

## **MVS PROJECT 97/98**

After the discussion of Project guidelines at the open meeting at AAS in March, the MVS Project Subcommittee and the NCC have agreed to the following changes in the guidelines for the 97/98 Project:

- Include backfiles for both ceased and current serial titles. Formerly only backfiles of ceased serial titles were in scope for the Project.
- Titles will not be funded if there is already one circulating copy in North America.
- Current price cap of 100,000 Yen will not be raised in order to avoid putting smaller libraries at a disadvantage.

The NCC has submitted a number of grant proposals to Canadian foundations in hopes of broadening the base of Project funding to include applications from Canadian libraries.

An announcement from the MVS Subcommittee about this year's application process will be released shortly.

## **FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

The NCC next meets on Jan. 9-10, 1998 in Berkeley, California. Please send any agenda items, queries, concerns etc., to incoming Chair, Kristina Kade Troost ([kktroost@acpub.duke.edu](mailto:kktroost@acpub.duke.edu)) or the NCC Director, Dorothy Gregor ([dgregor@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:dgregor@library.berkeley.edu))

The NCC Open Meeting at AAS will be held on Wed., March 25, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the West Dining Room on the 6th floor of the Library of Congress Madison Building. We certainly hope to see you there.

## **THE JAPAN FOUNDATION SENIOR LIBRARIAN TRAINING PROGRAM**

The NCC is pleased to announce the selection of Eizaburo Okuizumi, Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Chicago, to attend the 1998 Training Program in Tokyo. This year's program will be held from January 18-February 7, 1998. Okuizumi-san has indicated his willingness to do a follow-up workshop in the U.S. in order to share the benefits of the Program.

As many *News* readers know, the NCC is asked to recommend candidates for the Program on very short notice. If it seems as though there will be further training programs, we are hoping to work with The Japan Foundation so that the application procedure can be undertaken under less rushed timelines.

## **JAC I UPDATE**

ACE-Japan's Art Catalog Library in Tokyo continues to oversee the shipment of art exhibition catalogs to the Freer Gallery of Art Library for cataloging by Project Cataloger, Reiko Yoshimura. In August another 316 volumes were sent to the Freer. Yoshimura-san reports that as of September 9, 1997, the Freer had cataloged 626 titles of a significant and growing collection. The records are available in the RLIN database and can be retrieved using an RLIN corporate search phrase: "fin cp JAC Project". Your Japanese art historians should be made aware of the Project resources for their research and study.

Some number of catalogs of western art are included in the shipments from Japan, and the Hirshhorn Museum has expressed an interest in becoming the depository library for the catalogs of western art. At its September meeting in Philadelphia, the NCC supported the request.

## **JAC II**

In order to reciprocate the generosity of our Japanese colleagues in building a collection of current art exhibition catalogs from Japan at both the Freer Gallery and in the Art Catalog Library in Tokyo, the NCC undertook to contact museums and other organizations in the U.S. known to have exhibited Japanese art in the last several decades. A letter requesting copies of catalogs of Japanese art exhibitions was sent to 105 U.S. institutions with a gratifying response. U.S. museums freely gave copies of 84 catalogs to the NCC to send to the Art Catalog Library in Tokyo. There is no way to insure that all institutions which might have exhibited Japanese art were included in the mailing, so this Project will continue only as additional sources of exhibit catalogs are identified.

## **'NCC' NIHONGO DE**

At the suggestion of our Japanese liaison member, the NCC now has an official Japanese version of its name to use to identify the organization to colleagues in Japan. We are ZENBEI NIHON KENKYU SHIRYO CHOSEI I-INKAI.

### **CGP/NEAC TRAINING GRANT**

The Center for Global Partnership and the Northeast Asia Council of the AAS have generously supported NCC's project to extend the knowledge and use of the databases included in the offerings of NACSIS (Japan's National Center for Science Information Systems). Those databases include such basic bibliographic files as the National Diet Library's JMARC and the *Zasshi Kiji Sakuin* as well as the Union Catalog of Monographs and the Union Catalog of Serials created by Japanese libraries contributing records through NACSIS-CAT.

In late July-August five U.S. Japanese Studies librarians spent a hot two weeks in Tokyo learning about the NACSIS databases and the conditions of their use and visiting other agencies with electronic resource files of interest. The five librarians are Sharon Domier (Univ. of Mass., Amherst-sdomier@library.umass.edu), Hasako Halasz (Library of Congress-hhal@loc.gov), Hisayuki Ishimatsu (UC Berkeley-yishimat@library.berkeley.edu), Fred Kotas (Cornell-fjk2@cornell.edu), and Mihoko Miki (UCLA-mmiki@library.ucla.edu). They are now planning follow-up workshops in the U.S. for other librarians, faculty and graduate students. During the week of November 17, 1997 Mr. Akira Miyzawa of NACSIS will work with H. Ishimatsu, M. Miki, and S. Domier to present workshops at UC Berkeley, UCLA, and Mt. Holyoke. If interested in attending one of those workshops, please contact the presenter. If you are interested in having a workshop at your institution, please contact the NCC Director, Dorothy Gregor (dgregor@library.berkeley.edu)

### **NACSIS NEWS**

At the September NCC meeting in Philadelphia Dr. Hitoshi Inoue, Deputy Director General of NACSIS reported on some of the current activities underway on his Tokyo campus. NACSIS is adding the U.S. to its roster of overseas projects. The U.S. Project, which will be in addition to projects with the U.K. and Thailand, will

focus on education and training. Dr. Takashi Hamada, Director of the Human Resources Dept., will be in charge of the U.S. Project. We would like to think that this summer's training program was an incentive for NACSIS to take this larger step.

