

**CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Project**  
**Team Member Report<sup>1</sup>**  
**Seminar Location: \_\_\_Yunnan University\_\_\_**  
**Seminar Dates: From: \_\_\_July 1\_\_\_ to \_\_\_July 8, 2010\_\_\_**

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**Your topics:**

**Keynote Presentation:**

**“Harnessing the Wind: Leading Academic Research Libraries in Turbulent Times.”**

**Your evaluation of the seminar you have participated:**

I am very thankful to have been given the opportunity to meet library administrators from China, Canada, and the U.S. as well as to present on the topic of the future of academic research libraries. I so enjoyed learning from conference attendees, eating a variety of foods, and visiting some very extraordinary places in China!

**Your suggestions:**

I understand that attending and presenting at a conference in a different country has its challenges. I am forever thankful to Shu Jiao who was my guide and interpreter throughout the conference. Through her generosity, I was able to learn more than if I had not had a translator with me.

For the conference, I would suggest possibly a lesser number of presentations or extending the conference another day. It is good to have a few breaks to chat with the vendors and network with others. Sitting through the presentations without breaks was challenging.

I would also have preferred if the PowerPoint presentations were both in Chinese and English. Several presenters offered this and I was able to follow along pretty easily.

Other than a very long day trip that ended at commercial outlet stores (and, from which I understand was unplanned), I thoroughly enjoyed my time in China and hope to visit again someday soon.

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<sup>1</sup> Add more paper as need.