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## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Every effort is made to include all relevant news, but the editor reserves the right to edit all contributions for publication.

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## **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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Dear EACS members:

As the new President of our Association, it is a great privilege and honour to write these few words to address our community.

First of all, there must be words of gratitude to Martin Lavička and the colleagues in the Department of Asian Studies, Palacký University Olomouc for their excellent organisation of our XXIV Biennial Conference, which has just taken place in Olomouc from August 24 to August 27, 2022. After two years of a pandemic that have strongly affected our way to live and work, and which compelled us to hold our previous Conference online in 2021, at last our community has had the pleasure to meet in person. We all know this was not an easy achievement, as several factors are still hindering the return to the pre-pandemic normality. It was a great result, and all of us participating experienced the lively presentations and debates in the panels, as well as the friendly conversations at the social events or in the courtyard and halls of the magnificent buildings that hosted the conference, all of which bore witness to the vitality of EACS. Obviously, we should be grateful to the Conference's generous sponsors, particularly the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange and the Center for Chinese Studies, whose support has been fundamental.

My sincere thanks must go also to our former-President Bart Dessen, who has wisely and warmly guided the Association over the last six years, sharing and concretely putting into practice his vision of EACS as the home of European sinologists with the three boards during his presidential term. Several initiatives have been taken under his Presidency, such as the launch of our Journal, which represents a crucial step towards affirming the importance of Chinese Studies in Europe and for Europe. Its continued growth is thanks to the dedication of some of the members of our Association. Moreover, our journal is a compelling demonstration of how our Association has convincingly engaged itself with the challenges that pursuing Open Science and Open Access represent for the future of knowledge.

And finally, I would like to extend my personal thanks also to the colleagues and members of the two previous EACS boards, from whom I learned so much and with whom I enjoyed the pleasure and privilege to serve the Association starting in 2018, and to the EACS members who have entrusted me as President in the last election. The new board and I will do our best to make this Association continue to successfully fulfil its mission in the coming two years.

The European Association for Chinese Studies was founded in 1975 and will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. That date will be an important moment for us, and we will all reflect on how to celebrate properly when we all meet at the XX

Conference in Tallin in 2024, which is being organised by our Vice-President Lisa Indraccolo.

In his first Presidential Address published in the 2016 Newsletter, Bart Dessein outlined the origins of the Association, so I will not repeat this history here. It is worth noting, however, that the birth of the association from earlier precursors occurred in a period during the mid-1970s, when the relations between Europe and China were undergoing significant changes. From that time onward, the role and importance of Chinese Studies has increased at the global level. Narrowing our attention to Europe, the number of institutions across the continent to offer degrees in Chinese Studies, think-tanks dedicated to China, and China Studies scholars based in Europe has continued to grow, not only in the large traditional scholarly centres, but also in smaller cities and institutions. But, more importantly, there has also been a significant qualitative change, in terms of development and inclusion of different methodological and disciplinary approaches to the study of China, as well as in terms of the position of expertise on China in the organisation of knowledge, both in teaching and research. Despite national differences, we all have seen these trends across all European countries and beyond. During these decades, EACS has duly taken notice of these developments. Previous EACS newsletters have published interesting reports on the development of Chinese Studies and Sinology in different European countries, and members have shared reflections on the methodological challenges facing Chinese Studies for both institutions and scholars.

We should take a moment to briefly ponder the role played by EACS in these developments from two perspectives. First, from the inside—that is from our association’s internal life; and then from the outside—that is considering EACS’s role in the context of the scientific and academic environment in Europe. Since their birth during the Enlightenment, learned societies have changed in character, reflecting the interplay between the national and international factors that have shaped the organisation of knowledge production and science dissemination through time. However, their basic mission—that is to create a shared professional identity for scholars, and to facilitate the conditions for producing and sharing knowledge in the face of any social, cultural, and political constraints—has not changed. EACS, which counts more than two thousand members, has fulfilled these goals. It would be sufficient to look at our Conferences’ programmes through time and observe how they give evidence of the continuous and productive development of networks and exchanges among different generations of China scholars based in different countries in Europe and beyond. These programmes constitute important historical records to trace how the Association has constantly been a platform for the internationalisation of our field, and they deserve a further study to understand in which directions the study of China in Europe has developed over the last fifty years. Not to mention other EACS initiatives, such as the Library Travel Grant or the Young Scholar Award—both so generously supported by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation—or the Summer Schools regularly organised in odd years. They all have been conceived and are addressed to nourish and support the younger generations of China scholars in

Europe in their research and training, and, as such, are a fundamental contribution to the growth and consolidation of our field in Europe.

