

■ *WLIC / IFLA 2006*

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2006: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council was held from August 20 to 24, 2006 at the COEX Convention and Exhibition Center in Seoul, Korea

More than 4,000 library and information professionals joined the congress from 124 countries around the world. Taiwan sent some 50 delegates, most of them members of the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Association President Huang Hong-chu led the delegation.

The theme of this year's congress was "Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society." Events included 382 conference papers, some 250 presentations and workshops, an exhibition with 140 booths, library tours, 85 poster sessions, and various breakout meetings for library directors. Cultural performance and two dinner banquets rounded out the program.

The Taiwan delegation delivered three paper

presentations and one poster presentation, the latter earning the best poster award of the event. Dr. Juang Fang-rung, Director General of the National Central Library, attended the opening ceremony with the Taiwan delegates. He also visited three libraries on August 21 with library colleagues Director Yu Hsiao-ming of the Reader Services Division, Director Peng Wei of the Special Collection Division and Ms. Cheng Pao-mei. Their itinerary included visits to the National Library of Korea, where they met with Dr. Kyungsang Kwon, the Chief Executive of the Library, and other library colleagues; the Jeongdok Public Library, where they met with Superintendent Yoo Wang Joon; and the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies at Seoul National University, meeting with institute director Prof. Yung Sik Kim.

Prof. Hyung Jin Cho from the Department of Library and Information Science at Kangnam University was the local guide with the group. The NCL plans to form closer cooperation ties with all of the libraries visited.



Dr. Kyungsang Kwon (seventh from left), the Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea, Prof. Hyung Jin Cho (fourth from left) with NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (seventh from right) and staff members (Photo provided by Peng Wei)



Prof. Yung Sik Kim (second from left), Director of the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies at Seoul National University with NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (third from left) and staff members (Photo provided by Peng Wei)



NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (third from right, front row) and staff members, meeting with Superintendent Yoo Wang Joon of the Jeongdok Public Library (center, front row) (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

■ *Center for Chinese Studies Joined the 2006 EACS Conference*

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held a book exhibit at the 16th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Chinese Studies in

Ljubljana, Slovenia from August 30 to September 3, 2006. The display focused on works published in Taiwan during the past three years in the areas of the humanities and the social sciences. Dr. Katie Su, director of the NCL's Bureau of International Exchange of Publications, represented the library at the conference and introduced the current status of Taiwan's library and publishing worlds. The NCL's participation was supported by the Foundation for European Cultural Exchange.

The CCS displayed 601 titles (641 volumes) in the six categories of: philosophy, thought, and classics; history and geography; religion, ritual, and ethnology; sociology, education, economics, politics, law, and diplomacy; linguistics, literature and drama; art, music, architecture and archaeology. There was also a special display of select publications on Taiwan studies in five major categories. All materials on display were listed in a catalogue, with each entry listing the title, author, place of publication, publisher, number of pages, date of publication, and price. All of the books displayed were donated to the University of Ljubljana after the exhibition, adding to the university's Chinese and Taiwan studies collection. The book donation ceremony was on September 3. Representative Hwang Cheun-yen of Taiwan's representative office in Austria hosted the presentation ceremony, which was also attended by Board member Kuo Wei-fan of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Ambassador to the Holy See Tou Chou-seng and their wives.

The mission of the European Association of Chinese Studies is to provide opportunities for the sharing of research achievements among Sinologists in Europe and other regions. At present, the association has several hundred members. The CCS