

New Chair, New Director

Amy Vladeck Heinrich completed her three-year term as chair of the NCC at the end of December. As the founding chair, she gave the direction and leadership needed to mold the NCC into the active group that it is today. The Japanese Studies community is truly indebted to her. On January 1, 1995, Karl Kahler became the new Chair of the NCC, and Steven Brener became the organization's first Director. Their addresses can be found in the footer below. ~

WWW Demo at AAS

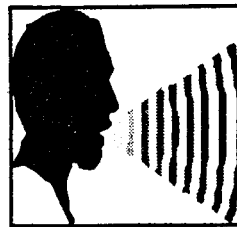
As mentioned in the last issue of the *NCC News*, a cooperative project involving the NCC is underway to develop a new electronic information service for East Asian library resources. This has already resulted in the creation of the East Asian Libraries' Cooperative World Wide Web (WWW) Server. Japanese studies specialists in all fields are invited to consider participating in the project and using this resource for their electronic publishing needs. Demonstrations will be held during the Association for Asian Studies annual conference at a booth in the exhibit hall, which will feature both the WWW project and NCC's other activities. For those of you who can't wait and who have access to the World Wide Web, set your browser to <http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu>.

Questions and input concerning the WWW project should be directed to Maureen Donovan, Ohio State University Libraries, email donovan.1@osu.edu. ~

The MVS Decides

The Multivolume Set Subcommittee met in January to review applications from sixteen institutions for support to purchase large costly sets published in Japan. Funds for this support came from a grant from the Japan-US Friendship Commission. Nine institutions, namely; the University of Pittsburgh, the Hoover Institution,

UC Los Angeles, Duke University, Ohio State University, UC San Diego, the University of Indiana, the University of Washington and the University of Michigan, were selected to receive funding for twenty-three titles. A complete list of the recipient institutions as well as the titles they will purchase can be obtained from Steven Brener, Director, NCC (see footer). Any institution interested in submitting an application for support of future similar purchases should contact Karl Kahler or Steven Brener. ~



Announcements

The NCC will hold an open meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, on Thursday, April 6, 1995

between 8 - 10 am in the State Room of the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel. The meeting will be both a review of current NCC activities and an open discussion of future directions and opportunities for NCC. All are welcome to attend.

The Library of Congress will hold a panel discussion on the Library of Congress Asian Collections on Wednesday, April 6, 2-4 p.m., in the Library of Congress West Dining Room. Presenters will include Helen Poe, Asian Division; William Siting, Collection Policy; Barbara Tillett, Cataloging Policy; and Linda Washington, Photoduplication. Contact Ichiko Morita, Japan Documentation Center, Library of Congress, email imor@loc.gov, of the Library of Congress for more information.

The Japan Foundation Library Support Program will be accepting proposals for projects that seek to promote resource sharing and library cooperation, both regionally and nationally, in order to facilitate research on and understanding about Japan. Beginning as well as established collections for Japanese language materials are welcome to apply. For more information, please contact Kristina Kade-Troost, Duke University, kktroost@acpub.duke.edu. ~

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What is the NCC?

The NCC seeks to improve access to information on Japan in the US through cooperative efforts among educational and research institutions in the US and Japan. The Committee has formed a number of subcommittees and task forces. The **Multivolume Set Subcommittee** has strengthened the holdings of Japanese research sources in American university libraries by administering a grant from the Japan-US Friendship Commission to support the purchase of expensive multi-volume sets in Japanese. Its cooperative efforts have reduced duplicate purchases of costly materials while increasing access to what is available. The **Retrospective Conversion Subcommittee** is working to expand national databases on Japanese library resources through the conversion of member libraries' paper records of holdings into electronic form. The **Subcommittee on Electronic Resources** addresses access to information on Japan through rapidly expanding electronic media. The centerpiece of this subcommittee is the World Wide Web project described earlier in this issue of the *NCC News*. A new **Librarian Training Subcommittee** has sought funding to support efforts to address the critical shortage of new entrants into the field of Japanese librarianship. A **Japanese Art Exhibition Catalogs Project** is

being planned to build up, at a national level, a comprehensive collection of art catalogs published in Japan on modern and contemporary Japanese art. These art catalogs are some of the best sources of up-to-date research on Japanese art of this period. The **Serials Subcommittee** works to expand and improve access to important Japanese newspapers and journals. It will focus on coordinating the procurement of expensive reprints of older Japanese journals in order to ensure that important titles are available in the US while avoiding redundant collecting. The NCC also serves in a consultative capacity on a number of outside projects focusing on Japan including the **Japan Foundation Library Support Program Advisory Subcommittee** of the Japan Foundation, the **ARL Demonstration Project on Japanese Scientific and Technical Information**, and the **Japanese Book Distribution Project of CEAL**.

Fuller information on all the projects and activities of the NCC is available in the Winter 1995 Meeting Report, to be published in the Bulletin of the Committee on East Asian Libraries. Participation in any of our projects is most definitely welcome. For more information about whom to contact to get involved or just to find out more about any specific project, please contact Steven Brener, Director, NCC (see footer, front page). We would like to thank the Japan-US Friendship Commission and the Japan Foundation for their invaluable support.

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The National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources is a standing committee which represents the community of Japanese librarians and scholars in North America. The NCC's mission is to mobilize library resources related to Japan toward the long-range goal of creating a comprehensive system of ready access to Japanese information throughout North America. Membership in the NCC is open to nominations and suggestions are always welcome.