

Minutes of the general meeting of the EAJRS closing the 16th conference of the EAJRS at Lund.

1. Approval of the minutes of the 15th conference held in Salamanca, September 2004. The minutes, as reproduced in Newsletter 13, are approved without alteration.

2. The board including Izumi Tytler, Hamish Todd, Peter Pantzer, Noboru Koyama, Annie Troedsson, Willy Vande Walle and Paul Wijsman met informally on the first day of the conference to prepare the 17<sup>th</sup> conference and the general meeting of Lund. Kato Ruri, from the Japan Foundation attended the meeting as an observer.

3. Venue of the next conference

Ms. Laura Moretti from the University of Ca' Foscari, Venice, has volunteered to be next year's host. The University of Venice is one of the two major centres of Japanese Studies in Italy. It has good facilities, a committed and an expert host, who is familiar with Japanese resources. Other strengths: possibility of visit to the Oriental Museum, and the ? book collection. Easy access: flights into Venice.

The conference will not have a restricted special topic. It wants to give as comprehensive and full a picture as possible of recent developments in the field of Japanese resources. It is hoped that this will be attract the greatest possible number of librarians and resource specialists.

3. Funding

The Japan Foundation again agreed to fund the conference. We are very grateful for the continuing support.

5. Next year's timing

6. Membership and how to widen it?

By appointing national representatives for each country. He/she would be responsible to identifying and contacting new prospective members. We will post the names and possibly a short introduction of these representatives on the website. Prof. A. Falero for Spain, Antony Boussemart for France and Sergio Levi for Italy have been asked to stimulate participation in their respective countries.

7. Publication of the proceedings in full text on the portal site.

Proposal by the chairman:

All participants are requested to hand in a text to be put on the portal site with restricted access. This text preferably would be the text of their presentation plus the handout, or a merged version of the two. If the handout is detailed enough it can be the handout alone. In the final analysis it is left to the individual to decide what he/she will send in, but it is important that we have the text in electronic version. The password will be very straightforward, such as e.g. "Salamanca", so that every participant can access it easily and also others close to him/her or colleagues find it easy to access. It will thus have a readership of about hundred or hundred fifty persons. Posting under this semi-closed regime will run from end of October to end of January next year. Corrected and edited versions will be sent in by early January and will be put openly on the portal without any password at the end of January. The reproduction of images or other graphic material may involve problems of copyright. In the final analysis it is up to the author to

clear these problems, and decide what images he/she wants to include, but Hans Coppens will look into the matter so as to give some guidance to the authors. As long as the texts remain under restricted access, it is not likely that serious problems will arise.

#### 9. Nacsis-Webcat Union Catalogue of Japanese Books in European Holdings

Izumi K. Tytler gives a brief progress report. She regrets she has been unable to make steady headway, due to the absence of a German library forum taking the lead in their NACISIS-CAT implementation, and also shortage/turnover of staff at some libraries. Nevertheless through the good offices of Ms Mariko Adachi of Zurich, who has contacted individual members of the Arbeitskreis Japan-Bibliotheken group (those using the NACISIS-CAT), 8 out of 11 have sent their consent.

For further European involvement, there remain to be overcome a wide range of impediments though, it is hoped more colleagues, such as those from France who are planning to create a union catalogue, would be able to participate in this collaborative effort, by adopting the NACISIS-CAT database.

A fuller text about the background to this initiative is appended to these minutes.

#### 10. Report from the secretary

51 participants were present at 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the EAJRS during September 22 to 25, 2004: fifteen persons from Spain, nine from Japan, six from the United Kingdom, four from Sweden, four from the United States, three from France, three from Belgium, two from Germany, two from Holland, one from Austria, one from Italy, one from Russia.

During the Meeting a record of 27 papers were presented, five in Japanese, 22 in English. Sixteen papers dealt with the special topic of the meeting: "Japan and Spain: Resources for Study".

#### 11. Conclusion

In terms of the number of participants and of papers the conference may be considered a real success. Also the number of papers on the special topic was beyond expectation. We hope that the conference will have made a small contribution to the further development of Japanese Studies in Spain.

The chairman thanks all participants and expresses his gratitude to the following persons for their great contribution to the success of the Salamanca conference:

Mr. Annie Troedsson, the local organiser, for the arrangements she made,  
Prof. R. Greatrex for his hospitality and support  
Paul Wijsman for his excellent work as a secretary,  
Hans Coppens for the logistical support.

On behalf of all the participants of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Mrs Izumi Tytler expresses her gratitude to prof. Vande Walle for his excellent chairmanship during the Salamanca conference.