

AAS in CHICAGO

Open Meeting

The NCC's open meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, from 10 am-noon in the Mayfair Room of the Sheraton Chicago. Everyone interested in library resources for Japanese studies is invited to attend and contribute to setting the NCC agenda. NCC members will report on current activities and introduce potential projects for comment and development by meeting attendees. Other sections of this newsletter will provide background information on some of the topics to be discussed. If there are projects and activities you feel would be useful to the Japanese studies community, bring the ideas to the meeting so we can begin to explore them.

Booth

In cooperation with the AAS, the NCC is hosting a booth in the exhibit area which will feature Internet-available resources of interest to students, scholars and librarians in Japanese studies. If you would like to demonstrate an Internet resource, contact Hisayuki Ishimatsu (yishimat@library.berkeley.edu) to schedule some time at the booth. Information about NCC activities will also be available, and NCC members will be on hand to talk with you about projects and priorities. Drop by and see us.

KRISTINA TROOST IS CHAIR-ELECT

The NCC met on January 10-11 in Berkeley, California. All members were present and are listed below so you can talk with them about NCC activities. Kristina Kade Troost, East Asian Studies Librarian at Duke University, joined the Committee as Chair-Elect; she will become Chair at the close of Karl Kahler's term in December, 1997. Current membership of NCC: Karen Brazell (NEAC representative, Cornell-terms ends at the close of the AAS meeting); Amy Heinrich (Japan Foundation American Advisory Committee liaison, Columbia); Glenn Hoetker (U of Michigan); Karl Kahler (Chair, Penn); Takayasu Miyakawa (Japanese liaison, Fellow, Mitsubishi Research Institute); Hideyuki Morimoto (Berkeley); Ichiko Morita (Japan Documentation Center, LC); Sachie Noguchi (CEAL liaison, Pittsburgh); Hisami Konishi Springer (Hawaii); Patricia G. Steinhoff (Hawaii); Mariko Tamanoi (UCLA); Kristina Kade Troost (Duke), and Dorothy Gregor (NCC Director, ex officio).

The NCC welcomed a number of guests: Dr. Eric Gangloff of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission; Isao Tsujimoto, Maki Uchiyama, and Eiichi Ito from the Japan Foundation; and Dr. Hitoshi Inoue from the National Center for Science Information Systems, Japan. Meeting outcomes are included in other sections of this newsletter.

JAPANESE ART CATALOG PROJECT JAC I

The NCC and ACE-Japan (Japan Association for Cultural Exchange) are cooperating in a project in which ACE-Japan collects and sends catalogs of exhibitions of Japanese art to the U.S. depository library at the Freer Gallery of Art of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The Freer is pleased to report the cataloging of more than 250 titles from this project into the RLIN database. A complete listing of all JAC Project data can be retrieved using an RLIN corporate search phrase: "fin cp JAC Project". The RLIN Library ID for the project is DCFX. On EUREKA the search phrase is "bro au JAC Project". The records are cross-loaded into the OCLC database as part of the OCLC-RLIN agreement to share CJK records and so are also available for searching in WorldCat or to use for copy cataloging.

The first shipment of more than 1,100 volumes was received in September, 1996. Freer's rough survey indicates 587 titles (52%) cover modern Japanese art; 218 titles (19%) cover Western art exhibitions in Japan, and 189 titles (17%) are catalogs of permanent collections. A second shipment expected this summer will number 500-600 titles.

The Freer is ready to provide interlibrary loan services for cataloged items. JAC Project materials will be loaned for a four-week period unless the item has been requested by another user. The Library provides free photocopy services within the framework of copyright restrictions. ILL requests can be submitted on standard ALA forms or through RLG ShaRes. This lending policy applies only to JAC Project materials. Address requests to Kathryn Phillips, Freer Gallery of Art Library, 1030 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20560 tel: 202-357-4880, x344 or x343 fax: 202-786-2936 e-mail: kphillips@simsc.si.edu

The National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources is a standing committee which represents the community of Japanese librarians and scholars in North America. The NCC's mission is to mobilize library resources related to Japan toward the long-range goal of creating a comprehensive system of ready access to Japanese information throughout North America. Membership in the NCC is open to nominations and suggestions are always welcome.

