

**CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Project
Team Member Report¹**

Seminar Location: Kunming, Yunnan Province, China
Seminar Dates: From: July 4, 2010 **to** July 8, 2010

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Your topics: Institute Digital Repository: Change, Challenge, and Concerns

Your evaluation of the seminar you have participated:

I do appreciate it that the CALA provided me such a good chance to participate in the conference at this time.

In general, this is a very good and successful seminar.

1. **The organization of the conference** was very good. The Yunnan Agriculture University Library and the Associations of Yunnan University Libraries are the organizers for this conference. They did great work through their staff providing efficient and professional services, great efforts and hard work. All activities in the conference such as the conference programs and meeting facilities, hotels and food, the transportations and entertainments, the libraries and research labs visiting, were all well organized and arranged by the conference organizers and their staff.
2. **The discussion session** which I participated in was very openly processed, which provided good opportunities to both the Chinese librarians and the foreign librarians exchanging their professional experiences, even though it might be better if more time arranged for discussions.
3. **High quality's speakers with their presentations:** Among the total number of twelve speakers, there were six presenters from the USA, one from Canada, and five from China. All of the speakers at this conference are experienced librarians, researchers, and/or library administrators. They all are with either Ph.D. degrees and/or as the Advisors for the doctoral degree programs in libraries (博士生导师), or dual master degrees. All the presentations were with high quality's contents and met the topics of the conference planned. All the presenters presented successfully with their experienced speaking skills and excellent professional appearance during their presenting. I learnt a lot from our colleagues, both from the Chinese librarians and American/Canadian librarians. The audients were satisfied the conference, while I randomly talked with some Chinese participants at the conference then. Therefore, the organizers and selectors of this conference did very good and professional work on the selecting conference topics and speakers.

Your suggestions:

1. Post-Evaluation to the conference and evaluation to each of the speakers and the presentations should be provided and distributed to all audients by the conference organizer at the conference on a timely manner. This has been popularly used at many of American professional conferences, which is good and will benefit the other conferences in the future.
2. Since this type of conference is titled as "Practicum Forum/Seminar", it would be better to arrange more time to conference discussion sessions. That is, to provide more time for the librarians discussing and exchanging experiences face by face

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¹ Add more paper as need.