Certainly, we should be aware that the contribution of Chinese Studies as a distinctive and fundamental field of research and teaching to the humanities and social sciences in Europe has not been fully acknowledged everywhere, and the consolidation of Chinese Studies in higher education sometimes finds itself affected by financial or organisational factors, creating an uneven situation in different countries across Europe. EACS's initiatives have often been aimed at supporting and valorising Chinese Studies, not only in the more established centres, but in all the institutions working to consolidate their position in the field. Moreover, EACS has established itself as a scholarly association keen to play its part in the defense and affirmation of the importance of the humanities and of social science for the cultural and scientific positioning of Europe globally, as demonstrated by our participation in organisations like the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities and the Union of International Associations. I am confident that the Association's role will continue to grow, alongside the increasing awareness among European governments and populations of the value that a solid and not stereotyped knowledge of Chinese culture has for the present and the future.

To conclude, there is one question that we should reflect on: what does it mean to be a 'European' association for Chinese Studies? Does it suggest something distinctive in the way the study and research on China is conceived, pursued, and practiced in Europe? I will not attempt to elaborate a response to this basic, and at the same time complicated question. But it is worth keeping in mind one of the key features of the richness of European history—that is, its linguistic and cultural diversity. Awareness of diversity as a fundamental trait of European history and culture has been the engine of a lively interaction across national borders. Chinese Studies have developed in Europe in different national and cultural contexts, often reflecting unique scholarly traditions and systems. At the same time, Chinese Studies has also been characterised by continuous intellectual cooperation and transnational dialogue. It is in this legacy of acknowledging diversity and in the capacity to think through diversity methodologically that we can recognise a distinctive trait of a European approach to Chinese Studies. It has shaped our Association's history and identity, as well as its way to promote the study of China since its inception in 1975. I think we all agree that this diversity represents a kind of wealth—one that we should preserve as our Association's main feature, and also consider as a fundamental asset to cope with the challenges of these complicated times we are living in now.

Laura De Giorgi



## REPORT FROM THE FORMER PRESIDENT

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Dear colleagues,  
Dear friends,

Over the last year—the last year also of my Presidency of the EACS—some internal changes in (y)our Association have taken place. I first of all want to mention that, after many years of loyal service to the Association, Bernhard Führer of the School of Oriental and African Studies in London has laid down his function of reviewer of applications for premodern China in the framework of the Library Travel Grant (LTG). He has been succeeded in this function by Valérie Lavoix, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, who is assisted in this function by Vincent Durand-Dastès, equally of INALCO. Applications for modern China have remained in the hands of Andrea Riemenschnitter of the University of Zürich, and applications for art and archaeology have remained in the hands of Minna Törmä of Glasgow University. As of the next application round for the LTG, however, Justyna Jaguścik of the University of Bern (Switzerland) will take over Andrea Riemenschnitter's duties. I do thank Bernhard, Valérie, Vincent, Andrea, Minna, and Justyna for what they have been doing and are doing for the Association, and I also thank the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange for their continued financial support for this important scheme.

As you know, our biennial conferences are interposed with biennial summer schools in the odd years. As we had to postpone the 2020 Leipzig conference to 2021, no summer school was organised in 2021. But with this, I of course also invite you to submit proposals to the new EACS board for organising a summer school in 2023.

The *Journal of the European Association for Chinese Studies* is now in the finishing process of publishing its 3<sup>rd</sup> issue on 'Visual Materials', and the 4<sup>th</sup> issue on 'Culture and Memory' is already in preparation. My thanks here go to Alexis, Alison, Frank, Marie, Natasja, and Sascha.

Over the last year, I have been in further contact with the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin to see how we can make sinological resources more easily available to all our members. The 'Blauer Leihverkehr' has been put more prominently on the EACS website, and the Staatsbibliothek is in contact with the editorial board of the Association's Journal on this issue as well.

As in the previous years, I have also continued my duties within the Union of International Associations, and within the European Alliance for the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Two new initiatives have been taken. The first is the more than necessary update of the Association's website. The existing website had become technically unstable, and Holger Schneider, our webmaster, and Lisa Indraccolo, our previous Vice Secretary-General (and now Vice President) have had the kindness to create a completely new website. Many thanks also to them.

The second initiative that has been taken is the launching of the EACS 'Ukraine Emergency Support Package', meant to help Ukrainian sinologists and students of Chinese Studies to continue their research and schooling. A separate report on this scheme is included in this Newsletter.

