

and the international community.

Founded in 1967, the OCLC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs. More than 57,000 libraries in 112 countries and territories around the world use OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials.

At present, 202 university, public and specialized libraries in Taiwan are members of OCLC, giving them access to the organization's WorldCat-the biggest online union catalog in the world-and other valuable resources. NTU, which originally promoted Taiwan's membership in the organization, is in charge of organizing OCLC-related meetings in Taiwan.

OCLC Members Council delegates are elected for three-year terms by the members of their respective regions. Six Asia-Pacific members were nominated for regional service provider position, including members from Singapore, Taiwan, Australia, and China. Director Hsiang won the election with 171 votes, indicating the strong support Taiwan enjoys among the OCLC members. (Chinese text excerpted from the Central News Agency, July 3, 2007)

Events

■ *LAC Kicks Off 2007 Summer Program*

The Library Association of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) is holding its 2007 summer workshop series from July 2 to August 17. The 11-session series includes courses on Digital Libraries and E-learning, Reading in Information Society, Library E-Learning Resources and the Production of Rapid E-Learning Contents, Excellent Quality Management for Libraries,

Digitalized Collection Marketing & Information Literacy Services, Library Collection and Free Information, Basic Information Organization, Basic Information Organization, Information Application of the Digital, Advanced Management in the Librarianship, Advanced Information Organization : Subject Analysis and Knowledge Management, and Applications of Digital Photography and Image Processing.

■ *5th Annual Library Leadership Institute*

The 5th Annual Library Leadership Institute was held at the Xiamen National Accounting Institute Restaurant in mainland China from May 11 to 15, 2007. Ms. Wang Ming-ling and Mr. Chen Te-han of the National Central Library (NCL) participated in the event, which was organized by the University of Hong Kong Libraries (HKUL) in conjunction with Xiamen University Library.

The primary objectives of the institute were: 1) To develop and enhance management and leadership qualities in academic and research librarians in the East Asia region, and 2) To enhance collaboration and foster relations among academic and research libraries in the region. Courses focused on information technology and management science, including introductions to information systems from third-party providers.

The principal facilitator was Mr. Marshall Breeding, Director for Innovative Technologies and Research, Vanderbilt University Library, and developer of the highly respected Vanderbilt Television News Archive.

Specific topics addressed by the institute were: 1) Changing profiles of library users; 2. Web 2.0 and beyond); 3. The open Web); 4. The application of

Wiki to team work: XMUL case study; 5. Academic library reinvention: HKUL; 6. New generation of library OPACs; 7. Leadership and change; 8. Project management; 9. Digital libraries and intellectual property issues; 10. Benchmarking technology; 11. Website analysis; 12. Open Archives Initiative (OAI); 13. Optimizing HR in today's research libraries; and 14. The future of library technology.



Ms. Wang Ming-ling (center) and Mr. Chen Te-han (second from left) of the National Central Library (NCL), institute lecturers Mr. Marshall Breeding (left), University of Hong Kong Libraries director Anthony Ferguson (second from right) and deputy director Peter Sidorko (right) (Photo provided by Wang Ming-ling)

The five-day institute provided an opportunity for exchanges among librarians from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore and other countries. In addition to the topics covered during the formal sessions, there were breakout sessions in which groups of participants were presented with case studies requiring them to work out solutions as a team using the skills learned during the institute. Consistent with the institute's focus on the technology level, participants also experienced the HKUL's Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) and metasearch systems. The institute also emphasized the need for libraries to constantly

evolve and reinvent their approaches and services to keep abreast of the times. (Chinese text by Wang Ming-ling and Chen Te-han)

■ 2007 ALA Annual Conference

The American Library Association (ALA) held its 126th Annual Conference on June 21 to 27, 2007, at the Washington, DC Convention Center. Taiwan's library world was represented by National Central Library (NCL) Director-general Wang Wen-lu and Director Peng Wei, as well as Ms. Hsu Ching-yue of the Parliamentary Library, Director Yang Hsuan-chin and research fellow Liu Shui-pao of the National Taichung Library, Taipei Municipal Library Director Tseng Shu-hsien, Dr. Lin Shan-ju and Hsu Chen-yun of the Department of Library and Information Science at National Taiwan University (NTU), Division Director Chiu Wan-rang and Dr. Tsai Chiung-min of the NTU Library, Dr. Chen Chao-chen and Dr. Wu Mei-mei of the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies at National Taiwan Normal University, Director Tu Chin-wan of the library of the Affiliated High School of National Chi Nan University, and Dr. Lin Chih-feng of the Department of Information and Communications at Shih Hsin University. Dr. Chen Chao-chen also presented a paper at the conference.

The Taiwan delegation also enthusiastically participated in the conference poster session. The posters covered the topics of "National Digital Archives Plan" (NCL); "An Eco-building, A Healthy Life, and Good Service: A New Century in Public Library Architecture" (Taipei Public Library); "Turn Trash Into Treasure? How discarded picture books benefit rural schools" (Department of Information and Communications at Shih Hsin University); "Creating a New Collection with a New Way of Thinking: The