A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In general the EACS Newsletter is supposed to appear three times a year, but this past winter seems to have been an especially busy time for our membership. Very few contributions have landed in my mailbox and as a result, I have decided only to publish two newsletters in 2002. This present Newsletter has thus been postponed until June and will be the last before our conference in Moscow. The last issue in 2002 will be published in the autumn with hopefully plenty of information on our newly elected President, the new Board members, and references to new publications as well as information on workshops and conferences.

Please note that on the address label on the envelope for this present Newsletter some members will find an X indicating that their membership fee payment has been due for one year. Other members will find a more formal membership fee reminder enclosed in the envelope. To enable the work of the EACS, please make sure to pay your fees.

Mette Thunø
Editor

EACS NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD

The Board is made up of 24 members, including the President, and nine members of the previous Board will complete their full period of service at the coming General Assembly (members from Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, France, Great Britain, Slovenia, The Netherlands, and Rumania). Members are encouraged to take an active interest in serving on the new Board.

Under the new constitution candidates for election to the Board must apply formally to the Secretary before the date of the General Assembly, which this year we expect to take place on August 26, 2002. A brief CV of the candidate in three to five lines will be appreciated.

Nomination for election to office of President

Article 9 of the new EACS constitution provides for direct election of the President by the General Assembly and requires nominations for this election, signed by two Ordinary Members, to be in the hands of the Secretary at least two months before the date of the General Assembly. One nomination has already been received:

Name of candidate: **Alain Peyraube**, Directeur de Recherche at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, Paris, France) and Professor of Chinese Linguistics at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS).

More information is available at: www.cnrs.fr/SHS/Porga/cvap.htm

Proposed by:
Glen Dudbridge
Hans van Ess
Christian Henriot
NEWS FROM MOSCOW ON THE 14TH EACS CONFERENCE

First of all I would like to congratulate all EACS members with their successful fulfilment of the first task: submitting abstracts and panel proposals. We are glad to inform you, that we have collected 217 abstracts and five special panels on very various and original themes. Our Special Group has approved all five panels. Now the Organizing Committee of the 14th EACS Conference is summing up the received abstracts and have started to correspond with conveners of all sections.

The final list of accepted abstracts are presented on the conference website: www.moskva14eacs.ifes-ras.ru /

Another piece of good news is that the Chairman of the Organizing Committee Prof. Mikhail Titarenko during his meeting with Y. S. Osipov, the President of Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), came to the decision to make the halls of the Presidium of RAS the venue of our conference. The RAS President is also going to make a welcoming speech at the opening ceremony. Mr. Osipov also gave order to lease the premises of the Presidium building on easy payment terms. These decisions give the Organizing Committee good opportunities to create favourable conditions for all participants.

We are also very happy to inform you that we have already received many registration forms. We would like to ask all potential participants, who will need Russian visa, to point out their passport number, dates of issue and expiration when filling out the registration forms. It is necessary for issuing the official invitation letters used when applying for a visa.

The Organizing Committee of the 14th EACS Conference and the President of the Organizing Committee, Prof. Mikhail Titarenko, express the deepest gratitude to EACS Board, to Conveners and EACS members for their co-operation and active participation in all conference preparations. Looking forward to seeing you in Moscow!

Nina Demido
Conference Secretary

Preliminary programme:

August 24:
Arrival of conference participants will be met in “Sheremetyevo-2” airport; transfer to the hotels by conference shuttle-buses (fare - 10 US$ per transfer).

August 25
Old board meeting at Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES RAS) - 10.00; registration of participants (IFES RAS).

August 26
Registration in the RAS Presidium Building prior to the Opening Ceremony; Opening Ceremony (President Hall) - 9.30; General Assembly (President Hall) - 11.30; Panels (President, Blue, Green, Red and Brown Halls of the RAS Presidium Building) - 14.30–19.00; Reception for the participants (Reception Hall of the RAS Presidium Building) - 19.30.
MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE OPENS PARTNER GROUP AT CASS

The partner group is the first group of this kind in the humanities. The establishing of the partner group is based on a general agreement signed by the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and by the President of the Max Planck Society on February 23rd, 1999.

