

PROPOSAL FOR FUNDED STAFF EXCHANGES BETWEEN PRDLA INSTITUTIONS

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- **1995 – 2001:**
 - **Charter Members**
 - **Goals**
 - **Strategies**
 - **Initiatives**
- **2002 – 2012:**
 - **Membership Growth**
 - **Initiatives**
- **2013 –**

1995 – 2001

- **1995: Formative meeting held**
- **1997: Alliance founded: 13 charter members, 9 of whom continue**
- **Supported by Lingnan and Luce Foundations**
- **Goals:**
 1. **facilitate user access to scholarly research materials;**
 2. **share and deliver information resources in a timely and effective manner; and**
 3. **employ cost-efficient strategies for overcoming budgetary constraints and the barriers of distance, language, and culture.**
- **Strategies used:**
 1. **technology applications**
 2. **resource sharing**
 3. **document delivery**
 4. **cooperative collection development**
 5. **personnel exchanges**

1995 – 2001 Initiatives

- **Alliance Office**
 - leadership, administration, planning, and budgeting;
 - development of programmatic agenda;
 - annual meetings.

- **Multilingual Gateway**
 - developed by PRDLA members UC Berkeley and UC San Diego, and OCLC (the Online Computer Library Center) ;
 - software enables library users to search Internet-based library catalogs in their native scripts and retrieve results across three different language codes: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.

- **Pacific Explorations Archive**
 - library of digitized primary research materials related to exploration of the Pacific Ocean, and the infrastructure needed to create, manage, deliver, and archive its content.
 - material formats include maps, drawings, photographs, diaries.

- **Chinese Cultural Heritage Archive**
 - online archive of primary research materials related to the Chinese cultural revolution
 - Content includes:
 - rare political tracts, pamphlets, and Red Guard newspapers;
 - major serial publications of the period.

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2002: Alliance institutes annual membership fee and membership drive

Result: 30+ members in 11 countries

1. Chinese University of Hong Kong
2. City University of Hong Kong
3. Fudan University
4. Hong Kong Baptist University
5. Hong Kong Polytechnic University
6. National Taiwan University
7. National University of Singapore
8. Peking University
9. Seoul National University
10. Singapore Management University
11. Stanford University Libraries
12. Sun Yat Sen University
13. Tsinghua University Library
14. University of Auckland
15. University of British Columbia
16. University of California, Berkeley
17. University of California, Irvine
18. University of California, Los Angeles
19. University of California, Merced
20. University of California, San Diego
21. University of Hawaii at Manoa
22. University of Hong Kong
23. University of Macau
24. University of Melbourne
25. University of Oregon
26. University of Otago
27. University of Southern California
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2002 – 2012 Initiatives

- **Interlibrary Loan Pilot Project**
 - experiment with no-fee, non-returnable interlibrary loans between PRDLA member institutions on opposite sides of the Pacific Ocean
 - discontinued when it demonstrated the unsustainability of costs for PRDLA member institutions who provided interlibrary loan materials.
- **Oceania Digital Library (ODiL)**
 - collaboration between the University of Auckland, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and UC San Diego
 - single point of access for researchers seeking information about the cultures and history of Oceania (Australasia, Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia).
- **Pacific Rim Library (PRL, “Pearl”)**
 - hosted by Hong Kong University
 - created by harvesting metadata for:
 - digital collections created by PRDLA member institutions; and
 - other Pacific Rim-related content
 - includes:
 - Pacific Explorations Archive
 - *Bibliography of East Asian Studies*
 - *Scripta Sinica*
 - *Wenyuange Sikuquanshu*
 - *Beijing Super Star Digital Library*

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- **LOI submitted to Luce Foundation.**
- **“In order to advance international understanding of rapidly changing information delivery, we feel it is very important to develop opportunities for PRDLA member institutions to share expertise and resources on a more comprehensive level. Though PRDLA’s original mandate articulated personnel exchange as an organizational goal, it is one area that has not been realized as fully as we’d like. “**

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- **“ ... while the ‘horizontal information exchange’ that occurs at PRDLA annual meetings provides a starting point for the many individual and collaborative projects like those listed above, it would be substantively useful to establish a mechanism or mechanisms for exchanges that are more concentrated and in-depth. This new, ‘vertical knowledge exchange’ would enable PRDLA member institutions to leverage each others’ expertise in order to effect transformative changes in how information is managed and made accessible throughout the world. “**
- **“... we would like to implement a ‘Staff Development Exchange’ program between PRDLA member institutions, selecting projects of international import where particular expertise can be shared in depth.”**

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- **“We envision such a program being administered by the PRDLA Secretariat through an application process that would include a description of the staff development exchange project, the impact this exchange would have on one’s home institution, and a travel budget.”**
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