

television dramas, movies, and Kunshan music. There was also a general lecture on "Suddenly Looking Back: Modern Literature!" Mr. Bai participated in all of the lectures and fielded questions from the attendees, which included about 300 scholars and research students from Taiwan and overseas. (Chinese text by Keng Li-chun)

### ■ *74th IFLA General Conference and Council*

Over 4,000 library and information science leaders from 140 countries and areas converged at the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC): 74th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) General Congress and Council, held on August 10 to 14, 2008, at the Quebec Congress Center in Canada. The theme of this year's WLIC was "Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding."



*NCL staff with US Library of Congress Associate Librarian Dr. Deanna Marcum (second from right) at the World Digital Library meeting*

Taiwan sent a 15-person delegation representing 11 organizations to attend the conference this year, led by National Taiwan University (NTU) Library Director Chen Hsueh-hua. The National Central Library (NCL) was represented at the conference by Dr. Armande Liao of the International Publication Exchange Department, Director Yu Hsiao-ming of the Acquisition Division, and Ms. Cheng Pao-mei of



*IFLA President Dr. Claudia Lux (second from right) with NCL staff*

the Reader Services Division.

In addition to attending the various meetings arranged during the conference, the three NCL representatives participated in the World Digital Library Stakeholders and Partners Meeting and Reception held by the US Library of Congress on the evening of August 10. The meeting introduced the objectives, status and participating organizations of the World Digital Library (WDL) project. The WDL was initiated by UNESCO and is administered by the US Library of Congress. The library is scheduled to be officially launched in Paris in April 2009. As of July 2008, the WDL had 17 cooperation partners, including the NCL, which is currently the only participating library from Asia.

The NCL is currently represented on nine IFLA sections, including standing committee positions for the Genealogy and Local History Section and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section from 2007 to 2011. Ms. Cheng actively participated in the standing committee of the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section at the 2007 IFLA conference in Durban, South Africa. This year, Director Yu and Ms. Cheng again attended the standing committee of this section with funding support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education.

The NCL representatives also took part in a library and information service and exhibition and poster display during the conference. Exhibitors from around the world presented displays at 137 booths this year. The exhibition activities and exchanges were held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on August 12 and 13. National Taichung Library displayed a poster on the theme of "Sharing and Reusing Book Resources: The Book Exchange Day Activity of Public Libraries"; and the Digital Archives Resources Center at NTU displayed a poster on "Enabling Global Access to Our Cultural Heritages: Multilingual Development of Taiwan E-learning and Digital Archives Program."

The NCL delegation also visited the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ), Gabrielle-Roypublic Library and Library of the National Assembly during its stay in Quebec. (Chinese text by Armande Liao, Yu Hsiao-ming, and Cheng Pao-mei)



*Taiwan representatives attend an award ceremony for Dr. Ching-chih Chen (second from right), along with Dr. Michele Valerie Cloonan, dean of the Graduate School of Library & Information Science at Simmons College (far right).*

#### ■ *NCL Joins Cross-strait Library Seminar*

The Seventh Cross-strait Children's and Elementary and Secondary School Library Seminar was held on August 24 to 27, 2008, at the Jingyuetan



*The Seventh Cross-strait Children's and Elementary and Secondary School Library Seminar (Photo provided by Wu Yun-ling)*

Hotel in Changchun, Jilin Province. The event was co-sponsored by the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Children's Library Committee of the Library Society of China. Over one hundred library representatives from Taiwan and China attended. The National Central Library (NCL) was represented at the event by Ms. Wu Yun-ling of the Reader Services Division and Ms. Min Kuo-chi of the Acquisition Division.

The theme of this year's seminar was "Harmony, Exchange and Development." Participants earnestly addressed issues related to library operations and broadly exchanged views and suggestions on providing reader services and guidance for adolescents and youth.

After the seminar, the Library Society of China took participants on visits to the Jilin Provincial Library, Harbin Municipal Library and Changchun Children's Library. The three libraries warmly received the visitors and provided an in-depth introductions to their operations. (Chinese text provided by Min Kuo-chi)

#### ■ *Sixth Annual Meeting of the CCCNA*

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Cooperative Committee for Chinese Name Authority (CCCNA) was held on November 6, 2008, at the Tin Ka Ping Building of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.