

Report on an InULA Research Incentive Grant

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The InULA Research Incentive Fund enabled me to attend the CEAL (Council on East Asian Libraries) meetings held in San Diego, California, March 8-12, 2000. I appreciate very much InULA's supporting my project on Korean literary authors and enabling me to participate in discussions among librarians from other major research libraries on important topics such as LC's Pinyin conversion and future Cataloging Seminars.

The CEAL meetings are focused on current issues and developments relating to acquisition, technical processing, and public services of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean material. New initiatives and cataloging activities in OCLC, RLIN and LC are also reported and discussed. Due to LC's plan to change the transliteration scheme of Chinese from Wade-Giles to Pinyin in October 2000, detailed timelines and tasks among LC, OCLC and RLIN were reported and discussed. I was able to update the timelines of these significant changes in bibliographic control and access in Chinese material and also to clarify the options for Chinese serials conversion at IU libraries. Our library will be experiencing split files of Chinese records in OPAC and cataloging records in IUCAT during this conversion period planned between October 2000 and April 2001.

As a working member of CEAL Technical Processing Committee's project on Literary Authors Name List, I finalized the scope, objective, and form of the list for the Korean literary authors. Names for the project are compiled from the names listed on the Library of Congress Classification, PL-PM Schedules and the Library of Congress Name Authority File. Names that have been used in the OCLC/CJK and RLIN/CJK online catalogs were used to add the names in original scripts. The name list includes the variant names in roman form, names in Chinese characters (if available), Korean form, the established name form from the LC name authority file, and LC classification number. The name list has been mounted on the Committee's home page, so the list serves as a valuable reference tool to East Asian catalogers; for users it is an efficient list in identifying the headings and names in original scripts and locating the call number associated with names in one place. The completion of the project will take a couple of years. In the meantime, the updated list is available on the CEAL Technical Processing Committee's home page as I am adding more names on the list.

Another project in relation to the CEAL Technical Processing Committee's work has been continued from the Second LC's Asian Materials Cataloging Seminar held at Harvard University, March 8 and 9, 1999, in which I was heavily involved as the chair of the Course Content Committee of the Seminar. The CEAL Technical Processing Committee conducted a survey to determine the possibility to hold the Third LC Asian Materials Cataloging Seminar. Strong interests in cataloging electronic resources in Asian materials and cataloging rare books were shown but the seminar has been delayed at this time as LC is involved with the Chinese conversion project and their new ILS implementation this year.