In 1998 NACSIS will permanently expand system availability hours so that overseas users will not be inconvenienced. A new user-friendly interface is under development and will be installed in early 1998. WebCat which includes the union catalog data for both books and serials will continue to be available without charge on the Web. NACSIS has begun to look at Z39.50 implementation on its system and is reviewing the ISO ILL protocols for possible adoption. These steps would ease the use of NACSIS systems from overseas.

### **JAPAN CULTURE PLAZA**

Early in June, 1997, The Japan Foundation, with assistance from ACE Japan (Japan Association for Cultural Exchange) unveiled a new Home Page in both English and Japanese. (<http://www.acejapan.or.jp>) Because of severe budgetary constraints adding new data will be slow, but it is already a good source for information about organizations interested in cultural exchange and study. Try it.

### **JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION**

The Commission is encouraging the continuation of the work begun by the CULCON Working Group on Information Access with the formation of two subgroups: one to explore connectivity issues in the networked environment and the other dealing with technical library issues. The NCC was asked to assist with the development of the charges and the recommendation of qualified people as members of the new subgroups.

### **NCC NEWS MAILING LIST**

If you are no longer interested in receiving a copy of this newsletter, please send a note to that effect to dgregor@library.berkeley.edu, so we can keep our mailing list current. Thank you.

## **ARL JAPAN PROJECT**

Here is a brief update on Project activities and an invitation to a workshop--see *Zasshi Kiji Sakuin*, below. The Project is working, initially, to improve access to journal articles in Japanese whether the journal is held in a library in the U.S. or is available only from Japan.

### **National Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers (ULS)**

At its inaugural meeting at ARL in Washington in March of this year, Project participants indicated a willingness to contribute holdings to a Web-based ULS if the bibliographic information could be provided without incurring the expense of keying the data. OCLC and RLIN are not able to supply useful bibliographic data, but Maureen Donovan, editor of the Project's Web page (<http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu>) has offered to load data from local systems into a ULS database maintained for the Project. Participants would be able to include bibliographic and holdings data for current and ceased serials. The loading programs are being tested at OSU now and, if successful, a call for participation will go out shortly. A Web-based ULS would provide a collection development and public service tool for librarians and a finding aid for users interested in the study of Japan.

### **WWW Access to Japanese Journal Information**

The Project Web site is beginning to add links to sources which can provide document delivery of Japanese journal articles. Readers are encouraged to send the URLs for useful sites to Maureen Donovan ([donovan.1@osu.edu](mailto:donovan.1@osu.edu))

### **Zasshi Kiji Sakuin-Access to Journals in Japan**

With grants from the Center for Global Partnership and the Northeast Asia Council of the AAS, the NCC supported five Japanese Studies librarians at a two-week training program at NACSIS in Tokyo during late July-August. The trainees learned how to search NACSIS databases and about setting up access to NACSIS for users in the U.S. Among the many useful databases on the NACSIS system are the *Zasshi Kiji Sakuin* (from the National Diet Library) and the *Union Catalogs* of books and serials

which contributing libraries have created using NACSIS-CAT. In all there are over 40 NACSIS databases available to overseas users. The Union Catalogs are available without charge through the NACSIS Webcat service.

The grant program agreement with the funding agencies includes support for follow-on workshops in the U.S. for librarians, faculty or students (particularly graduate students) who would find it useful to access the NACSIS databases. The first workshops will be held during the week of November 17 at three locations; Dr. Akira Miyazawa from NACSIS will be on site to help present the workshops. Readers are invited to attend. There is no charge for the workshop.

#### **Workshop schedule:**

Nov. 18 (Tues.): U C Berkeley. Contact Hisayuki Ishimatsu ([yishimat@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:yishimat@library.berkeley.edu))  
Nov. 20 (Thurs.): UCLA. Contact Mihoko Miki ([mmiki@library.ucla.edu](mailto:mmiki@library.ucla.edu))  
Nov. 22 (Sat.): Mt. Holyoke. Contact Sharon Domier ([sdomier@library.umass.edu](mailto:sdomier@library.umass.edu))  
Workshop sites require a teaching facility with Internet-connected PCs and/or MACs loaded with software to search databases in Japanese. The NCC has some funding to support the workshops and may be able to help provide such software for use during the workshop. Funding will be available only during the 97/98 academic year. If you are interested in having a workshop at your institution, please contact the NCC Director, Dorothy Gregor ([dgregor@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:dgregor@library.berkeley.edu))

### **Cooperation with Japanese Academic Libraries**

The development of standard operating procedures for ILL with our colleagues in Japanese academic libraries would greatly facilitate access to journals held in Japanese collections as well as benefit Japanese libraries and their users through resource sharing with our libraries. There are a number of barriers to increasing ILL traffic across the Pacific, e.g., lack of electronic ILL messaging systems, Japanese copyright restrictions which forbid the faxing of journals articles, and accounting requirements from Japan's Ministry of Finance which require that each transaction be accounted and paid for separately. Despite these barriers there is

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interest in both the U.S. and Japan in improving the ILL flow. The Project Coordinator has begun discussions with Waseda University and the Association of National University Libraries in hopes of developing procedures to encourage, as a first step, resource sharing for photocopies of journal articles.

**STANFORD II ?**

Readers familiar with NCC history know that the organization got its start at a planning meeting at Stanford in 1991. After six years of operation the NCC is interested in revisiting the goals and priorities set by that inaugural meeting and in developing with the Japanese studies community an agenda for the 21st century. We are tentatively planning a one-day meeting in advance of the 1999 AAS meeting. If you are interested in participating in such a planning meeting, please take the time to share your thinking with an NCC member so we can begin to shape the program.

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