

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