

Library Professional Development Committee Report to NCC: August 2008

Committee members: Cathy Chiu – UC Santa Barbara, Hitoshi Kamada (co-chair) – University of Arizona, Yasuko Makino (consultant) – Princeton, Sachie Noguchi (co-chair) – Columbia, Fabiano Takashi Rocha – Toronto, Eiko Sakaguchi (consultant) – Maryland, Keiko Suzuki – Yale and Ying Zhang – UC, Irvine.

I. Committee membership:

Co-chair change:

Hitoshi Kamada was assigned to be co-chair from June 1, 2008.

Maureen Donovan will chair the soon to be reinstated E-Resources Portal Task Force.

Since there was no full-member committee meeting during the AAS in Atlanta, the following rotations were made based on e-mail exchanges. Mari Suzuki (Michigan) and Sumie Ota (NYPL) expressed their desire to rotate off. NCC assigned Fabiano Takashi Rocha (Toronto) to become a member, representing Canada. Ying Zhang (UC Irvine) self nominated to the NCC's call for nomination to be the committee member posted on eastlib, and she was accepted as the member.

Current members with terms:

- Cathy Chiu, East Asian Studies Librarian, University of California, Santa Barbara
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- Fabiano Takashi Rocha, Japan Studies Librarian, University of Toronto
fabiano.rocha@utoronto.ca (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011)
- Hitoshi Kamada, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Arizona (co-chair)
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- Yasuko Makino, Japanese Studies Librarian, Princeton University (advisor)
ymakino@Princeton.EDU (2006-
- Sachie Noguchi, Japanese Studies Librarian, Columbia University (co-chair)
sn2160@columbia.edu (2006-2009)
- Eiko Sakaguchi, Curator, East Asia Collection & Gordon W. Prange Collection ,
University of Maryland (advisor)
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- Keiko Suzuki, Japanese Catalog Librarian, Yale University
keiko.suzuki@yale.edu (2007-2010)
- Ying Zhang, Research Librarian for Asian Studies, University of California, Irvine
yingz@uci.edu (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011)

II. NCC Open Meeting + (April 3: 1:00-6:00) during AAS Annual Meeting in Atlanta

1. LPDC session:

There was no formal committee meeting held during the AAS/CEAL 2008 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. However, the LPDC hosted the following session during the NCC open meeting to let Japanese Studies librarians know an alternative training opportunity provided by the National Diet Library and explore the possibilities to use this medium for future trainings:

"E-Learning: National Diet Library's Training Programs for Librarians through the Internet": Tadahiko Motoyoshi, Director, Library Support Division, Kansaikan of the National Diet Library

2. Discussion to prepare for the post-JSIST/next generation training program

Since personnel from the NDL, International House of Japan in Tokyo Library, and NII (National Institute of Informatics) who have been engaged in the JF/NDL training workshops including the JSIST, were attending the AAS Annual Meeting from Japan, there was a meeting to discuss the future of the training program after the formal NCC Open Meeting. The meeting participants were: Mr. T. Motoyoshi (NDL), Ms. R. Hayashi (I-House), Ms. K. Nakamura (NII), Ms. I. Koide (Initiator of the program, currently Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation) from Japan, F. Rocha from Canada, and M. Donovan, S. Noguchi, K. Suzuki from the LPDC. In addition to the Committee members, it was also attended by Tokiko Bazzell (NCC chair), Vickey Bestor (NCC executive director), Yoko Okunishi (NCC staff) from NCC and there was also a couple of observers from Japan. The following agenda was discussed:

- There would be a meeting at the NDL on June 24 to discuss the fund proposal for the post-JSIST training program.
- To prepare for the above meeting in Japan, the participants of this meeting and a number of additional members such as the representative from Europe will exchange opinions via e-mails. Noguchi agreed to initiate the mailing list. (Note: Later this group was named as the Working Group and expanded to 22 members who could attend the meeting at the NDL in June.)
- Suggestions for the next generation training program were:
 - The fund proposal to the Japan Foundation will be prepared and submitted by the I-House Library and the Working Group will assist in preparing the proposal.
 - The target area must be multi-regions and the level of librarians above mid-career
 - The number of trainee should be 15~20.
 - The contents: themes should focus on the merits of doing training in Japan.
 - The number of days for training will depend on the contents.
- To widely collect opinions from the participants in the past JF/NDL trainings, the libken mailing list should be updated; I-House Library will take charge of the update. Regarding the US, NCC will send the participants' list to Ms. Hayashi.
- The working group will exchange opinions to propose a concrete plan/idea for the format and the contents of the next generation training program will be discussed at the NDL meeting on June 24.

III. Working Group discussion and the NDL meeting on June 24

Since April 28, the mailing list for the Working Group was set up and started communication among the members. The idea of the next generation training program was solicited from the working group. Suggestions were compiled into a list by Noguchi and distributed to the Working Group as well as the LPDC members.

Meanwhile Ms. Hayashi updated the libken mailing list and assigned a person in charge of each participating country; Rocha is in charge of Canada while Noguchi is in the United States. As a part of soliciting ideas from all libken members, on June 6, next generation training ideas were also solicited from the participants of JF/NDL Training Workshop/JSIST from the United States. These ideas were added to the list. To report the summary of the proposed program ideas for each region/country, Rocha prepared for Canada and Noguchi prepared for the U.S.

Please refer to the attached [draft] minutes regarding the Next Generation Training Program Meeting at the NDL on June 24.

IV. Tenri Workshop: (please also refer to: Tenri Workshop: A Report to NCC Board in August 2008)

The Tenri Antiquarian Materials Workshop for Overseas Japanese Studies Librarians (Tenri Workshop) took place from June 16th to 20th, and the symposium on June 21st, 2008. For this workshop, NCC wrote a support letter for the fund proposal submitted to the Japan Foundation by the UK Japan Library Group/Tenri Workshop Preparatory Committee. NCC is also acting as the bursar for funds from the Japan Foundation earmarked for US participants, and LPDC Co-chair, Noguchi, has been serving as a member of the Tenri Workshop Committee. K. Suzuki, a LPDC member as well as Tenri trainee became a member of the Steering Committee of OJAMASG (Overseas Japanese Antiquarian Materials Study Group (OJAMASG 在外日本古典籍研究会) which will maintain the Group's homepage. Please refer to the attached separate report for the contents of the workshop and activities following the workshop.