China’s long and continuous tradition gives the exceptional opportunity to study long-term developments of knowledge in a context different from that of European science. For this reason, research on Chinese science opens up possibilities for cross-cultural studies in the long-term development of science. The partner group will focus on an exemplary case of such a long-term development that can be pursued exhaustively within a reasonable framework of time and resources, the development of mechanical knowledge in China from antiquity to the early modern period. Research within the partner group will be guided by a number of specific research questions, in particular the question of the interaction between practical and theoretical knowledge and the question of the interaction between domestic and external knowledge traditions over a period of more than a millennium. It will coordinate its research with the research project on the history of mechanical thinking at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in order to establish a cross-cultural perspective on the emergence and development of experiential science.

Through the dissemination of research results and publications in English, the work of the partner group will make the work of the Chinese historians of science accessible to non-Chinese scholars. At the same time, it will give young Chinese scholars the opportunity to join international research on history of Chinese science as well as the history of science in the West. It is a major goal of this initiative to strengthen the voice of Chinese historians in the international discourse.
The group will base its work on a long tradition of textual studies pursued in China and also in the West. But its research questions and its systematic goals make it also necessary to break new ground in including sources that have so far been neglected, in particular those regarding practical knowledge, and to establish a far more comprehensive collection of sources than it is presently available.

Traditionally, Chinese historians paid great attention to the acquisition of texts and to their philology. Since the 1930s, Chinese scientists and historians of science have laid a basis in the study of texts on mechanical knowledge handed down from ancient times. They found historical materials from the time up to the 16th century. In spite of these significant efforts in collecting texts, it remains a major deficit of the present state of research that no systematic documentation of sources on the history of mechanics is available, not to speak of translations that provide a controlled access to the original Chinese terminology. Studies exclusively dedicated to the history of mechanics in China are still rare exceptions. While these studies represent pioneering achievements, many of them tend to translate historical knowledge into modern terminology and therefore do, in general, not provide a sufficient basis for addressing the research questions of the partner group.

While, traditionally, history of science focuses mainly on sources that are considered to contain scientific knowledge, the group will also give an emphasis to sources containing practical knowledge in order to study aspects of the relation between practical and theoretical knowledge. The transfer of knowledge on mechanics from Europe in early modern times will be investigated in view of its interaction with the Chinese tradition. The group will furthermore investigate the connection between practitioner’s knowledge as it can be reconstructed from the historical sources and the practitioners’ knowledge still to be found in contemporary China. Such an approach has turned out particularly fruitful in the research on the knowledge necessary for the construction of balances with unequal arms that was documented and is being analyzed by a joint research team of the institutions. It is therefore planned to generalize this approach and to document more extensively traditional working processes of craftsmen relevant to the study of mechanical knowledge. On the basis of an examination of the secondary literature, a nearly complete collection of documents and passages on mechanical knowledge, which are interspersed in a huge body of sources, can be made for the time up to the 16th century. Additionally, a cross-disciplinary reexamination of the Chinese sources on mathematics and technology will be carried out in order to incorporate texts that have so far been neglected in the context of mechanics.

With the help of the specialists at the Institute for the History of Natural Sciences, the work of the group ought to be a contribution to the history of science conceived as a cultural history of knowledge.
Prof. Dr. Zhang Baichun has been elected head of the partner group. The group will furthermore consist of three staff members, Associate Prof. Dr. Lu Dalong, Associate Prof. Dr. Tian Miao, and Associate Prof. Zou Dahai, as well as four to six student fellows and domestic and international visitors. The operation of the group started in July 2001.

An international advisory committee has been formed for the partner group. It consists of the following scholars: Prof. Jürgen Renn (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Germany), Prof. Liu Dun (Institute for the History of Natural Sciences, China), Prof. Hans Ulrich Vogel (University of Tübingen, Germany), Prof. William G. Boltz (University of Washington, U.S.A.), and Prof. Fung Kam-Wing (University of Hong Kong, China).

