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**PRDLA 2008 Singapore  
Membership meeting  
Business meeting narrative – Pacific Rim Library  
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**Pacific Rim Library (PRDLA Archive)**

The PRDLA Archive has been an ongoing project to collocate metadata from PRDLA member digitization projects. This server repository is hosted by the University of Hong Kong Library. Search access is via the PRDLA web site Resources section or via direct access at <http://prdlaarchive.lib.hku.hk/>.

At PRDLA 2007 Berkeley, a Content & Strategic Focus Committee was charged.

- Tony Ferguson (chair), University of Hong Kong
- Ruth Pagell, Singapore Management University
- Brian Flaherty, University of Auckland
- Brian Schottlaender, University of California, San Diego
- Paula Mochida, University of Hawaii at Manoa

The committee report concluded:

- change the name to Pacific Rim Library with the acronym PRL (pronounced “pearl”)
- content: about Pacific Rim
- purpose: collocate material about people, culture, history of Pacific Rim
- non-PRDLA sites:
  - harvest OAI compliant metadata for PRL
  - invite to harvest from PRL

These recommendations were discussed and were fully endorsed by membership.

The name change to Pacific Rim Library (PRL) is effective immediately. However, there are technical issues related to changing URLs that include “prdlaarchive” as part of the address on the PRL server and on sites that have harvested the metadata. David Palmer (HKU) will look further into this issue, but for the foreseeable future the URLs will not be changed even though the corporate name of the resource will be changed to Pacific Rim Library.

At PRDLA 2007 Berkeley, the existing Technical Committee was expanded:

- David Palmer (chair) University of Hong Kong
- Luc Declerck, University of California, San Diego
- Jim Cheng, University of California, San Diego
- Todd Grappone, University of Southern California
- Emily Lin, University of California. Merced

- Peter Zhou, University of California, Berkeley
- Brian Flaherty, University of Auckland

Technical Committee report:

- formal production status: done
- remove login and password: done
- ensure proper management and security for culturally sensitive materials: moot
- usage statistics indicate that harvesting is underway, data are seen in Google and OAIster

Discussion:

- PRL purpose
  - expose digital assets of PRDLA members to Google
  - promote PRDLA with emphasis on collaborative activities
- search box for aggregated data
  - minimal value as discovery tool
  - positive value as showcase for PRDLA
- harvested data from metadata collocation site by large aggregators, e.g., Google, OAIster, etc.
  - significantly helps discovery process
  - builds PRDLA identity

There was discussion regarding the collection development component of PRL that included many good ideas. However, there was no consensus regarding specific action. The Secretariat will continue exploration of the topic with individual members.

**ACTION:** There was consensus to continue support and development of the PRL server and content in order to maximize exposure of the metadata to the large data aggregators.

**ACTION:** There was consensus to further develop the graphic presence of PRL and to actively promote PRDLA via branding of the PRDLA web site and PRDLA resources. A task group will be charged by the Secretariat to develop a proposal (with costs) for a design process to:

- develop graphic layout for PRL, [www.PRDLA.org](http://www.PRDLA.org), and link for member sites
- possibly develop a widget that can be used to search PRL on member sites
- highlight collections on PRL and [www.PRDLA.org](http://www.PRDLA.org)
- Task group membership will include David Palmer, Emily Lin, Paula Mochida, Brian Flaherty, Sylvia Yap, and a librarian from UCLA.

**ACTION:** The Secretariat will investigate options for better discovery of the content in the PRDLA Collections Registry

**ACTION:** The budget proposal for ongoing support for the PRL server at HKU was approved:

- 2008: US\$9,050
- 2009: US\$16,700

Note that this is much less than what has been spent in previous year US\$20,625 per

annum).

Tony Ferguson was thanked for the past and ongoing support for PRL from the Hong Kong University Library. David Palmer was thanked for his diligence and hard work in developing the server and service.