

This year's Digital Library session was centered on "The Preservation and Inheritance of Culture, and the Construction of Digitization Knowledge." Three people were invited to present, with the NCL Director-General Tseng acting as discussant. She also spoke on "Digital Preservation and Curation for Cultural and Intellectual Assets—National Central Library's Experiences."

Peter X. Zhou, Assistant University Librarian and Director of C.V. Starr East Asian Library at UC Berkeley, discussed "Digital Dunhuang: A Growing World-Class Digital Humanities Resource for Digital Preservation," and Prof. Hao-ren Ke, National Taiwan Normal University, talked about the "Ontology-Based Digital Humanities System for the Development of Librarianship in Taiwan."



Three presenters of the digital library session, Director Zhou, Director-General Tseng and Prof. Ke (from left to right).

The dialog between Taiwanese and American library directors, exploring the efforts and results of the NCL's promotion of digital preservation and use of cultural assets, the international cooperation of the Digital Dunhuang Project, and the creation of digital humanities systems, showed that libraries across the region are striving to preserve and pass on cultural resources, as well as to develop digital libraries.

■ NCL Attends IFLA's 2016 Annual Meeting and Poster Exhibition

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress: 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly was held from Aug. 13-19 in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of this year's congress was "Connections, Collaboration, Community." A total of 224 sessions and related events transpired, with over 4,000 librarians attending from more than 100 countries.

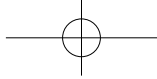


IFLA President Donna Scheeder (center right) and Secretary General Gerald Leitner (center left) pose with NCL participating librarians.

The NCL not only organized to attend the congress and other events, it also presented a poster entitled "Sailing on the Path of Knowledge: Young Scholar Cultivation Workshop," sharing with librarians from around the world how the NCL held a workshop for high school students to increase their interest in research. The group from the NCL also visited the renowned Columbus Metropolitan Library, the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and the Ohio State University.

■ Fall Lecture Series

This year's fall lecture series was themed "Travel Formulas: The Imagination and Construction of Classical Travelogues." The



six lectures, cohosted by the NCL and Lam Research from Aug. 27 to Oct. 29, highlight topics about travelogues from the Sui and Tang dynasties, as well as from the Ming and Qing, about foreigners' views of Taiwan, and about Taiwanese views of world travels.



The opening lecture of the series.

The format gives a comprehensive overview of cultural images in the classics. Four of the lectures have already transpired, namely “Between Mountain Forests and Officialdom: Tang Scholars’ Travel Descriptions” (Aug. 27), “The Imagination and Construction in Records of Late Ming Gardens” (Sep. 3), “The Travel Fad and Travel Descriptions by Ming and Qing Literati” (Sep. 10), and “The Material Culture of Overseas Travelogues in the Late Qing” (Sep. 24).



Speakers of the Fall Lectures Series.

■ EACS 21st Biennial Meeting

The European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS) holds a large-scale association meeting every two years. This year, their 21st biennial meeting took place in August at St. Petersburg State University in Russia. Nearly 600 sinologists from around the world were in attendance.

The NCL and the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) teamed up with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange to put on a book exhibition at the meeting, showcasing new research and publications from Taiwan.

On display were 234 titles (253 volumes), representing the best of publications from the last three years. After the biennial meeting, a donation ceremony was held on Aug. 27 to present the books to the sponsoring institution, St. Petersburg State University. The university secretary Aleksey A. Zavarzin received the donation on behalf of the university.

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The NCL has a new version of its Chinese-language guide this year, which discusses its aims, strategies, service facilities, and other new information.