

**Report on the CALA 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Seminar Project at  
the 2007 US-SINO Librarians Pragmatic Forum  
Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, Yunnan, China, July 9-12, 2007**

**Sponsored by** Yunnan Normal University, CALA, and Yunnan Provincial Library  
Commission

**The CALA team includes**

Guoqing Li (team leader),  
Barbara Ford,  
Haiwang Yuan,  
Shuyong Jiang,  
Lisa Zhao.

Each person had prepared two topics but the Forum only arranged for each to present one.

**The topics each CALA presenter gave are** (titles are not exact):

1. Guoqing Li:
  - Resources Sharing in the Networked Environment (网络信息环境下图书馆的信息资源共享模式与运行机制研究) (presented)
2. Barbara Ford:
  - 21st Century Library Management and Services, Innovations and Developments (21世纪图书馆管理和服务理念的创新与发展) (presented)
  - 图书馆馆长在图书馆发展中的地位和作用
3. Haiwang Yuan:
  - The Building of Models of Library Service Networks (图书馆服务网络模式的构建) (presented)
  - 图书馆与和谐社会的建设问题研究 (2<sup>nd</sup> topic prepared)
4. Shuyong Jiang:
  - The Value of the Subject Librarian System and Its Effectiveness (学科馆员制度的价值定位和实效性原则) (presented)
  - 图书馆人力资源的开发与管理(2<sup>nd</sup> topic prepared)
5. Lisa Zhao:
  - Library Role in Preserving Ethnic Culture (图书馆的特色定位与文化建设研究)(presented)
  - 图书馆信息共享空间的建设问题研究(2<sup>nd</sup> topic prepared)

There are 5 other speakers from Beijing and Yunnan.

**The Forum had about 150 attendees who came from different places and institutions:**

**Yunnan province:**

College of Education  
College of Finance & Economics

Dali Institute  
Commission of Higher Education of Yunnan Province  
Honghe Public Library  
Kunming Army Institute  
Kunming Institute of Technology  
Kunming University of Medicine  
Metallurgy College  
Normal College  
Qujing Normal Institute  
Yuxi Normal Institute  
Yunnan Institute of Science & Technical Information  
Yunnan Agricultural University  
Yunnan Art Institute  
Yunnan Normal University  
Yunnan University of Finance & Economics  
Yunnan University of Nationalities  
Yunnan Province CP School Library  
Zhaotong College of Education

**Other regions and provinces in China:**

Beijing:

Peking University  
Qinghua University  
Normal University  
Capital Normal University  
Film Academy

Guizhou:

Kaili City Regional Library

Henan:

Institute of Education  
Normal University

Hubei:

Hubei University  
Wuhan University

Hunan:

Normal University

Jiangsu:

Nanjing Agricultural University

Shanghai:

University of Sports  
Huadong University

Sichuan:

Institute of Technology  
Medical University

12 vendors from Beijing and Yunnan

### **Outcome of seminar**

No survey or evaluation was conducted after the presentations since it was a forum, but from what we have heard and seen, the reaction from the audience was very positive. The topics we presented were current, and they satisfied the needs of the Chinese librarians. Although similar topics were discussed by some of the Chinese presenters, the presentations we gave provided the audience with new concepts and horizons.

In the process of networking, we talked with some librarians from underdeveloped areas. One, in particular, was from the Hunan Normal University who had been working on the Miao minority history in the area and looking for support to finance his project. During our meeting, we gave him some information on how and where to look for support.

Through the forum, Barbara Ford has experienced and witnessed this CALA project. She is deeply impressed with what we are doing and has suggested that we do more in the future in collaboration with ALA and IFLA.

The organizers of the forum will publish all the presentations given as proceedings soon.

### **Further development**

We have signed an agreement to proceed with the last of the first round of the CALA seminar series in Kunming. It will be a forum again, to be organized by the Kunming Institute of Technology in July 2008. Further cooperation between CALA and the Yunnan Commission of Libraries was discussed. A second round of the CALA seminar series in Yunnan university libraries is in discussion, and an agreement will potentially be signed after the expected success of the 2008 forum.