NEW JOURNALS OF CHINESE AND EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The year 2001 apparently was a good year for publishing journals on China. In this brief survey, I would like to introduce four new (or renewed) journals of East Asian studies.

China Review (which used to be a yearbook) has become a journal and will now be published twice a year by Chinese University Press of Hong Kong (ISSN 1680-2012). The Chief Editor, Wang Shaoguang, and most of the executive members of the editorial board are from Chinese University. Most of the authors of the first issue are from Hong Kong, USA, Europe and Australia. The journal will publish articles, research notes and book reviews. Volume 1, Number 1 (Fall 2001) presents five articles: National and Chinese Foreign Policy (Tianbiao Zhu), Pitfalls of China's Industrial Statistics: Inconsistencies and Specification Problems (Carsten A. Holz and Yi-min Lin), Determinants of Employee Salary Growth in Shanghai: An Analysis of Formal Education, On-the-job Training, and Adult Education with a Three-level Model (Jin Xiao), Entrepreneurs and Politics in Chinese Transitional Economy: Political Connections and Rent-seeking (Eun Kyong Choi and Kate Xiao Zhou), The Chinese Cultural Revolution Revisited (Xing Li). This volume also has seven book reviews, all the reviews are in English but some of the books reviewed were Chinese.

Critical Asian Studies (CAS) is an updated version of former Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars (BCAS) now published by Routledge (ISSN 1467-2715). The Managing Editor is Thomas P. Fenton, authors are from America, Asia, Australia and Europe. Volume 33, Number 1 (March 2001) is an Okinawa feature with four contributions; there is one article on China (Water Margins: Competing Paradigms in China, by Gavan McCormack), a portrait of a Japanese artist and a translation of a story from Vietnam. In addition, there are several book reviews (mainly China). The website (http://csf.colorado.edu/bcas/) has information and tables of contents of the new CAS and of the old BCAS.
European Journal of East Asian Studies (EJEAS) is a new journal first presented at the second International Convention of Asia Scholars (in August 2001). EJEAS will be published twice a year by Brill in Leiden (ISSN 1568-0584). The editorial office is in Lyon (Editors: Christian Henriot und Paul Waley). Authors of the first issue are from Europe, Japan and Hong Kong. The journal is independent but will cooperate with the European Association of Chinese Studies, the European Association of Japanese Studies and the Association for Korean Studies in Europe. Volume 1, Number 1 includes five articles (but no book reviews): The Early Chinese Newspapers and the Chinese Public Sphere (Rudolf G. Wagner), Governing the Rice Market: Agriculture and the State in Industrial East Asia (Penelope Francks), Tribute and Treaties: East Asian Treaty Ports Networks in the Era of Negotiation, 1834-1894 (Hamashita Takeshi), Overcoming modernity, yesterday and today (Augustin Berque), To Laugh at a Penniless Man rather than a Prostitute: The Unofficial Worlds of Prostitution in Late Qing and Early Republican South China (Virgil K.Y. Ho).

For further information, see www.brill.nl and www.ish.lyon.cnrs.fr/iao/ejeas.

Journal of East Asian Studies (JEAS) is a new journal started by scholars in several East Asian countries (South Korea, Japan and Taiwan; the editors and publishers (Nanam) are in Seoul. (Editors: Yun-han Chu, Byung-Kook Kim and Ryosei Kokubun.) Volume 1, Number 1 (February 2001) presents five articles (all on Korea) and two Regional Reports on China and Taiwan: Sizing up Taiwan’s Political Earthquake (Yun-han Chu, Larry Diamond), China into the World Economic System (Richard N. Cooper). The Website (www.jeas.net/) should provide more information, but does not seem to work properly.

Thomas Kampen

CONFERENCE and WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ASIA SCHOLARS (ICAS3), NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE, AUGUST 19–22, 2003

The International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) is one of the largest regular gatherings of scholars whose research centres on Asia and/or Asians, especially in the humanities and social sciences. Building on the success of ICAS1 (Leiden 1998) and ICAS2 (Berlin 2001), ICAS3 will be held in Singapore, August 19 to 22, 2003. ICAS3 is jointly organised by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore and is endorsed by the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS).

