi will report on the Kyoto Conference and Scott Edward Harrison on databases.

A. Japanese Book Distribution Project (Okuizumi)

(a) Ideas were exchanged between Okuizumi and members of the Shiritsu Daigaku Toshokan Kyokai last October on the possibility of sending Japanese libraries' duplicate copies to libraries in the US. More information is expected by April 1. Okuizumi may extend an invitation to a representative from the Shiritsu Daigaku Toshokan Kyokai to meet with the NCC at the 1995 AAS meeting.

(b) Heinrich urged that CEAL schedule time during its meeting to discuss this project. We should let the Japanese side know what titles and subjects we need.

(c) There is no total list of duplicates, and there is much to do on the Japan side.
Action: NCC will send a supporting letter, with invitation to conference.
Action: NCC will appoint a liaison.

B. ILL Task Force in CEAL (Troost): The ILL Task Force was folded into the Public Services Committee of CEAL. There is a need to move ahead on three fronts: 1) titles not held in the US; 2) the lack of communication between ILL and East Asian Libraries; and, 3) using listservs to track down Japanese materials. It will be important to work with Mary Jackson on these issues.

10. NEAC (Minichiello): The issues of greatest concern to NEAC include avoiding overlapping efforts by various groups concerned with Japanese resources, funding, and librarian training. The AAS has set up a Publications Committee to review all publications in AAS. One person on this committee will represent the libraries. NEAC will try to get publishing in line with new technology. Evelyn Rawski, next AAS president, wants to place emphasis on library issues at the 1996 Hawaii meeting. Rawski has also appointed a subcommittee to see about the Hawaii conference.

Action: Get in touch with Donovan and Rawski about this committee.

A number of other issues were mentioned. There is a need to get the ILL going. The National Research Council (NRC) is talking about the education of librarians. Therefore, we need to make sure that the NRC informs the NCC of their meetings.

The University of Maryland at College Park will celebrate Archives II in the fall. Minichiello will write back to Marlene Mayo about getting in touch with the NCC.

The JUSFC is asking the Inter University Center (IUC) to locate additional funding. The JUSFC is letting it be known that future funding may be a problem.

The JUSFC will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in 1995. There will be a reception on April 8, Saturday, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. All NCC committee members, past and present, are invited.

11. Recon Subcommittee: It was urged that the NCC continue to address the Japanese part of East Asian Recon as an NCC project. A coordinator is needed for this project.

12. AAU/ARL (Reed-Scott): As part of the ARL Demonstration Project on Japanese Scientific and Technical Information, the AAU/ARL has placed emphasis on making information available via electronic media. The particular focus is aimed at improving access to materials on computer-aided manufacturing. So far, they have located 230 titles of which about 50 percent are available in the US. The organization will finalize the serial lists of core journals and mount tables of contents. The objective is to offer "one-stop shopping" to direct the researcher to relevant material. This should be in operation in April. Action: Publicize through channels, including the NCC. Kahler will act as NCC liaison.

13. Art Exhibition Catalog Project (Heinrich, Kahler): The best source of up-to-date research on modern and contemporary Japanese art can be found in catalogs, not monographs. We need to establish a collection on a national basis. To do this without dissipating the collection we should: (1) establish a task force, (2) follow-up on the letter from Isao Tsujimoto of ACE Japan proposing a joint effort, (3) talk with Art Libraries

Society (ARLIS), (4) possibly solicit participation from interested librarians, and (5) look for funding.

II. New Activities

1. Library training and recruitment: A new subcommittee needs to be formed to look at Pat Steinhoff's data, upon which planning should be carried out. The chair of this subcommittee requests to be replaced.

Action: The Nominating Subcommittee will recommend a new configuration of this subcommittee.

There is a need to be active in preparing future Japanese Studies librarians. A fellowship should be set up for librarian training.

Action: Kahler and Minichiello will draft a proposal to request support for such a fellowship.

2. Activities during AAS meetings: Two were identified: (1) improve dialog with the National Resource Centers (how was not decided) and (2) take part in the demonstration of the home page for the database project. This will be coordinated by Donovan.

Action: NCC will call for volunteers for this task.

III. Other

1. Report from former Chair (Heinrich): Heinrich reported that chairing the NCC has entailed a lot of hard work and has also been very gratifying. She thanked her colleagues for all their effort and support.

2. International Conference on Japanese Information Specialists: Sachie Noguchi took part in the planning of this conference, acting as a CEAL member with the NCC in mind. Noguchi urges that we be a mobilizing force for this conference. The NCC hopes to participate if funding is available.

3 Review of Bylaws: NCC reviewed the bylaws, the role of the Nominating Subcommittee, and other subcommittees.

Action: A revised version of the bylaws will be distributed to NCC Committee members for final approval.

Action: the Nominating Subcommittee will solicit participants from the general community to fill vacancies coming up on various subcommittees.

The Committee expressed gratitude to Kahler, Heinrich, and Reed-Scott for all their efforts in making the NCC meeting a success.