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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear CGSG Members,

It gives me tremendous pleasure and honor to send my greeting to you all from Hong Kong-Asia's world city and gateway to China!

I wish to, first of all, thank members for entrusting me with the important task to serve CGSG more directly and proactively. It was an unusual decision on a special occasion made in Denver two years ago to bring me onboard despite my distant affiliation and remote station in a former colonial outpost in the Far East. Yet I was persuaded that our global village has the blessing of digital super-highways that connect all of us worldwide for efficient and effective communications. I highly appreciate this great opportunity to work closely with a team of enthusiastic and devoted colleagues to promote studies of China geography in the AAG and the wider international arena. I wish to thank my former colleagues and predecessors Shuguang Wang and Youqin Huang for doing such a fantastic job that it now becomes so difficult for me to match. I would also like to thank Alana Boland (Vice-Chair), Yu Zhou (Secretary), Yifei Sun (Treasurer), Wei Xu (Web-Master), and Hong Chen (Student Rep) for agreeing to join me to offer our services to the Group.

The AAG meeting in San Francisco was no doubt a great success. It broke the record in terms of the volume of attendance and the number of paper/panel sessions held. Nearly seven thousand people attended the meeting from all over the world. There was such an over-flow of paper/panel sessions that the AAG was unable to accommodate them all in one single hotel and that we had difficulty to coordinate our schedule to attend all of those we are interested. This was a precious occasion for us to engage in current geographic enquiry and promote the study of China Geography. We did take good advantage of the chance thanks to the collective wisdom and effort of all members: we organized/sponsored as many as 22 paper/panel sessions on a wide range of topics; we commemorated the 30th anniversary of the 1977 Sino-American geographical exchange (some of the photos have been uploaded by Youqin, Alana, and Xu Wei at http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/AAG_30_photo/AAG_30_photo.htm); we celebrated the outstanding scholarly contribution of Clifton Pannell and Jack Williams; we provided useful platforms for young scholars and graduate students to present their research findings. Almost all of our paper/panel sessions were well received. It was a stimulating general assembly and convention of cutting-edge geographical scholarships in which China Geography made its impressive and influential presence.

We are indebted to Larry Ma and Youqin Huang for the enormous effort they made to organize the two interesting panels. Special thanks should go to our colleagues from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong who came all the way across the Pacific to attend the conference. Please allow me to acknowledge the financial contribution of my predecessors (Greg Veeck, Cindy Fan, Susan Walcott, Yehua Wei, Xiaoping Shen, Yifei Sun, Shuguang Wang, and Youqin Huang) to the dinner in honor of Clifton Pannell and Jack Williams. It is this kind of collective contributions that has enabled CGSG as a collegial, friendly, and yet highly professional body of concerned scholars to grow and thrive.

I am very pleased to report that CGSG has expanded significantly to 266 in memberships with a growth rate of 17% that exceeds the double-digit growth of the Chinese economy. It is particularly encouraging to see more students joining the Group. Indeed, students accounted for 52% of our members. One of the beneficial consequences of the growth in memberships has been the increase of membership fees and hence a financial surplus. At the business meeting in San Francisco, it was decided that we should increase the number and amount of awards given to best student papers so that there would be one best paper award of US\$250 and two travel awards of US\$100 each. I will send out a call for student paper submission and I urge you to actively participate in this expanded program of student paper competition. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to let me know if you have got any idea about how we should use our surplus to finance CGSG's professional activities. I send my warmest congratulations to Zhiling Liu for winning the Best Student Paper Award and to Sin Yih Teo for winning the Travel Award. You may be pleased to know that our past record has shown that winners of CGSG's student paper competition have all got an excellent job after their graduation.

Looking ahead, could I suggest that we start thinking about what we would be interested in doing in the next gathering in the historical and cultural city of Boston. My colleague Alana Boland will send out a call for paper/session/panel later in August. We ask that you let us know if you would be interested in either presenting a paper or organizing a session/panel so that we could help you to publicize your paper/session/panel and request the AAG for the allocation of a good timeslot and room to maximize attendance. Remember, we are here to serve you and we do not want to miss any chance to help you.

