

University celebrated its centennial anniversary, Director-General Tseng worked with Dr. Jana Rošker from LU's Department of Asian Cultures, East Asia Resource Library (EARL) Director Zlatko Sabic to plan and hold this conference in 2019.

In addition to the academic conference, both parties planned a book expo to match the theme of the conference. The expo was set up right outside the conference area and had on display 108 titles (109 volumes) of books in Taiwan that correlated with the conference theme, introducing the research findings of Taiwan scholars in these related disciplines. On the first day of the conference, the books were donated to EARL's head librarian Zlatko Šabič during the opening ceremony. In the future, the holdings of the university's library can continue to be expanded. After the conference ended, the book expo was moved to the EARL on October 21 for a more public exhibition.

These events mark the first time that Taiwan academics held an event in the Balkans, making it of great significance. Attendees came from Slovenia, Taiwan, Vietnam, China, the U.S., Belgium, Bosnia, and Croatia. It is NCL's desire that in addition to aiding scholars in Europe better understand the development of Confucian studies in Taiwan, that through discussion in the conference and the book expo that those in attendance can fully experience Taiwan's rich and diverse humanism.



*A group photo of the dignitaries at the conference.*

## Events

### ■ 2019 International Workshop: Development and Application of Digital Humanities Creates a New Milestone for Digital Humanities Application

From October 28 to November 1, 2019 National Central Library (NCL) held a five-day International Workshop for Professional Librarians: Development and Application of Digital Humanities in its International Conference Hall.



*NCL Director-General Tseng gives the opening remarks at the 2019 International Workshop.*

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng spoke at the beginning of the workshop, stating that since 2009, every two years NCL has put on an International Workshop for Professional Librarians as a way to increase interaction with East Asian libraries and Sinological institutions throughout the world. This has proven to not only deepen academic exchange between Taiwan and the rest of the world but also to put on display the research achievements of and new trends in the library and information science discipline in Taiwan. For this workshop, twelve important scholars in humanities related fields from Taiwan and abroad were invited to present. Those from abroad came from Kyoto University, the University of Washington, College of William & Mary, and the Czech Academy of Sciences; those from Taiwan are from Academia Sinica, National Taiwan University, National Cheng-chi

University, National Taiwan Normal University, and Dharma Drum Buddhist College. Each session was focused on discussing experiences, research, technology, or tools related to digital humanities. A new milestone was achieved in digital humanities application through the dialog and discussion at the workshop.

The workshop was attended by over fifty professionals from overseas, coming from eleven countries: Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan, Singapore, Denmark, the Netherlands, German, France, and the U.S. Of these, the majority were from institutions that have a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies or who have signed collaborative agreements with NCL. These including Leiden University, Copenhagen University, the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, the University of Social Sciences and Humanities Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Bavarian State Library, Kyoto University, Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

Participants engaged in much dialog and discussion, both in the workshop classes and in the lectures, resulting in unique ideas and visions that can breakthrough previous barriers. After four days of being immersed in these lean courses, on the fifth day foreign participants were taken to the Juming Museum and the Tamsui Historical Museum as a cultural excursion. This brought the five-day workshop to a perfect end.



*A group photo at the opening of the 2019 International Workshop.*

## ■ NCL Successfully Holds Three Workshops on Public Library Operations Management and Innovative Development

In an effort to increase the operational efficiency of libraries in Taiwan and to expand the professional know-how of librarians, and in accordance to the 2019 Plan to Strengthen Public Library Operational Systems and Organizational Systems Development that was approved by the Ministry of Education in 2019, National Central Library carefully planned workshops on Public Library Operations Management and Innovative Development.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng spoke at the opening session, where she offered a lot of encouragement to librarians from public libraries. She said she hopes that those in attendance will be able effectively and gradually increase their professional knowledge and abilities in library operations management, service quality management, and policy generation through this series of workshops. Workshop topics include Libraries Introducing ISO: Theories and Practice, the Essentials of Collection Development and Policy Document Writing, Libraries Introducing CIS, and Design Thinking on Innovative Library Services. Through theoretical discussion and practical application and exchange, workshop content brings together and stimulates creative thinking on public library services and operations, as well as how to flexibly use this knowledge in the writing and generating of future project applications. Three of the workshops as follows were held in 2019.

On November 29, 2019 National Central Library held the first workshop, inviting Professor Jui-chin Chiang from Chung Yuan Christian University's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering to discuss Libraries Introducing ISO: Theories and Practice.

On December 18, 2019 National Central Library held the second workshop, inviting Professor Tzu-heng Chiu from Taipei Medical University to discuss the Essentials of Collection Development and Policy Document Writing.