With my last report, it is also time for me to thank all the members of the three boards with whom I had the honour to work together. And I of course also thank you, members of the Association, for the trust you have put in me for the past six years.

When I sent in my candidacy for the function of President of the EACS at the General Assembly held in Saint Petersburg in 2016, I motivated this by the fact that (1) I just happen to like this Association (I still do) and (2) that, in the contemporary global world that is hardly conceivable without China, I am convinced of the importance of sinology and Chinese Studies in Europe and, maybe even more importantly, of a true European sinology and Chinese Studies.

That I happen to like this Association, did not exclude that my six years in office were at times accompanied by a sporadic sleepless night, pondering over how to solve some issue, or that unforeseen matters such as the General Data Protection Regulation, or financial and juridical issues relating to European Union legislation for a French based association did ensure the necessary headaches. And, of course, also pandemics and geopolitical issues have come the Association's way. In dealing with all these matters, however, I have had the tremendous luck to be able to rely on a well-functioning and devoted board. Thanks for that.

With respect to the second reason why I took this office in 2016: in my report to the General Assembly at the Leipzig conference last year, I have referred to the call by the European Commission's science department in the Horizon framework for two four-year projects focused on contemporary China. In the meantime, two projects have indeed been approved by the European Commission. One of them, 'Dealing with a resurgent China' (DWARC) is co-ordinated by the Copenhagen Business School, and the other approved project is the one co-ordinated by Ghent University—so you know what I will be doing the coming four years.

When I took office, I promised that I would try to be a good Belgian diplomat. I do not know in how far I have been successful in this—this is not for me to judge. I am convinced, however, and in this I refer to the just mentioned UGent Horizon project that is titled 'ReConnect China: Upgrading Independent Knowledge on Contemporary China in Europe', that an independent academic sinology and Chinese

Studies are of utmost importance and that, in this, also the EACS has an important role to play.

As Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa stated in his famous 1958 novel *Il Gattopardo*:

“Se vogliamo che tutto rimanga come è, bisogna che tutto cambi”

“If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change.”

Diplomats do indeed not stay in the same place for six years. I am stepping down and I am passing on my duties to a successor. Again referring to my acceptance speech in Saint Petersburg, I mentioned the foundation of the Association in 1975 and the fact that the Association’s founding fathers wanted to create “[A] friendly group of young European academics in Chinese studies”. I wish that, apart from being an important academic institution, the EACS hereafter indeed remains an ‘association of friends’.

It has been my honour to serve you.

Bart Dessen

## REPORT ON THE ‘EACS UKRAINE EMERGENCY PACKAGE’

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In April 2022, the European Association for Chinese Studies has launched its ‘Ukraine Emergency Package’ to reach out to the Chinese Studies community in Ukraine. This emergency package aims to support Ukrainian colleagues and students in their academic work or studies, so as to help enable their continued involvement in the European sinological community. As part of the emergency package, the EACS has decided to allocate a total of up to €20,000 to implement the following support measures:

1. Free EACS membership for all academics and students based in Ukraine for four years (2022–2026)
2. Preferential treatment of applications for Library Travel Grants
3. Financial support on a case-by-case basis for students applying to Chinese Studies programmes at European universities to continue their studies, including application fees or tuition fee support
4. Administrative and financial assistance with finding temporal institutional affiliations for academics in Chinese Studies, including subsidies for visa fees, university and research institution bench fees for use of facilities, and other related fees
5. Support with scholarly materials (e.g., journal articles, book chapters)

At this moment, the EACS is in the process of enrolling Ukrainian students in a university of the European Union, and is helping Ukrainian scholars to relocate.

Applications for support can be sent directly to the EACS Secretary-General and the former EACS President. If possible, applications should be accompanied by a letter of support from another EACS member. Decisions on the allocation of funds will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Bart Dessein

## REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

### Election of EACS President and Board

On 27 August 2022, the General Assembly of the EACS elected a new President and Board for the Association. Prof. Laura De Giorgi (Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia), the only candidate standing for election, was elected with 61 against 2 votes (abstentions: 4; invalid votes: 1).

