

CAFLI Shanghai Conference Report
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About 100 law librarians and legal information experts in China and the United States gathered in Shanghai, China from June 10 to June 12, 2013 to participate in the Third Bi-annual Conference of the Chinese-American Forum on Law libraries and Legal information (CAFLI). The Conference was hosted by East China University of Political Science and Law and co-organized by China University of Political Science and Law and other institutions.

Like the previous two conferences, this Conference continued to promote the accessibility of legal information and the education of legal information professionals in the United States and China with a theme of Collaboration, Information, Access, and Partnership.

He Qinhua, President of East China University of Political Science and Law and renowned law professor in China, made encouraging and thought-provoking welcome remarks, followed by speeches by Sergio Stone, Co-chair of the Chinese-American Forum on Law Libraries and Legal Information and Zhuang Qi, Shanghai University Library Committee Secretary General.

Keynote speakers, Jiang Bo (Vice President of Tongji University of China), Xu Xiaobing (Vice Dean of Shanghai Jiaotong University KoGuan Law School of China), S. Blair Kauffman (Director of Yale Law School Library of the United States) and Zhou Qingshan (Professor of Information Department of Beijing University of China) shared their insights on opportunities and challenges of the development of law libraries and services in the 21st century in both countries.

The Conference provided a great opportunity for colleagues from both China and the United States to express and exchange their ideas, views, thoughts and concerns in the law library and legal information field. Over 50 librarians and professors presented and commented on a wide variety of issues in five major areas: New trends and concepts in law library services, public access to legal information in China and the United States, application of new technology in information services, disciplinary services and requirements for law librarians, and other special topics on law libraries, such as cultural property protection, rare books protection and utilization, copyright in libraries, privacy, legal literature retrieval and legal databases in universities in China. Conference materials and presentations will be made available at the CAFLI website (<http://caflinet.org/annual-conference/>) shortly.

Participants also made on-site visits of Shanghai Library, Law School and Library of Tongji University and downtown campus of East China University of Political Science and Law.

During the Conference, the Executive Board of CAFLI held a meeting to discuss future plans to promote close collaboration and personnel exchange programs between libraries in China and the United States and made an official announcement that the fourth Bi-annual Conference of the Chinese-American Forum on Law Libraries and Legal Information will be held in the United States in 2015.