Finally, my colleagues and I would very much appreciate any comments and suggestions from you on how we could do our job better to benefit both your individual scholarly undertakings and the professional activities of our Group as a whole.

Have a pleasant, productive, and fruitful summer ahead!

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

2007 CGSG Business Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 19, 2007, from 11:50 am-12:50 pm

Location: Union Square 14, San Francisco Hilton
Attendance: 47 people

Agenda

1. Welcome foreign participants and other guests
2. Approval of last year's meeting minutes
3. Chair's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Awards Presentation
7. Election of Secretary and Student Representation
8. Planning for the 2008 Meeting
9. Other business

Minutes:

Youqin Huang (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:50 am.

Laurence Ma offered introductions and welcome to foreign participants attending the business meeting.

Members approved the minutes of the 2006 business meeting.

Chair reported that there are 266 members in the group, which is a 17% increase over last year. In 2006 the increase was 35% over the previous year. There are 138 student members in the group.

This year the CGSG organized two-special sessions to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1977 Sino-American exchange of geographers. To help cover the costs of participation for members of the original 1978 Chinese delegation, Youqin Huang applied for AAG Enrichment Fund Awards for Professor Wu Chuanjun and Liu Changming (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Cheng Jicheng (Peking University) and Yao Simou (Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology). Four awards of \$500 each were made available, though unfortunately Professors Wu and Cheng were unable to attend. One award was able to be transferred to Professor Zhou Yixing (Peking University). These awards, though only modest in size, helped to convey the wishes of the CGSG and AAG to welcome these Chinese geographers at this year's meetings. Youqin also noted that there were over 20 other participants from China this year, which is a large and welcomed turnout of Chinese geographers.

Chair noted that CGSG sponsored 22 sessions for the San Francisco meeting, including the two previously mentioned 30th Anniversary panels, and paper sessions to honor Professors Clifton Pannell and Jack Williams. A number of sessions this year were cosponsored with other specialty groups, and many papers on China topics were presented in sessions outside of CGSG.

Chair announced and presented the Best Student Paper Award to Zhilin Liu (Cornell University) and the Student Travel Award to Sin Yih Teo (University of British Columbia). There was no Service Award presented this year. Members agreed that a service award need not be awarded every year, but instead on more of an ad hoc basis.

Youqin also thanked last years Chair, Shuguang Wang, for his help in compiling a file containing documents and templates useful for organizing CGSG matters (e.g., announcements, communications with AAG office).

Susan Walcott announced that a group dinner had been arranged for Tian Sing Chinese Restaurant and asked for indication of how many people planned to attend. Youqin thanked Susan for her assistance in making arrangements for the dinner. Approximately 50 people attended the dinner.

Alana Boland (Secretary) thanked members for their help in putting together the two newsletters, which have been archived, along with the CGSG Timeline, on the group's website.

Yifei Sun (Treasurer) presented the 2006 financial report. Total income during period January 1 – December 31 2006 was \$594.0 and the total expenses were \$525. That leaves the new balance of \$2814.42.

Chair reported that the AAG is encouraging specialty groups to use more of their funds in support of group initiatives (rather than amassing savings). The group discussed options such as hosting receptions at the annual meeting and increasing support for students. Ideas on the reception included joining with other specialty groups,

perhaps pairing up with a different group every year or two as a way of increasing profile of the group, forging connections with other speciality groups and drawing new members. Members approved a proposal to increase Student Travel Award amount to \$100, with two of these available in one year, along with a Best Student Paper Award (\$250). The Chair reminded faculty members to encourage students to participate by submitting papers.

New officers were named and elected. George C.S. Lin (University of Hong Kong) became the new Chair; Alana Boland (University of Toronto) became the Vice-Chair; and Yu Zhou (Vassar College) was elected the new Secretary/Newsletter editor; Hong Chen (University of Washington) was elected the new Student Representative.

