

**Minutes of Catalogers Group Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 03, 2003**  
**2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

**Attending:** John Riemer, Caroline Miller, Luiz Mendes, Valerie Bross, Rita Stumps, Louise Ratliff, Gia Aivazian, Sharon Benamou, Janice Matthiesen, Paul Priebe, Joan LoPear, Renée McBride, Angela Riggio, Hao Phan (recorder)

**1. Report on the trip to the Library of Congress and to the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Conference.** By Hao Phan

Hao described his trip to the Library of Congress where he visited a number of sections and librarians. Among the librarians whom he was received at the LC were:

Barbara Tillett, Chief Cataloging Policy and Support Office  
Hwa-Wei Lee, Chief of the Asian Division at the LC  
John Celli, Chief Cataloging in Publication Division (CIP)  
Everette Larson, Head of Reference Section of the Hispanic Division

He also met other librarians and staff to whom he was introduced by his friend, Mrs. Lien-Huong Fielder, President of the Association for Asian Librarians at the LC, and a senior cataloger in the Copyrights Office.

Hao emphasized on his visits to the Asian Reading Room and the Southeast Asian Cataloging Section, since Hao is the Southeast Asian Studies bibliographer/cataloger.

The second part of Hao's report focused on his experience at the AAS Conference in New York, where he participated in the meetings of CORMOSEA, (Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia), and SEAM, (Southeast Asian Microform Projects). These were the meetings where he had a chance to meet with other Southeast Asian Studies librarians for the first time. He also attended a number of meeting panels on Southeast Asian studies, where SEA scholars presented their research papers on various SEA studies subjects.

Overall, the trip was a valuable learning experience, and an opportunity for Hao to initiate working relationships with other SEA studies librarians in the country.

**2. Report on OTNG "Tradeoffs" discussion at ACCM & CMC.** By John Riemer

John reported the ILS "tradeoffs" discussions held that same week at meetings of ACCM & CMC, and shared copies of what was distributed at CMC.

John then went to explain the "tradeoff" points of each of the three systems, and at certain points, provided some demonstrations.

By May, each ILS system will receive its final "points" scoring. Point totals will be divided by cost (bid price), the "apparent successful bidder" will be announced. It is not a case of the cheapest system being selected, but the one with the lowest cost per point. It is anticipated that the vendor contract with the successful bidder will be negotiated sometime during May and June.

Cataloging is one of about ten sections in the RFP that will be evaluated for all the three systems. Comments will still be accepted by OTNG until next Wednesday.

### **3. Announcements**

Nancy Norris' report on the ARLIS conference will be on the agenda for the next meeting: April 10th.