**The Sixth Sino-American Academic Library Forum**

**for Cooperation & Development**

**Call for Papers**

In 2020, the global pandemic of Covid-19 had a huge impact on teaching, research and learning in higher education institutions as well as halting international travel and exchange programs. As the coronavirus pandemic starts subsiding, it becomes imperative for academic libraries to reflect and explore about how to proactively prepare for the possible resurgence of the pandemic, and how to ensure libraries’ collections and services being accessible to patrons during the “New Normal” of Covid-19, continuing on into the post-pandemic era.

Since 2011, the China Academic Social Sciences and Humanities Library (CASHL) and the North American Society for Chinese Studies Librarians (SCSL) have jointly organized the Sino-American Academic Library Forum for Cooperation and Development to discuss and explore topics related to special and regional material resources, and it has become a high quality academic library forum.

To further advance the cooperation between library professionals from China and the United States, the CASHL and the SCSL are co-organizing the Sixth Sino-American Academic Library Forum for Collaboration and Development, to be held on July 16-17 2021 at the Sun Yat-sen University Library in Guangzhou, China. Please see below for details.

**Forum Date and Venue**

Date: July 16-17, 2021

Venue: Sun Yat-sen University Library in Guangzhou, China. Participants may choose to attend virtually via Webinar.

**Forum Organizers:**

China Academic Social Sciences and Humanities Library (CASHL)

North American Society for Chinese Studies Librarians (SCSL)

Host: Sun Yat-sen University Library in Guangzhou, China

1. **Theme and Sub-themes**

**Main Theme**

Academic Library Resources and Services: New Directions in the “New Normal”/Post-Pandemic Era.

**Sub-themes**

1. Information Resources Development and Library Information Delivery Services. Topics including but not limited to:

* Problems, gaps or inadequate responses exposed in the information resources development during the Covide-19 as well as new directions for future resources and services
* Development and services from academic libraries and book vendors in relation to Open Access digital resources and/or Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives during and after the Covid-19
* Collaborative experiences on information resources and services with other universities or other countries during and after the Covid-19

1. Infrastructure of Information Resources. Topics including but not limited to:

* Problems, gaps or inadequate responses exposed in libraries’ information resources infrastructure during the Covide-19 as well as new possible directions in this regard
* Collaborative experiences or opportunities on infrastructure development for information resources and services with other universities or other countries in the “New Normal” /post-pandemic era

1. Information Resources Development and Library Services under Other Crises. Topics including but not limited to:

* Historical experiences on information resources development, library services, and information resources infrastructure under other crises besides Covid-19

1. Free Conversation. Discuss and share information on topics of common interest between library professionals from China and US, such as:

* What is the process or workflow of Interlibrary Loan Service in academic libraries in China?
* How does Chinese Library Association promote Open Access related cooperative endeavors or projects?
* How to discover and get access to Open Access digital resources or materials created in China for US researchers, and vice versa.

**II. Requirement for Presentations / Papers**

1. Applicants are required to submit an abstract in Chinese or English (within 1,000 words or above, as long as it clearly delineates theme and core content). The topic should be aligned with the conference theme, and sub-topics.
2. Abstract with the following information must be submitted by May 15, 2021.

* Title
* Author: Name, position, institutional affiliation, contact information (including email and cell phone number)
* Formatted in Word
* Submitted: to bjzhu@pku.edu.cn for applicants from Mainland China; and to xiuying.zou@claremont.edu for applicants outside Mainland China

1. Conference organizers will finish reviewing applications by May 25, 2021, and send out invitations to presenters by May 25, 2021.
2. The invited presenters should submit a fully-drafted paper or a complete PPT by July 10, 2021.

* Submitted papers should include: 1) title; 2) author’s name, position, institutional affiliation, contact information; 3) an abstract of no more than 500 Chinese characters or 800 English words; 4) three to seven key words; 5) paper should be between 3000 to 6000 words; 6) formatted in Word.
* PPT Presentation should strive to be well-organized, evenly balanced, so that participants can understand the author’s ideas, arguments and conclusions. PPT should include: 1) title; 2) author’s name, position, institutional affiliation, contact information; 3) presentation slides and text.

1. Awards: The conference organizers will make a final evaluation of all completed papers or PPT submitted, and announce the first and second prizes at the conference
2. Publication: The organizer will publish all papers and PPT presentations on the CASHL website after the meeting. Selected papers will be published at a later date.

**III. Contact Persons**

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