Message from the President

- 18th ACPSS International Conference will be held at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh of Pennsylvania, **October 5-7, 2012.**
- Panels and paper abstracts submission deadline is **July 20, 2012.** Send submission to Dr. Shaorong Huang at shaorong.huang@uc.edu or huangsn@ucmail.uc.edu

Dear ACPSS friends,

It has been ACPSS’s fine tradition that in October every year, ACPSS members and friends come to ACPSS’s annual international conference to share their research results, to exchange ideas, to meet old academic friends, and to make new friends among the presenters and the audience. In less than six months, on October 5-7, 2012, we’ll meet again on the beautiful campus of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh of Pennsylvania, to hold the 18th ACPSS international conference. This upcoming conference is a joint event of ACPSS, the East Asian Library and the Asian Studies Center of the University of Pittsburgh, and United Societies of China Studies (USCS), with the conference theme “Modernity and Cultural Development: the changing China in a globalized and digitized world.” A conference organization committee has been formed with the following members:

Co-Chairs:
- Shaorong Huang (University of Cincinnati)
- Hong Xu (University of Pittsburgh)
- James Alexander Cook (University of Pittsburgh)

Members:
- Shiping Hua (University of Louisville)
- Yunqiu Zhang (North Carolina A & T State University)
- Liren Zheng (Cornell University)
- Haihui Zhang (University of Pittsburgh)
- Xiuying Zou (University of Pittsburgh)

Assistant:
- Jia Ma (North Kentucky University).

Thanks to the help and generosity of our partners at the University of Pittsburgh, the preparation of the conference has been undergoing smoothly. It is predicted that this coming event will be both interesting and rewarding. The highlights of the conference include:

- Friday, October 5: Opening Ceremony; two keynote speeches; reception dinner at the University Club (Pittsburgh Athletic Association or PAA).
- Saturday, October 6: Panel presentations (lunch boxes and coffee break drinks provided); Dinner on River Cruise Boat, entertained by a Chinese musical band from Lijiang, China.
- Sunday, October 7: Morning panel presentations with coffee break.

A Chinese saying goes: “Everything else is ready; all we need is an east wind.” Now, the east wind will come from you! Please email me a 300-word abstract of your paper, either in English or in Chinese, as early as you can. The deadline of submission for conference papers or panels is **July 20, 2012.** However, I sincerely expect you would rather take some actions now! Thanks!

Shaorong Huang

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Member News

➤ Dr. Shiping Hua was among the eight endowed chairs noted in the Spring 2012 Issue of “The University of Louisville Magazine:”
http://louisville.epubxp.com/issue/54908/17

➤ Dr. Shiping Hua was noted in the Spring 2012 issue of “The University of Louisville President’s Report”:

➤ Dr. Yawei Liu has been appointed as one of the executive editors of the current affairs magazine Sunshine (阳光杂志). The magazine is based in Hong Kong and has obtained special permission to be distributed in mainland China. It is a biweekly and published on the 15th and 30th of each month. Some of the themes in 2012 are the significance of 2011, 2012 the year of elections, the Arab Spring, the 20th anniversary of Deng Xiaoping’s Southern Tour and democracy of Chinese characteristics. All members of ACPSS are welcome to contribute. Articles are analyses or commentaries in nature and should be between 3000 and 3500 Chinese characters. To access sample articles, check out the following link:
http://www.chinaelections.org/NewsList.asp?CLassID=1810. For more information, please write to yawei.liu@emory.edu. Submit articles to yangguangzazhi@gmail.com.

➤ Guangqiu Xu is awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to support him to teach U.S. Diplomatic History as a Fulbright visiting professor at the National University of Singapore, a leading university in Asia, for the Academic Year of 2012-13.

➤ Dr. Ying Zhu was invited to screen her co-produced documentary (with Netherlands NAtional TV) “Google China Standoff” with Q & A @ Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada (March, 2012), the Dalton School in Manhattan (March, 2012), New York University (February, 2012), and the City University of New York’s Asian/Asian American Research Institute (Dec. 2011).

By ACPSS Members

Books:

Liang, Bin & Hong Lu, (Eds.). Jurisprudence: Contemporary Western Sociological Studies and Developments (法学分卷: [当代西方社会学前沿研究及发展综述]). 人民大学出版社[Renmin University of China Press.]


Qi, Shouhua. Western Literature in China and the Translation of a Nation. (Palgrave Macmillan, March 2012.)

Reviews:
'Understanding China’s emergence as a twenty-first century power requires an awareness of the
complexities of its history, culture, and often damaging past interaction with foreign nations. Qi has made an important contribution to the understanding of the forces that have shaped China with his examination of the impact of translations of Western texts on China's development as they were 'assimilated' into the Chinese consciousness. Qi provides a new framework that highlights the tensions caused by the need to preserve Chinese culture while pursuing Westernization and globalization.' - June Grasso, associate professor, Boston University.

'Western Literature in China and the Translation of a Nation is a fascinating story of modern China and its relations with the West told through the eventful, often tragic and sad, history of its intellectuals and their translations. Based on solid research, informative, insightful, and beautifully written, this book offers much more than its title seems to suggest, and anyone interested in the intellectual and sociopolitical history of modern China will find it of great value and enjoyable reading.' - Zhang Longxi, chair professor of Comparative Literature and Translation, City University of Hong Kong.

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Articles:


- 姬建国 (2012): 国际汉语师资培训路子的新思考基点. 《国际汉语教育》第1辑 (外语教学与研究出版社).

- 姬建国 (2012): 关于语言文化关系在国际汉语教学中的定位. 《对外汉语教学与研究》第1期 (南京大学出版社).


- **Zhang, Jie** and **Qi Gao.** 2012. "Validation of the Trait Anxiety Scale for State-Trait Anxiety Inventory in Suicide Victims and Living Controls of Chinese Rural Youths." *Archives of Suicide Research* 16:85-94.


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**Editor’s Note**

As we approach the end of the academic year, I wish to thank all contributors to the newsletters to make them informative and representative of your accomplishments. I also greatly appreciate the support of all the ACPSS officers for providing me all the timely news items to be included.

Summer is fast approaching! I wish you all a safe, productive as well as relaxing break. For those who have field research endeavors, I wish you travel safe and keep cool! Hope to hear from many more of you with exciting news to be shared in our future newsletters. Thank you!

*Linda Wang*