

## **Report on Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)**

North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources Meeting  
Princeton University, January 16-17, 2009  
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CEAL schedule for Annual meeting is decided and it is linked at:

<http://www.eastasianlib.org/CEAL/AnnualMeeting/Annualmeeting.htm>

The CEAL Executive Board's current discussion is on committees' reorganization related to each presentation at annual meeting to examine alternative ways produce more interesting and/or more integrated sessions. Historically each committee has different approaches to organize the presentation differently such as having a theme and bringing guests from outside of the U.S. The chair of CEAL proposed to discuss this matter at the Executive Board meeting in Chicago 2009. At the end of discussion, the board may produce a document stating the submission procedure such as requiring translation of speakers who talk in their native languages (if other than English). The discussion will also include issues of rearranging committee meetings schedule by merging, allocating language committee meeting not only on Thursday, but on Wednesday and all language groups having one large meeting under common theme such as forming transnational consortium, librarian training and working with dealers for standards, licensing, pricing, etc.

The annual meeting for Committee on Japanese Materials will be focused on a theme/panel inviting editors specializing in Japan Studies to speak on a panel intended to educate librarians about the academic publication industry as it concerns materials for Japan Studies for an audience outside of Japan. Although not all panelists are confirmed, we are planning to invite Pat Crosby from University of Hawaii Press and Albert Hoffsteadt from Brill Publication. The committee is also hoping to bring Mr. Yasutaka Kiyota from Shuppan News who has an extensive knowledge of publishing in Japan and we are currently working on gathering some fund to bring committee.

CEAL Plenary session has been planned with the Asian Librarians Liaison committee and invited CONSALD and CORMOSEA members to attend. The topic of plenary is described below by the CEAL President Kristina Troost.

“Libraries, faculty and publishing are intertwined around research. The problem posed by this panel is how do they each respond to the challenge posed by cross-border and interdisciplinary research. With the explosion of materials from around the world and the breakdown of territorial boundaries as a framework for research, how do faculty pursue

research in areas that require materials and language skills from more than one country and increasingly more than one region of the world? How do libraries support faculty who cross borders in their research; old paradigms that assign budgetary lines to departments or programs based on faculty may no longer be viable? How do publishers find reviewers and sell books that may appeal to more than one audience?”

There will be four panelists who will each talk about 15-20 minutes and they are:

- Professor Peter Perdue, Department of History, Yale University
- Dr. David Magier, Associate University Librarian for Collection Development Princeton University Library.
- Ken Wissoker, Editor-in-chief, Duke University Press
- Michael Duckworth, Associate Publisher, Hong Kong University Press.