



CALL FOR PAPERS

The 5th International Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies **Chinese through the Americas**

**University of British Columbia
Vancouver, B.C., Canada
May 16-19, 2012**

University of British Columbia's Asian Library is pleased to announce that, in cooperation with the Ohio University Libraries, it will host the 5th WCILCOS International Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies on *Chinese through the Americas*. The event will be held May 16th to 19th, 2012 at the University of British Columbia (Point Grey Campus) in Vancouver, Canada.

It is fitting that Vancouver, Canada will be the venue for the 5th WCILCOS conference as this beautiful city has been a hub of transnational flows of Chinese migrants since the 18th century. As the host institution, the UBC Asian Library is prestigiously placed and equipped to orchestrate the upcoming conference. The return of the WCILCOS Conference to North America also serves to recognize the rapid expansion of Chinese overseas studies and its related fields in the region. As with previous WCILCOS conferences, the organizers hope to utilize this event to promote the nexus between research and documentation on Chinese overseas studies and to facilitate greater interaction between scholars and librarians around the world.

The conference now seeks roundtable, panel and paper proposals as well as poster presentations revolving around, but not limited to, the following topics:

- New Patterns of Migration
- Chinese Overseas Heritage Treasures: Transnational Discovery & Delivery
- Comparative Studies of Chinatowns in Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas
- Overseas Chinese Rare Collections
- Emerging Communities and Descendants of Pioneers
- Ethnic Relations
- Identity Issues, Values and Culture
- Organizations, Documentations, Archives and Networks
- Immigration and Emigration Policies
- Chinese Overseas Literature

Proposals are welcome from academics, librarians, graduate students and undergraduate students. Continuing with the WCILCOS tradition, the conference will accept papers in both English and Chinese. For individual papers/ posters please submit a 300-500 word abstract, a 150 word personal bio and a CV of no more than 2 pages. Abstracts should include a phone number and email address. For panel presentations, please submit a panel abstract of 450 words or less, along with the names and paper titles of each presenter, contact

information [phone and email] for the primary contact person, and a CV of no more than 2 pages for each presenter. Panels should include 3-4 presenters. We will provide moderators for each panel session.

Please email the abstract and proposal to wcilcos.2012@ubc.ca. All abstracts, bio and CV should be sent in one single attachment in either Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text File (.rtf) format. Name the attachment with your last name and the words "paper proposal" (for individual paper) or the panel organizer's last name and the words "panel proposal" (for panel presentation). The text should be prepared on letter/A4 size paper (8.5"x11"), single-spaced, and in 12-point font.

Important Deadlines:

Abstract Submission – September 15, 2011

Acceptance Notification – November 15, 2011

Final Paper Submission – February 15, 2012

For current information on the conference, please visit <http://wcilcos.library.ubc.ca/>

5th WCILCOS Organizing Committee

Planning activities will be guided by an organizing committee of library and academic leaders from educational, research and cultural institutes as well as university and public libraries. A UBC workgroup including Eleanor Yuen, Denise Fong, Lilly Li and Phoebe Chow will oversee the organization and launch of the event.

Co-chairs:

FERRIER, Jeffrey, Curator, Centre for International Collections, Ohio University Libraries
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