JAC II

At its winter meeting the NCC discussed how to organize a reciprocal project in the U.S. in order to collect catalogs of U.S. exhibits of Japanese art for deposit at the Freer Gallery of Art Library and with the ACE-Japan Art Catalog Library in Tokyo. We would then have comprehensive collections in both the U.S. and Japan. The NCC Director will contact museums and other organizations which exhibit Japanese art to enlist their support of the Project. Readers of this newsletter who can supply the names of such organizations and, equally important, the name of a contact within the organization, are encouraged to forward them to dgregor@library.berkeley.edu.

SENIOR JAPANESE STUDIES LIBRARIAN TRAINING IN TOKYO

In partnership with the National Diet Library and with assistance from NACSIS, the International House of Japan and the Japan Libraries Association (JLA), the Japan Foundation sponsored a three week training program for senior overseas Japanese Studies librarians. Held from February 17-28 in Tokyo, with an additional week for site visits and the conduct of other business, the program hosted eleven librarians from France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, China and the United States. The NCC assisted in the selection of two librarians from the U.S., Robert Britt (University of Washington-Law) and Yasuko Makino (Columbia). A discussion session on the topic of "Networks among Japanese Studies Librarians in Europe and America" occurred on February 27. Ms. Makino reported on CEAL activities in North American libraries. Takayasu Miyakawa, Japan Liaison for the NCC, moderated the discussion and described the activities of NCC since its inception.

NCC SUBMITS GRANT REQUEST TO CGP and NEAC

The NCC has submitted a grant to the Center for Global Partnership for training in the use of electronic resources from Japan, with a primary focus on resources available from NACSIS. NEAC agreed to fund part of the training program, if the CGP grant is awarded. Should the grant application

be successful it would provide funding for sending five U.S. Japanese Studies librarians to Tokyo for two weeks of training at NACSIS to learn how to use and access the NACSIS computer systems and for understanding the administrative procedures associated with the use of NACSIS files. Time would also be spent with the database providers, such as the National Diet Library. On their return to the U.S. the five librarians will be asked to present two workshops for their U.S. librarian colleagues and for students and faculty interested in using NACSIS databases directly. NACSIS is a rich source of bibliographic and other information for the study of Japan, including for example, NDL's *Zasshi Kiji Sakuin*. Now that NACSIS databases are available over the Internet, it is the hope of both NACSIS and the NCC that they will be much more widely used in the U.S. Watch for an announcement about the outcome of the CGP application review process.

JAPAN FOUNDATION LIBRARY SUPPORT ADVISORY SUBCOM

The NCC's Subcommittee (H. Springer, Hawaii, Chair; A. Heinrich, Columbia, Japan Foundation American Advisory Committee Liaison; K. Troost, Duke; Y. Matsudo, Michigan; S. Noguchi, Pittsburgh) which advises the Japan Foundation on applications to its Library Support Program met in Berkeley on January 9. There was some discussion about whether there is a need to continue providing English language books on Japan, but members of the Subcommittee felt it was very useful for institutions with limited programs and limited resources. Of the 55 applications reviewed this year, 33 institutions requested English language books on Japan while 22 institutions or consortia requested Japanese language materials. The Subcommittee pointed out that exchanging yen for dollars to purchase English language books in the U.S. resulted in some loss of value, and it was suggested that the Japan Foundation and the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission might be able to develop mutually beneficial arrangements for foreign currency use. S. Morrell (Washington University in St. Louis) will replace K. Troost on the Subcommittee.

96/97 MVS PROJECT TITLES ANNOUNCED

The 96/97 MVS Subcommittee (H. Morimoto, Berkeley, and M. Tamanoi, UCLA, co-chairs; K.F. Lin, Texas; S. Vlastos, Iowa; T. Aoki, Harvard; F. Kotas, Cornell) has completed its work. H. Morimoto

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will report on the work of this year's Subcommittee at the open meeting at AAS in Chicago.

This year there was a total of Yen 10,238,433 available for MVS purchases. Twelve institutions requested 59 titles totaling Yen 42,379,494, so selection was difficult.

