

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.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Samson Soong, librarian at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library. The National Central Library (NCL) was represented at the meeting this year by Ms. Cheng Yu-ling and Ms. Hsu Ching-fen. Representatives from the National Library of China, China Academic Library & Information System (CALIS) and Joint University Libraries Advisory Committee (JULAC) also attended.

This year's meeting agenda included a review of the major resolutions of the CCCNA and their implementation status. Committee members reported on progress in the creation of name authority resources over the past year and exchanged experience on problems faced in compiling such resources. The focal issue of discussion this year was the provision of authority records by committee members for the establishment of a database for sharing substantive authority records. The main objective of the database is to promote resource sharing among Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China. Due to the complexities involved in establishing the database, the committee members agreed to continue their liaison and discussions on this issue. (Chinese text provided by Hsu Ching-fen)



Ms. Hsu Ching-fen (second from left) and Ms. Cheng Yu-ling (second from right) represent the NCL at the meeting. (Photo provided by the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library)

■ *Fourth Cross-Strait Book Fair Held in Taiwan*

The Fourth Cross-Strait Book Fair was held in Taiwan on September 18 to 27, 2008. Nearly 2,000 publishers and publication-related enterprises from the two sides of the Taiwan Strait participated in the fair, including a record-large delegation from mainland China.

This year's fair marks the twentieth anniversary of publication exchanges across the Taiwan Strait. In addition to commercial displays, exhibitions of fine mainland books, cross-strait genealogies, and photos of cross-strait economic development were arranged. There were also seminars introducing key publications, copyright trade events, book signings by well-known authors of the two sides, contract signing events for publishers and related enterprises, a student presentation content, and cultural tours.

In addition to the main fair venue at the Taipei World Trade Center, events were arranged at the Taichung Cultural Affairs Bureau from September 20 to 27. The exhibitions were divided into two pavilions focusing on mainland Chinese and Taiwan publications, respectively. The former displayed over 12,000 titles (30,000 volumes) from 265 mainland publishers, including works of literature, history, philosophy, art, social sciences, natural science and technical books. Displays at the Taiwan pavilion included bestsellers, new books and other high-quality publications issued by Taiwan publishers in 2007 and 2008, including over 5,000 titles or about 20,000 volumes.

■ *National Taichung Library Placed Under the MOE*

On July 30, 2008, the Ministry of Education (MOE) introduced the "Reading Cultivation and Spatial Transformation: Public Library Revivification Plan." Under the plan, the ministry will spend NT\$3.70 billion between 2009 and 2012