Members discussed ways in which the group might increase involvement of students. Ideas included organizing short paper sessions for students, a session on professional development, and encouraging more student submissions for the student paper awards. A representative from China's Geography Graduate Student Union was in attendance and welcomed AAG student members to work together with the Union to raise of the profile of student activity and scholarship. There was also discussion of setting up special sessions dedicated to papers that are submitted for the CGSG Best Student Paper Award, however, the different times for conference registration (November) and paper submission (February) would be a problem. Some suggestions were to present the award winning papers from the previous year.

Members were invited to suggest possible themes/topics for the 2008 AAG meeting in Boston. Topics mentioned included: 30 years of economic reforms; China's periphery and border regions; role of foreign companies in China; environment and agriculture; environment and urban; 2008 Olympics; 2008 Taiwan elections; teaching geography of China (discussion panel); Taiwan related papers (perhaps integrated into other China sessions); doing fieldwork in China; historical GIS in relation to political, social and demographic change.

A number of members encouraged members to considering submitting papers and book reviews to journals they are involved with: Yves Boquet (*Espaces - Populations – Sociétés* [Space, Population, & Society]), Susan Walcott (book reviews for *Eurasian Geography and Economics*), Weiping Wu (*Journal of Planning Education and Research*), Cindy Fan (*Regional Studies*), and George Lin (*Asian Geographer*).

Various upcoming conferences were announced (see the upcoming conference section)

George Lin and members expressed thanks to Youqin Huang for her service to the CGSG over the last few years.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Recorded by Alana Boland, CGSG Secretary 06-07

2007 CGSG AWARD WINNERS

Best Student Paper award goes to Zhiling Liu, Cornell University for her paper "Beyond the growth coalition: the case of economic and comfortable housing program."

Travel Award winner is Sin Yih Teo, University of British Columbia. Her paper is titled "Canadian 'Sea Turtles' in China: The Return of a Chinese Diaspora?"

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Chen, Guo (Department of Geography, Penn State University) accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position in the Department of Geography at Michigan State University. She will start in Fall, 07. While at MSU, she will work closely with the Global Urban Studies Program. After successfully defending her thesis titled "The Changing Landscape of Urban Poverty in China," Guo is currently developing several publications.

Fan, Cindy (UCLA) has been recently appointed one of the editors for *Regional Studies*. She continues her role as senior contributing editor for *Eurasian Geography and Economics* and member of three other journals' editorial boards. She has given a number of invited talks, at the University of Southern California, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the World Affairs Council of Houston, and to K-12 teachers and executive managers in

Los Angeles. In the summer of 2007, Cindy will be giving two keynote speeches on migration, one at the 4th International Conference on Population Geographies (Hong Kong) and the other at the Conference on Migration and Social Protection in China (Beijing). She has published a paper on China's Eleventh Five-Year Plan in *Eurasian Geography and Economics* and has three book chapters forthcoming: "Migration, hukou, and the Chinese city," in *China Urbanizes*, edited by Shahid Yusuf and Kaoru Nabeshima, Stanford University Press; "Regional Inequality in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region" (with Mingjie Sun), in *The Pan-Pearl River Delta: An Emerging Regional Economy in Globalizing China*, edited by Y.M. Yeung and Jianfa Shen, The Chinese University Press; and "Gender and the Labor Market in China and Poland" (with Joanna Regulska) in *Urban China in Transition*, edited by John Logan, Blackwell. Her forthcoming book *China on the Move: Migration, the State, and the Household*, will be published by Routledge in the Fall 2007.

