

CALL FOR AN ASIANetwork WEBSITE HOST COLLEGE

The Board of Directors of the ASIANetwork invites member schools to apply to serve as the ASIANetwork Website Host College.

Such an institution will take on duties for a substantial time (five years, preferably) to be confirmed in writing by the President or Dean of the College. There are three services which are needed:

- the physical equipment (server or computer space, Internet connection)
- technical support and assistance (particularly in posting, editing, troubleshooting)
- content editing by an academic editor

The Board feels that all three services should be at one institution so that the public credit will most obviously go to the editor at that institution.

The Website editor will also be the coordinator of the ASIANetwork Internet Group, working in conjunction with the designated liaison from the Board (currently Tim Cheek). The AIG will provide the focus (with special support from the Board) to promote constant, cooperative, and concrete experiments and documentation of what's out there on the Web, how it works, and especially hands-on examples of how Internet and Web resources have been used in practice by members in classrooms, in support of Asia programs, course development, and teaching-related scholarship. This will be a regular feature of both the *ASIANetwork Exchange* and our annual conferences, building on the Asia-on-Line column which Alice Chin Myers edits for the *Exchange*.

COMING SOON: ASIANetwork ON THE WWW

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History, Colorado College

ASIANetwork is coming to the WWW! Some of our members are very active in the informal AIG or ASIANetwork Internet Group. We met at the "Internet, ASIANetwork, and Your Classroom" panel at our Annual Conference, April 28, 1996 in Chicago.

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John Meyers, Simons Rock, [johnm@simonsrock.edu], Dick Bodman, St. Olaf, [bodman@stolaf.edu] and [in virtual mode, Craig Ricecdr@stolaf.edu], St. Olaf, and I met with some twenty colleagues and brainstormed. Dick shared his experience with web sources and computers in classroom teaching, and John introduced the Asia-Pacific Exchange (Electronic) Journal. Check out APEXJ at: <http://naio.kcc.hawaii.edu> [gopher leahi.kcc.hawaii.edu] (at the main menu, select "Kapi'olani Information") or contact the editor, Jim Shimabukuro at JamesS@Hawaii.edu.

The participants confirmed a challenging laundry list of what the ASIANetwork website should provide: (1) a homepage, (2) a library, and (3) Internet advice and distribution list (not quite a

"listserve" or discussion group, as these are both too hard and readily available).

Homepage

The homepage would include our brochure, recent *ASIANetwork Exchange* issues, information on Luce, Ford, and other ASIANetwork programs, study abroad information, bulletin board of announcements to appear in the next newsletter, current meeting and annual conference information, and the library.

Library

The library is a resource site with syllabi (and links to other relevant syllabi collections), annotated list of "best Websites" for our membership interests, diaries of personal experiences from study abroad, teaching new courses, back issues of *ASIANetwork Exchange*, records of our conference panels with contact information, directory of scholar/teachers, links to NAFSA, directory of language resources (and how to get your browser to "read" Asian fonts).

Advice and distribution

Advice and distribution list included a simple, quick way for most active members—those interested in AIG—to stay in easy contact and ask each other questions. We looked to possibilities for student chat groups and teleconferencing with Asian counterparts.

URL address

Two concrete developments have emerged: first, we have secured a URL address. Since there's nothing there just yet, we'll hold on announcing the address until our next newsletter. A small group is working to post preliminary materials by early in the fall.

We need a website host college

Second, the Board of Directors has approved the formation of AIG (with Tim Cheek as current Board representative) and has approved a call for an ASI-ANetwork Website Host College (see call above). Well before the April 25-27, 1997 conference in Vermont, we should all be able to look up maps, on how to get from Albany to Green Mountain College, on the Web!

All those interested in being part of AIG, please contact me at: tcheek@cc.colorado.edu or by corporal post: History, The Colorado College, 14 E. Cache La Poudre, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; Tel:719/389-6525; Fax:719/389-6524

FACULTY NETWORK

Butler University

The ASIAnetwork welcomes Butler University as a new member. Asian Studies at Butler is being developed to serve the interests of students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, and the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The goals of Asian Studies at Butler are to provide students access to Asian cultures and enhance their global perspectives and to create liaisons with Asian communities, cultural organizations, and businesses in the greater Indianapolis region that will enhance cultural and business relations within the community and provide greater diversity in student campus life.

The Butler Asian Studies faculty includes:

Paul Hanson, History; Modern China

Susan Kenyon, Anthropology; culture and identity, gender issues, and culture change

Michelle Mannering, History; 20th century U.S. foreign relations, Vietnam, and cultural imperialism

Jaya Mehta, English; colonial and postcolonial Indian literature, including literature of the diaspora, colonial Indian painting, and Asian-American literature and film

Ling Li, Business Administration; business in China

Gregory Osland, Marketing and International Management; business environment, international joint ventures in China, and relationships between government and multinational corporations in China

Deborah Sommer, Philosophy and Religious Studies; Chinese intellectual history and the Confucian traditions of Asia

Scott Swanson, History; seminar on the "Adventures of Marco Polo"

Concordia College

The ASIAnetwork welcomes Concordia College which joined in 1995-1996.

Linda L. Johnson, East Asian History; 1600-present, women's history, Japan

Eckerd College

Shiping Hua, East Asian Politics

Grinnell College

Y.K.Lo, Chinese, in an interview for the *Grinnell Magazine*, (Winter 1996, p. 16), noted the creation this year of the Department of Chinese. He told the reporter that he was drawn to the college because of its commitment to the development of a Chinese Studies program.

The program offers instruction in the humanistic traditions of China and their influences on contemporary Chinese life. Courses are offered in history, language, literature, anthropology, music, political science, and religious studies.

The major in Chinese Studies focuses on intensive study of the language. Majors spend their first two years on campus, and plan to study in Taiwan, Hong Kong, or the PRC for all or part of their third year. An interdisciplinary senior seminar reviews the state of the field of Chinese studies.

Highline Community College

The ASIAnetwork welcomes Highline Community College as an affiliate institution.