

# Asia Pacific Regional Council Candidate Statements

## Howard Amos

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO  
Dunedin, New Zealand



Howard is the University Librarian at the University of Otago in New Zealand. Since qualifying as an Information Management specialist and Librarian, Howard has worked in both the private and public sectors in Libraries and the Telecommunications sector. He has over 25 years' experience working for library software companies and as a practicing librarian developing library digital services. Howard led the project to develop an Australasian inter-lending and document delivery system that has now been deployed as VDX. While working at the State Library of NSW in the early 1990s, he established the first Australian non-academic network of libraries connected to the internet and chaired the NSW Government's internet technical committee. While Deputy University Librarian at UNSW in Sydney, Australia, Howard established the Library Repository Services team and built library support services for the management of data for research projects and led the development of expertise in data librarianship and collaborative programmes that support e-research. Howard has contributed to the understanding of the use and re-use of research data, leading a study into how academics use and share research data. Howard began his role as University Librarian at the University of Otago in October 2010. He represents New Zealand University Libraries on the Australasian consortium for electronic resources and is currently Chair of the Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL). Howard contributes to the development of e-research support infrastructure in New Zealand through the development of research data management metadata standards.

Howard was elected to the OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council in 2014 and is Chair of the Asia Pacific Regional Council (2016/2017). He also serves on the OCLC Global Council Executive Committee. His interests lie in managing organisational change and the transition to the fully digital library. He has carried out international benchmarking activities and the development of quality frameworks include balanced scorecard processes for libraries. One of the privileges membership in OCLC brings is the opportunity to directly contribute to the governance and strategic direction of the cooperation. It is important that members have strong representatives from their region to provide feedback from the membership and information on matters relevant to the region and OCLC's global outlook. As a past secretary and chair of the Asia Pacific Regional Council Executive Committee, I have made a positive contribution in representing the region, engaging with Global Council members and OCLC management. I believe in a strong focus on regional representation within the

OCLC governance structure and solid participation in making a contribution to the OCLC strategic outlook. The Asia Pacific region is an area where there is great potential for the Cooperative. Our region both contributes to and benefits from the growing collections worldwide that are represented in WorldCat. In partnership with OCLC we are preserving and making our unique materials available globally.

## DG Rukiah AG Amit

UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH  
Sabah, Malaysia



I been working with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for 20 years since 1st March 1996. I have a bachelor degree in Sociology and Master in Library and Information Science in Indiana State University, Indiana, USA in 1983 to 1988. Before I joined UMS, I worked with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Library for 5 years from 1991 to 1996. With these multiple experiences I can work under pressure and challenges that face by academic library especially in the era of information technology and globalization. Thinking of this, therefore to choose OCLC WorldCat Discovery as our searching tool for available materials all over the world is the right choice. As a delegate to be, I would like to contribute and share my ideas and experiences with other honoured delegates in terms of enhancing library facilities and services to achieve the goal of library of the future in the era of information technology and globalization especially to the net and z generation.

## Kuang-hua Chen

NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY  
Taipei, Taiwan



Kuang-hua Chen was born in Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. He received B.S. in 1986, M.S. in 1991, and Ph.D. of Computer Science in 1996, all from National Taiwan University. He joined Department of Library and Information Science at National Taiwan University in 1996. Currently, he is a full professor and the University Librarian of National Taiwan University. His research interests are Information Retrieval and Evaluation, Citation Analysis and Evaluation, Natural Language Processing, Digital Archives and Digital Humanities, and Intelligent Information Systems. He has published more than 150 research papers, 4 book titles, 5 patents, and other publications. He is the Chairman of Taiwan OCLC Governing Members Consortium, the Executive Director of Taiwan Association for Digital Humanities, and the President of Interlibrary Cooperation Association, Taiwan. As a university librarian, I would like to share ideas of library services and library information systems with the world-largest cooperative facility for libraries and especially would like to introduce the new concepts, services, best practices what I have known from OCLC to my country. I would like to be a hub to make the potential connections active and energetic.