Forêt, Philippe published "Kartographie der Kontinuität. Vom vormodernen Ostasien zum postmodernen Hong Kong" in Jürg Glauser and Christian Kiening, ed., *Text, Bild, Karte. Kartographien der Vormoderne* (Freiburg, Rombach Verlag, 2007). Philippe is now negotiating a contract for *The Journey of Maps and Images on the Silk Road*, which he has co-edited with Andreas Kaplony (University of Zurich). He has served on the committee that is organizing this year the International Conference on the History of Cartography, www.ichc2007.ch. The Gerda Henkel Foundation (www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de), has extended the grant that funds his project on the scientific expeditions that did fieldwork in the Gobi desert. He will move in August to Uppsala, Sweden, and write his next book during next academic year as a Fellow in residence at the Swedish Collegium, (www.scasss.uu.se). A grant application to the French National Agency for Research is pending. If successful, Philippe will participate in a sino-European project that will survey and map language changes in western China.

Henderson, Mark would like to inform the members that The China Historical GIS (based at Harvard and Fudan) has released version 4 of their spatial database of counties through Chinese history: see <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~chgis>. This edition includes files on physiographic macroregions and county-level capital cities of the Qing dynasty from G. William Skinner, Mark Henderson, and Zumou Yue at UC Davis. Mark is moving from the Regional Systems Analysis Project at UC Davis to the Public Policy Program at Mills College.

Huang, Youqin, authored and co-authored the following papers that have been published: Collectivism, Political Control and Gating in Chinese Cities. *Urban Geography*, 27(6): 507-525. Huang, Youqin and F. Frederick Deng, 2006. Residential Mobility in Urban China: A Longitudinal Analysis. *Housing Studies*. 21(5): 625-653. Li, Si-ming and Youqin Huang, 2006. Urban Housing in China: Market Transition, Housing Mobility, and Neighborhood Change. *Housing Studies*. 21(5): 613-623. Clark, William A. V., and Youqin Huang, 2006. Balancing Move and Work: Women's labor Market Exits and Entries after Family Migration, *Population, Space and Place*. 12: 31-44.

Knapp, Ronald G. (SUNY New Paltz) received the 2007 Henry Glassie Award from Vernacular Architecture Forum at its annual conference in Savannah, GA on March 3 for a "lifetime of scholarship dedicated to documenting, studying, and writing about Chinese domestic architecture for Western audiences." The award stated, he "has done more than anyone else outside of China to celebrate, analyze, and promote understanding of that country's domestic architectural heritage." The Henry Glassie Award, named for the renowned vernacular architecture scholar and folklorist, recognizes special achievements in and contributions to the field of vernacular architecture studies and has rarely been awarded to studies outside the United States. (see website for more details: <http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/specialprograms/presidents.html>) Ron gave a paper 'Rainbows and Centipedes: 20th Century Discoveries of 'Lost' Bridges in China' as part of an Art Historians' panel 'The Other Chinese Architecture: Historic Structures as Cultural History' at the Association for Asian Studies on March 24.

Liefner, Ingo has accepted the position of a professor and chair at the Department of Economic Geography, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany. He is teaching at the new place since April 1, 2007. But he does not change the focus of the research. The Email Address is ingo.liefner@geogr.uni-giessen.de

Lin, George (University of Hong Kong): George has managed to carry on his research while offering services to his department and the academic community. He has got a few publications to share with members, including George C.S. Lin (2007) "Chinese Urbanism in Question: State, Society, and the Reproduction of Urban Spaces." *Urban Geography*. 28(1): 7-29; Alan Smart and George C.S. Lin (2007) "Local Capitalisms, Local Citizenship and Translocality: Rescaling from Below in the Pearl River Delta Region, China" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 31(2)(in press); and George C.S. Lin (2007) "Reproducing Spaces of Chinese Urbanization: New City-Based and Land-Centered Urban Transformation." *Urban Studies*. 44(8)(in press). He is working on a book manuscript titled "Developing China: Land, Politics, and a New Geography of Market Socialism." George continues to work with Yu Zhou, Dennis Wei, Yifei Sun, Hsu Jinnyuh, and He Canfei on a comparative study of China's ICT industry in the Beijing, Shanghai-Suzhou, and Dongguan-Shenzhen city-regions.

Magee, Darrin is involved in an NSF grant to model dam effects in China (PI: Desiree Tullos at Oregon State University). Darrin has recently accepted a position in Asian Environmental Studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY.

