

2013.08.23 Bruno Racine, President of Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) visited NCL. He was warmly welcomed by Director General, Tseng Shu-hsien and NCL staff. The French Institute in Taiwan gives importance to this guest from afar in making arrangements to be accompanied by French publications special staff, Valentine Gigaudaut.



*President Bruno Racine (left)*

2013.09.03 The Library Association of the Republic of China, Medicine Library Committee, invited a delegation of library directors from Mainland China medical colleges to participate in the 35th annual meeting of medical libraries. Taking advantage of the Meeting, 6 members of the delegation led by deputy director Gong Jiajian visited NCL on the 3rd of September.



*Deputy Director General Wu (center)*

2013.09.06 Dr. Shao Dongfang, Library of Congress, Asian Division Director visited NCL Director General, Tseng Shu-hsien to discuss the development of Asian Collection and the latest international cooperation situation as well as future direction of LC-NCL cooperation.



*Dr. Shao Dongfang (2nd from left), Director General Tseng (2nd from right).*

## **Chinese Studies Symposium**

**2013.07.16**

The first session of the 2013 “Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” was held on July 16. Dr. Q. Edward Wang, a professor of the History Department at Rowan University in the United States and two-time winner of the “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” in 1999 and 2006, was invited to speak on the topic of “The Cultural History and Cultural Circles of Chopsticks: A Case Study of New Cultural History Research.”



*Professor Wang giving a presentation*

## 2013.07.23

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held the two-session “Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” on July 23, 2013. Mr. Ng How Wee, a CCS visiting scholar and Doctoral candidate at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, spoke on the topic of “An Examination and Discourse on Hong Kong and Taiwan Television Dramas in Post-socialist China: A Case Study of Martial Arts Television Dramas” and doctoral candidate Mr. Radek Pelucha of the Institute of East Asian Studies at Charles University in Czech, presented a paper on “Wang Wen-hsing: Modern fiction style in Taiwan.”



*Mr. Radek Pelucha (left front row)*

## 2013.08.01

The CCS held a “Symposium for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide” on August 1, 2013. Dr. Thomas Wilson, a recipient of this year’s “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” and professor of the History Department at Hamilton College, delivered a “Discourse on Confucian Sacrifice in the Ming and Qing Periods.” Dr. Wilson noted that Confucianists had few formal descriptions of the nature or significance of god, meaning they had almost no theological tradition. Furthermore, Confucians avoided direct descriptions of divine acts, meaning they had no mythological traditions.



*Professor Thomas Wilson (left front row)*

## 2013.08.06

The CCS held the “Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” on August 6, 2013. The speaker at the morning session was Mr. Shu Cheng-chi, a recipient of this year’s “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” and a doctoral candidate of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge. Mr. Shu presented a paper entitled “Sparking Fire:

The Nationalist Government and International Media Relations Networks as Seen from the 1944 Chongqing International Reporter Incident.”

At the second session that afternoon, Dr. Fabienne Jagou, a recipient of the CCS “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” in 2010 and researcher at the École française d'Extrême-Orient, spoke on the topic of “Tibetan Flesh Body Bodhisattvas in Contemporary Taiwan and India.”



*Professor Fabienne Jagou (left)*

## **2013.09.12**

The CCS held a three-session “Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” on September 12, 2013. Dr. James Lin, a “Taiwan Fellowship” grant winner and professor of the Department of History at the University of California, Berkeley, spoke on “Hunger Fighters: International Agricultural Development in the US, China, and Taiwan, 1925 to 1975.”

Ms. Lee Siew Peng, a recipient of the CCS “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” and doctoral candidate of the Department of Chinese Studies at the National University of Singapore, spoke on the topic of “Folk Religion and Local Society: A Study of Faith in the Lords of the Three

Mountains” and Ms. Barbara Witt, a doctoral candidate of the Institute of Chinese Studies at the University of Munich, spoke on “The Role of the Third Prince Nezha in Popular Literature and Changes in the ‘Legend of Nezha’ since the Ming Period.”



*Ms. Barbara Witt (left) · Ms. Lee Siew Peng (right).*

## **CCS News and Activities**

### **■ “Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar”**

The CCS began offering “Research Grants for Visiting Foreign Scholars” in July 1989. Since then, in more than 20 years, nearly 400 scholars from 40 nations have received the grant. The Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide was established to consolidate friendship with past grant winners and provide a channel for contact among scholars.

In 2012, the CCS began holding a two-session “Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” joined by Chinese studies scholars visiting Taiwan. Dr. Q. Edward Wang, a professor at the History Department of Rowan University, was the featured speaker at the first 2013 session,