## Bushra Almas Jaswal

FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
Lahore, Pakistan



I am Bushra A. Jaswal, Chief Librarian & Associate Professor, working for the Ewing Memorial Library, Forman Christian College (FCC) in Lahore, Pakistan. Ours is the only library to join OCLC from Pakistan. I joined FCC in 2017. Prior to this, I worked as the United Nations Digital Librarian for the UUN System in Pakistan, in Islamabad, from 1997 till May 2007. I am founder of the Gad & Birgit Rausing Library of Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), now a famous university in Lahore, Pakistan, where I worked from 1985 till 1997, in various capacities starting from Librarian and gradually reached the highest level of Chief Librarian. Before that, I served as librarian at the Department of Library Science at University of the Punjab, Lahore, for a period of 5 years. Ironically, all of them were newly founded institutions and in each case, I had to start a new library from scratch.

## Hwichool Kim

HANYANG UNIVERSITY  
Seoul, South Korea



Working as reference librarian in Hanyang University Library from 1986. Now director librarian. Also, I am working as General Director of Korea Private University Association. I would like to make QuestionPoint known in Korea with OCLC. The other contribution I would like to make is contribution in underdeveloped country university library developing especially in Asia.

## JAESUN LEE

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF KOREA  
Seoul, South Korea



For 30 years, as a leader I have gained valuable experiences whilst working in the Acquisition and Technical Processing Division, Digital Library Division, and Korean Library & Information Research Institute, and doing work related to librarian training, and international cooperation and public relations at the National Library of Korea. During 2013 – 2015, I contributed to planning and implementing the 2nd Library Development Grand Plan of Korea as Director of the Library Policy Division at the Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism and actively supported the Presidential Committee on Library and Information Policy. I got a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Cheongju University and had completed coursework for a doctoral degree at Yonsei University. I would like to take the opportunity as a delegate to contribute an Asian voice in the cataloging community and improve the cataloging environment in the global age. Traditional cataloging rules and practices in Asian countries such as Korea, China and Japan are different from those of western countries. Recently, many efforts have been made to harmonize the three countries' cataloging rules with respect to global standards. Nowadays cataloging cannot be developed without considering technology. The nature of cataloging is evolving, and new rules are emerging in the digital environment. Therefore, the active implementations of OCLC are bearing a much more important influence on library communities. Based on these perspectives, I would like to contribute to the development of the cataloging community.

## Michael Anthony Mojica

DE LA SALLE-COLLEGE OF SAINT BENILDE  
Manila, Philippines



I have been working as a librarian for the past 15 years with 3 years in my current position as LRC Director. Both of my Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degrees are on Library and Information Science, which I received from the University of the Philippines School of Library and Information Studies in Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines. Before working in my current institution, I have previously worked at the University of the Philippines in Los Banos as a librarian and GRB Enterprises as technical rep for 3M Library Systems products. I would like to be a delegate because I believe, as an OCLC member, this is an opportunity for our library to advocate our ideas to further improve OCLC products and services. I would like to be able to contribute agendas from my country and region to the councils which be of value to OCLC when it adapts to the changing needs of libraries.

## Shuqing Chu

HANGZHOU PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Hangzhou, China



Mr. Shuqing Chu, Born in 1963, Director of Hangzhou Library, also Director of Hangzhou Children's Library and a researcher in Library Science. He is a Standing Committee Member of International IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section, Board Member of China Library Association Academic Board, Director of Library Statistics and Evaluation Committee, and Committee Member of Public Cultural Service System Construction Committee under China Department of Culture. He is an honorary citizen of US Hanswales City. He is an outstanding worker of China Department of Culture, Role Model of China Libraries, and Star of 10th China Art Festival held by China Department of Culture. As China's first highest level member of OCLC, Hangzhou Public Library has already added 1.03 million new bibliographic entries to online library databases WorldCat. With WorldCat, we not only raise the visibility of our collection to a global level, but also share our national heritage and identity with other libraries and their users through the OCLC WorldShare Interlibrary Loan service. If I am a delegate, our library will continue to deepen our cooperation with OCLC; If I am a delegate, I will actively promote OCLC members to positively interact with each other, especially in China. If I am a delegate, I will commit to establish a sharing platform for various libraries in China, and encourage more libraries to join in WorldCat, so as to achieve the goal of resource sharing around the world.