Ma, Kin recently completed Ph.D. in Geography from Michigan State University in January 2007. The dissertation is entitled: "Classification Accuracy Analysis of Selected Land Use and Land Cover products in a portion of West-Central Lower Michigan." He continues to teach at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, just west of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also, this semester, he was promoted to Assistant Professor and also his contract was renewed for two more years.

Oakes, Tim has been appointed Geography Department Chair for a three year term at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He begins his sentence with considerable trepidation this fall. Meanwhile his co-edited *Cultural Geography Reader* (Routledge) will be published in December, and his co-edited volume *屯堡重塑：贵州的文化旅游与社会变迁* (Guizhou Nationalities Press), will be published in July 07.

Shankman, David published his paper in *International Journal of Climatology*, titled: "Flood frequency in China's Poyang Lack region: trends and teleconnections."

Tu, Wei (Georgia Southern University) was named as one of the three 2007 AT&T Industrial Ecology Fellows. With the help of a \$25,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, Wei will be conducting a research project that will help better understand economic activities and its interrelationship with the environment in the context of the information economy.

Wang, Lu authored and coauthored the following papers that are published. Wang L and Lo L, (forthcoming), 2007, "Global connectivity, local consumption, and Chinese immigrant experience". *Geojournal*, Vol 46. Wang L, 2007, "Immigration, Ethnicity, and Accessibility to Culturally Diverse Family Physicians" *Health and Place* 13: 656-671. Wang L and Lo L, 2007, "Immigrant Grocery Shopping Behaviour: Ethnic Identity versus Accessibility" *Environment and Planning A* 39: 684-699. and Lo L and Wang L (with Li Wei), 2006, "Consuming Wal-Mart: A Case Study in Shenzhen, China" in S. Brun (ed) *Wal-Mart World: The World's Biggest Corporation in the Global Economy* pp. 315-330 (Routledge).

Wei, Yehua Dennis now chairs both Asian Geography and Regional Development & Planning Specialty Groups. He looks forward to more collaboration with China SG. He has the following recent publications: (1) Wei, Y.H.D. Regional Development in China: Transitional Institutions, Embedded Globalization, and Hybrid Economies. *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 48(1): 16-36, 2007; (2) Lu, L.C. and Y.H.D. Wei. Domesticating Globalization, New Economic Spaces, and Regional Polarization in Guangdong Province, China. *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie (Journal of Economic and Social Geography)* 98(2): 225-244, 2007.

Zhou, Yu (Vassar College) has continued to conduct NSF funded project on China's ICT industry in Beijing, Shanghai-Suzhou and Dongguan-Shenzhen with Yehua Wei, Yifei Sun, George Lin, Tong Xin and He Canfei. She has received a book contract from Rowman and Littlefield for her upcoming book: Making "Silicon Valley" in Beijing: *Entrepreneurship, foreign capital and institutional change in Contemporary China.* She also published with Yifei Sun, 2006: Introduction: Mediating state and market in China's competitive high technology industry, Special issue of *China review*. Vol. 6(1): 1-8. and State and Commercial Enterprises in China's Technical Standard Strategies, special issue of *China review*, Vol. 6(1): 37-66.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Each year, the **AAG** offers numerous grants and awards to geographers. The list that follows serves to remind you and your colleagues about the opportunities available for recognition or grant support. Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines are December 31, 2007. Please consult full descriptions posted on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm.

Meredith F. Burrill Award: To stimulate and reward talented individuals and groups who have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research and practical applications or local, national, or international policy implications. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/burrill.htm

George and Viola Hoffman Award: To support student research toward a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Hoffmanfund.html

Glenda Laws Award: To recognize outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues.
www.aag.org/Grantsawards/glendalawsaward.htm

Anne U. White Fund: To support field research conducted by a member of the AAG jointly with her or his spouse, regardless of any formal training in geography. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Annwhitefund.htm

AAG Research Grants: To support direct expenses of research or fieldwork that address questions of major import to the discipline (excluding master's or doctoral dissertation research).
www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Generalresearch.html

AAG Dissertation Research Grants: To support direct expenses of master's or doctoral dissertation research to eligible individuals. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Dissertationresearch.html

AAG International Geographic Information Fund: To support full-time students who are currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program within the United States, and who are working in any area of spatial analysis or geographic information science or systems, through Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/IGIF.cfm.

