

Dear CALA members:

The CALA International Relations Committee is pleased to call for presenters for a new event in the CALA 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Seminar Series: U.S.-China Library Forum, which will take place July 5-8, 2010 at Yunnan Agricultural University, Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.

The seminar will explore the area of information services in a networked environment. It will also address these issues: building virtual resources, application of information technology, strategy of user services, library collaboration, qualifications of library staff in a networked environment, and other related issues on resources building and services. (Please see the attached Topics of US-China Library Forum for details).

The sponsors for this coming event are: Yunnan Agricultural University and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA).

According to the agreement with Yunnan Agricultural University, CALA will be sending a team of six experienced speakers.

**Qualification of speakers:**

- An ALA-accredited MLS degree or its equivalent is required;
- Must be a CALA member;
- Must have at least 6 years of post MLS professional experience in a field of librarianship in the U.S.;
- Must submit a paper related to seminar topics;
- Must have presentation skills and agree to prepare and deliver quality PowerPoint presentations in Chinese and English;
- Must be willing to work with the team and to follow directions of the team leader;
- Must be responsible for his/her own international travel expenses.

**Benefit:**

- Speaker may bring one relative traveling to Kunming together;
- Speakers and their relative will have their travel expenses after arriving in Kunming covered by Yunnan Agricultural University, including lodging, meal, and local transportation during the seminar period;
- Speakers and one relative will each receive ¥2,000 (Chinese Yuan) allowance from Yunnan Agricultural University.
- Opportunity presenting and exchanging ideas with other librarians and visiting local libraries;
- Accepted papers will be published in the proceedings.

**To apply:**

Please use the attached application form to apply. Application should be sent to both Guoqing Li ([li.272@osu.edu](mailto:li.272@osu.edu)) and Qi Chen ([qchen@argosy.edu](mailto:qchen@argosy.edu)), CALA International Relations Committee Co-chairs.

The deadline for application is December 15, 2009. The selection results will be announced at the end of January, 2010.

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