Questions about the possible participation of Canadian libraries have been raised, but as long as the Project is funded solely by the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, participation must be limited to U.S. libraries. The NCC is looking into possible sources of funds from Canada. Readers who may know of Canadian agencies or foundations who might contribute to the MVS Project are asked to contact the NCC Director (dgregor@library.berkeley.edu)

Titles funded this year are as follows:

Hoover--Tokyo Daigaku Shozo Katei Bunko [microform] (Tokyo: Yushodo, 1983); OSU--Jissen kokugo kyoiku, 1934-41 (Reprint. Tokyo: Toji Shobo, 1981-1982); Michigan--Meiji fujin mondai bunken shusei [microform] (Tokyo: Nihon Tosho Senta, 1988); Duke--Shaji torishirabe ruisin [microform] (Tokyo: Yushodo, 1983); Cornell--Kamo Wakekazuchi Jinja Saida-ke monjo [microform] (Tokyo: Yushodo, 1990); OSU--Shusho geppo, 1936-1943 [Reprint: Nihon shokuminchi bunka undo shiryō; 3] (Tokyo: Ryokuin Shobo, 1993); UCSD--Minshu Chosen, 1946-Apr. 1950 July, etc. (Reprint. Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 1993); OSU--Shoko, 1925-1944 [Reprint. Nihon shokuminchi bunka undo shiryō; 1] (Tokyo: Ryokuin Shobo, 1992); Pittsburgh--Shinsei, 1887 July-1903 Aug. [Reprint. Zasshi soshō; 3] (Tokyo: Yumani Shobo, 1984-1988); Cornell--Kuidoraku. Dai 1-ki--2 ki (1905 May-1907 Apr. & 1928 Apr.-1930 Dec.) [Reprint] (Tokyo: Gogatsu Shobo, 1984-1992); Pittsburgh--Jokan. Dai 1-go--dai 10-nen 3-go (1891 Aug.-1909 Mar.) [Reprint] (Tokyo: Ozorasha, 1989-1993); Cornell--Seikado Bunko shozo Matsui Kanji Hakushi shushu kokugogaku shiryō shusei [microform] (Tokyo: Yushodo, 1973); Chicago--Nihon kyoiku, 1941 Apr.-1947 Aug. [Reprint] (Tokyo: Emuti Shuppan, 1991); Cornell--Meiji joshi kyoiku bunken shusei [microform] (Tokyo: Nihon Tosho Senta, 1992); OSU--Inoue Tadashi monjo [microform] (Tokyo: Yushodo, 1994); Chicago--GHQ e no Nihon seifu taio bunsho shusei (Tokyo: Emuti Shuppan, 1994); UCSD--Shinshin fujin=Shin shin fujin, 1913 May-1916 Apr. [Reprint] (Tokyo: Fuji Shuppan, 1994);

Chicago--Fukuzawa Yukichi bunsho, Dai 2-ki, 4-ki (Tokyo: Yushodo, 1994); OSU--Bunken hokoku, 1935-1944 [Reprint. Nihon shokuminchi bunka undo shiryō; 5] (Tokyo: Ryokuin Shobo, 1994); UCSD--Yomiuri fujin furoku, 1914 Apr.-1924 Dec. [Reprint] (Tokyo: Gogatsu Shobo, 1993-1994); Hoover--Katsura Taro kankei buncho [microform. Kindai shoka bunsho shusei; 7] (Tokyo: Kuresu Shuppan, 1995).

AAU/ARL JAPANESE JOURNAL ACCESS PROJECT

At the request of the Association of Research Libraries, the Serials Subcommittee of the NCC (M. Donovan, OSU; S. Noguchi, Pittsburgh; K. Troost, Duke; D. Gregor, NCC Director) drafted a workplan for the AAU/ARL Project. A call for participation, based on the draft workplan, was sent out in January to all ARL members. To date 18 ARL libraries have joined the Project, and it is likely that several more will join shortly. An initial organizing meeting will be held at ARL on March 28 so the participants can contribute to the development of the workplan, and work on the Project can begin. Briefly, elements of the Project including 1) improving access to Japanese journals available in North America through a.) updating the *Union List of Current Japanese Serials*, b.) collaborative collection development efforts, c.) collecting and publicizing sources of Japanese journal articles, d.) retrospective conversion of current and ceased serials; and 2) improving access to Japanese journals in Japan by a.) training North American users to search NACSIS files, especially the *Zasshi Kiji Sakuin*, b.) including electronic journals from Japan in the *Union List*, and c.) cooperating with Japanese libraries to improve reciprocal ILL and document delivery. The workplan was intended to be as comprehensive as possible and to explore multiple strategies for achieving the goal of improving access to Japanese journals.

As of this writing, participants in the Project including the following: Brigham Young, California-Irvine, California-Los Angeles, California-Santa Barbara, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Illinois, Indiana, Linda Hall, New York Public Library, Pittsburgh, Stanford-Hoover, Toronto, Washington, Washington in St. Louis, and Yale.