Proposals are invited in any Asia-related field of research for:
- Organised panels
- Individual papers
- Poster presentations
- Special meetings
Deadline for submission is October 1, 2002.

REGISTRATION FEES
Early bird (till 31 Jan. 2003): US$150
Late/ on-site: : US$250

Registration fees include lunches and a welcome dinner. Early registration is now open and offers substantial savings. We also encourage participants to take advantage of the special packages offered by Swissotel The Stamford, the appointed conference hotel and Singapore Airlines, the official carrier. We look forward to welcoming you to Singapore.

CONTACT DETAILS
For registration, financial assistance and other queries, please visit the website: www.fas.nus.edu.sg/icas3

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Sponsors: Boston University Department of Religion; East Asian Studies Program; Institute on Religion and World Affairs.

Financial support: Forum for Ecology and Religion; Pacific Basin Institute at Pomona College.

Essential participants: 15 scholars from the PRC, including Xing Qitai, Wang Ka, Chen Xia, Li Gang, and others.

Role: first in a series of international conferences to be held every year or two alternately in China, Europe, and North America.

Discussion areas:
Daoism in China Today
Daoism in the West
Daoist Ethics
Daoist History in Modern View
Daoism and Ecology
Daoism and Healing
Daoism and Political Thought

Presentation format: individual papers or complete panels, with three papers plus chair, discussant.

Schedule: The conference will begin on Thursday, June 5, at 1 pm, with a plenary session (welcome, keynote speaker). Then panels will be open Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon. A plenary session with concluding remarks will take place Saturday, at 4:00 p.m. The conference will end around 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Fee: U.S. $ 30.00.

Registration: E-mail LKOHN@BU.EDU, providing the following information:
Name, Institution, E-mail address, Phone/fax, Paper title (if presenting) Accommodation: in a BU dorm on campus: US$ 35.00 per person per night, triple occupancy, and US$ 50.00 per person, double occupancy.
To make reservation, provide dates of arrival and departure, names of preferred roommates, and a check or money order for half the total amount no later than December 1, 2002.

Deadlines: Registration for housing: December 1, 2002.
Abstracts for papers: E-mail by April 15, 2003.
All abstracts will be emailed to participants upon receipt.
Final schedule to be e-mailed around May 1, 2003.

CHIANG CHING-KUO FOUNDATION LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANT

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation has generously provided the EACS with a grant of US$ 30,000 to support one-week visits for specialised research in Sinological libraries in Cambridge, Heidelberg, Leiden, London, Oxford or Paris in 2001–2002.

Information about these libraries and librarians is available on the EACS website.

Applicants should be Sinologists based permanently in Europe and paid-up members of the EACS. Applications from non-members will be considered, however, especially in the case of young scholars, if accompanied by a recommendation from an EACS member.

APPLICATIONS must include:
1) a letter stating the library to be visited and intended dates of travel.
2) a statement of purpose, to include a short description of the research project, including precise indication of the sources and material to be used.
3) a written statement obtained from the Librarian of the institute where the proposed visit is to take place confirming that the research materials that are required are available for consultation.
4) a one-page curriculum vitae with a list of main publications.
5) a statement of the travelling expenses (Apex economy airfare or 2nd class rail fare), including a note of other sources of funding.
6) In the case of Ph.D. students, a letter of recommendation from their supervisor.
7) In the case of non-members, a letter of recommendation from an EACS member.
8) Address for correspondence, including fax and E-mail where possible.

APPLICATIONS should be sent by mail or fax to one of the following:

1) For research on pre-modern China (i.e. before 1840) to Prof. Roderick Whitfield, Department of Art and Archaeology, SOAS, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG, United Kingdom. Fax: +44-171 436 38 44. E-mail: rw5@soas.ac.uk
2) For research on modern China (i.e. from 1840) to Prof. Marianne Bastid-Bruguière, 92 Boulevard de Port Royal, 75005 Paris, France. Fax: +33 1 43 54 72 02. E-mail: bastid@canoe.ens.fr
3) For research, which straddles the 1840 limit: either to Prof. Whitfield or to Prof. Bastid-Bruguière.
It is advisable to apply at least two months before the visit is planned to take place.

