

### **The 9th Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF 2018)**

The 9th Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF 2018) was held on October 17-19, 2018 at the Shanghai Library. The forum was organized by the Shanghai Library (Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of Shanghai) and co-organized by the Shanghai Society for Library Science and the Shanghai Society for Scientific & Technical Information. A total of 292 delegates from 24 countries and regions attended the forum.

The forum program consisted of three keynote speeches, one plenary session which included seven presentations, and five concurrent sessions: digital scholarship and humanistic studies; public service and reading promotion; information technology and smart libraries; space design and service innovation; and academic publication and professional communication.

The three keynote speeches were delivered by Chen Chao, Director of Shanghai Library titled “Intelligence and Inclusiveness: The Power to Re-Envision the Public Library;” Gloria Perez-Salmeron, IFLA President titled “Libraries as Motors for Change;” and Peter K. Bol, Professor of Chinese History at Harvard University titled “The Digital Humanities and a Cyberinfrastructure for China Studies.”

Michael Bailou Huang, Director of Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University chaired the Concurrent Session V titled “Academic Publication and Professional Communication—Collaboration, Openness and Moving Forward Together: The International Future of Academic Publication in Library and Information Studies.” At this well attended session, Guoying Liu, University of Windsor, together with Fangmin Wang of Ryerson University, talked about the Chinese American Librarians Association’s peer-reviewed academic English journal: *International Journal of Librarianship*. In addition, Guoying presented about hot topics in recent LIS publications. CALA Executive Director Lian Ruan shared her experience about working together with Chinese and American academic librarians for a monograph publication. Ping Fu of Central Washington University co-presented with Kristi Thompson of University of Windsor on “How to Publish in an English Academic *Journal*.” Kristi, joined by Shenqin Yin of Fudan University in Shanghai, China, made a presentation titled “Collaboration Between a Canadian and Chinese Author and Their Different National Perspectives on Library and Information Science—A Case Study.”

At the round table titled “International Communication and Sharing of Library and Information Academic Achievements” co-chaired by Xiaoming Jin of Shanghai Library and Shushi Wu of the National Library of China, editors-in-chief and representatives of 23 journals from China, Canada, and the United States gathered together and shared their perspectives on the future of academic publications in library and information studies. A joint initiative of the library and information science journals about open access was endorsed by the 23 participating journals including *International Journal of Librarianship* and other core LIS journals in China such as *Journal of the National Library of China*, *Library Journal*, *Library Construction*, *Journal of Academic Libraries*, *Library and Information Work*, *Library Forum*, and *Chinese Library Journal*.

The Joint Initiative calls for promoting the rapid and wider dissemination of research results in library and information science and making the research results in this field freely available to the public.

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