Anderson Medal: To recognize distinguished contributions to the profession of geography in one or more areas of industry, government, literature, education, research, service to the profession, or public service.
<http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~jjd1571/> or http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/anderson_medal.cfm

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The website of **Association of Asian Studies** also has grants and fellowship information and link relate to research on Asia. You may check out the details at <http://www.aasianst.org/grants/main.htm>.

CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our excellent website at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm. Photos from the special sessions organized to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1977 Sino-American exchange of geographers have been posted at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/AAG_30_photo/AAG_30_photo.htm.

THE CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP TIMELINE

The Timeline was prepared in response to a request from the AAG Central Office. The purpose is to present a record of the activities that CGSG initiated and the contributions that members have made in promoting the study of China geography since the group's inception. We thank those of our members who have provided us with valuable information for the Timeline. There are still many gaps in the record, and so we hope members will continue to send us information from the past, as well as keep us updated on recent achievements and contributions. For publications, please send information only for books, monographs and special issues of journals, but not articles (as there would be too many of them to include). A copy of the latest version of the Timeline can be accessed through the CGSG webpage at http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/news/AAG_CGSG_Timeline_Dec06.pdf. Please review and send information on additions or changes to yuzhou@vassar.edu.

UP-COMING CONFERENCES

International Conference on China's Urban Land and Housing in the 21st Century, 13-15 December 2007 at Hong Kong Baptist University. <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~curs/2006Conference.htm>

Second Global Conference on Economic Geography, 25-28 June 2007 in Beijing, <http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/geoywc/conference/econgeog.html>

IGU – Urban Geography Commission conference, “Monitoring Cities of Tomorrow”, 6-12 August 2007 in Guangzhou, <http://www.cities-of-tomorrow.com/>

International Conference on Globalization and Transformation of Megacity, 22-23 June 2007, East China Normal University, Shanghai, http://ccmc.ecnu.edu.cn/semiar/semiar070307_E.htm

2nd International Conference of GIS/RS in Hydrology, Water Resources and Environment (ICGRHWE'07) and the 2nd International Symposium on Flood Forecasting and Management with GIS and Remote Sensing (FM2S'07) will be held in Guangzhou and Three Gorges, 17-23 September 2007 (co-sponsored by the CGSG).
<http://www.hydroinform.sysu.edu.cn/>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Boquet, Yves (Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France) would like to call attention to the following call of papers. France-based, peer-reviewed *Espaces - Populations - Sociétés international* academic journal (http://www.univ-lille1.fr/geographie/espace_populations_societes.htm) is looking for papers - written in English or French - for a thematic issue dealing with the general subject of China's population and populations.

Papers are considered if they deal with

- China's demographics (sex-ratio at birth and its consequences, the growing number of elderly people...) and demographic policies (one-child policy's evolution...)
- Perspectives on the history of China's population
- Population mobility and migrations (rural-urban migration, the role of hukou, the place of mingong migrants, emigration abroad, return migrations to China...)
- Urban population in China (definition of urban population, segregation in cities, housing in Chinese cities...)
- Perspectives on special population (women, youth and students, elderly, gays and lesbians, ethnic minorities, foreigners, disabled populations...)
- Geographical distribution of the population (relevance of the population density concept in contemporary China, areas of population decline, areas of frontier settlement, population and local resources...)
- Linguistic geography (mandarin language and other forms of spoken Chinese, minorities' languages...)

The list of possible topics remains open.

Publication is expected in the year 2008. Yves would like to receive proposals for papers (500 to 800 words) before September 15, 2007. Please send inquiries and proposals to yves.boquet@u-bourgogne.fr or boquet.yves@wanadoo.fr