PAYMENT OF GRANTS

1) If applications are approved, grants will be made to include travelling expenses and a per diem allowance, which will vary from place to place.
2) With the exception of scholars from Eastern Europe, grants will be paid on completion of the visit.
3) For scholars from Eastern Europe, the grant will be available on arrival at the centre where the research is undertaken. To avoid difficulty, applicants should give advance warning of their date and time of arrival to Prof. Bastid-Bruguière, if they are to visit France; to Dr Hans van Ess, if they are to visit Germany; to Prof. Maghiel Van Crevel, if they are to visit the Netherlands; and to Prof. Whitfield if they are to visit the United Kingdom.
4) On completion of their visit, all scholars should obtain a letter signed by the Librarian, certifying that the visit has been made and specifying the dates when it began and ended.
5) All scholars should send the Librarian’s letter directly to Dr. Brunhild Staiger, Institut für Asienkunde, Rothenbaumchussee 32, D-20148 Hamburg, Germany. Fax: +49 40 4 10 79 45.
E-mail: ifahh.staiger@rz.uni-hamburg.de

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Mr David Helliwell, Bodleian Library, Oxford, OX1 3BG, United Kingdom. Fax: +44 1865 277132.
OBITUARY

Roland Felber (1935-2001)

Roland Felber died on May 5, 2001 as a result of a long-term heart condition. His professional biography epitomizes a piece of German-German and German-Chinese relations. He was one of the first East German students who in the fifties studied Chinese history at Beijing University.

In 1962 Roland Felber started working at the East Asian Institute of the University of Leipzig. After a two-year research stay at the Institute for Oriental Studies at the Moscow Academy of Sciences he took on a teaching position at Humboldt University in Berlin in 1972. His doctoral dissertation on the development of exchange relations in ancient China was published in 1973 by Akademie Verlag. His postdoctoral research concentrated on more modern ideological history. Especially he gained international renown as a profound expert on Kang Youwei and his ideas.

As director of the Modern Chinese History Section at Humboldt University, Roland Felber was appointed in 1973 to the Council for Current Research on China, the main steering and coordination organ of China research in East Germany. In 1979 he got a chair for Chinese history. The field was expanded under his leadership. Younger China experts of East Germany were trained, and important projects were launched.

Roland Felber was a strong promoter of integrating research on China in East Germany into the international scientific community as a whole. He showed great vigor in his efforts to intensify relations with the People’s Republic of China. In the same way academic exchanges with China experts from East Europe, western countries and Japan was a matter of great concern for him. Since the establishment of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS) in 1975 he participated in many of its activities and he spent many years as a member of the board.

The collapse of East Germany had grave consequences for Roland Felber and for Chinese studies in East Germany in general. Attempts by West German colleagues to discriminate against him politically and push for his dismissal failed, not least due to the solidarity he was shown by colleagues internationally. So Roland Felber was able to continue his academic activities after German unification in an extremely productive way. Together with colleagues at the Free University of Berlin, Roland Felber began a major editing project in the early 1990s in cooperation with the Institute for Far Eastern Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences: the editing of documents on the policies of the Comintern toward China from 1920 to 1945. He also continued his studies on German-Chinese relations, especially dealing with the view of Germany held by Chinese intellectuals in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The many students who enjoyed and benefited so much from his seminars, and his colleagues, who greatly appreciated working with him as a team and valued his sharp mind as well as his sense of humour and
optimism, mourn the loss of a kind person and extraordinary scholar.

(Mechthild Leutner)

NEW PUBLICATIONS


Six sections of this book consist of historical and legendary information on the life and works of Li Po. While focusing primarily on Li Po’s poetry, the book includes fictionalised accounts of the author’s long-suffering way of life, details of contemporary searches for any traces of his sojourns, and examples of echoes of his poetry and life in the artistic output of the subsequent generations.
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