### EACS Board Members 2022-24 (in alphabetical order)

Chen, Julie Yu-wen (University of Helsinki)	FI	2022
Clart, Philip (Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Leipzig)	DE	2018
De Giorgi, Laura (Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia) – <b>EACS President</b>	IT	2022
Du, Juan (CY Cergy Paris University) – <b>EACS Co-Treasurer</b>	FR	2022
Indraccolo, Lisa (Tallinn University) – <b>EACS Vice-President</b>	EST	2020
Jaguścik, Justyna (University of Berne)	CH	2022
Jansen, Thomas (University of Wales Trinity St David) – <b>EACS Secretary General</b>	UK	2018
Lavička, Martin (Palacký University Olomouc)	CZ	2018
Liu, Jun (University of Copenhagen)	DK	2020
Loubere, Nicholas (Lund University)	SE	2018
Rysakova, Polina (Saint Petersburg State University)	RU	2020
Salmon, Nolwenn (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3) – <b>EACS Co-Treasurer</b>	FR	2022
Schweiger, Irmy (Stockholm University)	SE	2022
Soffel, Christian (Universität Trier)	DE	2022
Torck, Mathieu (Ghent University)	BE	2020
Veselič, Maja (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)	SLO	2018
Zádrapa, Lukáš (Charles University, Prague)	CZ	2020

### EACS Young Scholar Award 2022

On 24 August 2022, the three finalists of the EACS Young Scholar Award presented their lectures at the EACS conference opening ceremony in the Metropol Cinema, Olomouc.

15 papers were submitted for the YSA, less than in the previous years. The submissions, which were generally of high quality, were subsequently reviewed by

both internal and external reviewers. The selection panel invited the following finalists to present their paper at the conference:

1. Philipp Renninger (Harvard University), “A ‘New Era’ of Chinese Law? On Sinomarxist Legal Theory and Xi Jinping Thought”;
2. Keru Cai (University of Oxford), “Lu Xun’s Cannibalization of Russian Intertexts: The Heteromodal Realism of ‘Diary of a Madman’”;
3. Charlotte Chun Lam Yiu (University of Michigan), “Order within Chaos: Reexamining Spatial and Relational Disorder in Jin Ping Mei 金瓶梅”.

The Selection Panel announced Dr. Charlotte Chun Lam Yiu (University of Michigan) as the winner of the 2022 EACS Young Scholar Award. Congratulations to all finalists in the Young Scholar Award competition for their excellent papers and lectures.

### **EACS Conferences 2024 and 2026**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the EACS will take place at Tallinn University (Estonia) from 27 to 30 August 2024.

Host institution for the EACS Conference in 2026 is Ca’ Foscari University of Venice. The confirmed conference dates will be announced in due course.

### **EACS ‘Ukraine Emergency Support Package’**

The EACS Board decided to allocate a total of up to €20,000 to implement the following support measures for students and colleagues from Ukraine:

- Free EACS membership for all academics and students based in Ukraine for four years (2022–2026)
- Preferential treatment of applications for Library Travel Grants
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- Administrative and financial assistance with finding temporal institutional affiliations for academics in Chinese Studies, including subsidies for visa fees, university and research institution bench fees for use of facilities, and other related fees
- Support with scholarly materials (e.g., journal articles, book chapters)

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Secretary-General  
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## FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2022

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### Memberships

As of 30 June 2022, the EACS members database recorded 2024 members. Compared to June 2020, this represents an increase of +7.9%. Among these members, 149 were newly registered between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, against 127 newly registered between 1 July 2020 et 30 June 2021. As for subscriptions, there were 275 membership subscriptions and renewals during the past year, against 153 in 2020–2021. This difference can be explained by the fact that the Association sent a call for membership renewals in January 2022 (such calls are made every second year).

### Accounts

In June 2022, the aggregate balance of the European Association of Chinese Studies' (Bank+Paypal) was €179,777.08, which represents an increase of 30,80% compared to June 2021. In detail, the balance on the Paypal account was €121,824,70, and the balance on the La Poste account was €57,952.38. In addition, the EACS still has fixed assets (investment), the amount of which remains stable at €40,187.37.

Fluctuations on the bank account can be explained by the fact that this is the operational account of the Association (used to pay bills, etc.), while the Paypal account mainly receives membership and conference fees, but is seldom used to pay bills.

As shown on the figure below, the main expenses of the EACS in 2021–2022 were related to the Leipzig conference (which cost a little more than €30.000), followed by Paypal fees and expenses related to the website management, the production of the EACS journal, the Library Travel Grants (which started again in the past months), the Young Scholars' Award, and banking fees. The payment of conference fees is the EACS' main source of revenue, especially in 2021 and 2022, during which two conferences were organised, in Leipzig (2021) and Olomouc (2022). The numbers indicate that the conference fees seem to have been well calculated and close to real expenses. Membership fees are the EACS' second main source of revenue, as they amounted to above €27.000 in 2021–2022. In addition, the Association can still rely on the support of the CCK foundation, whose grant (€15.000) is meant to fund the organisation of the EACS conference, the Library Travel Grants, and the Young Scholars Award.

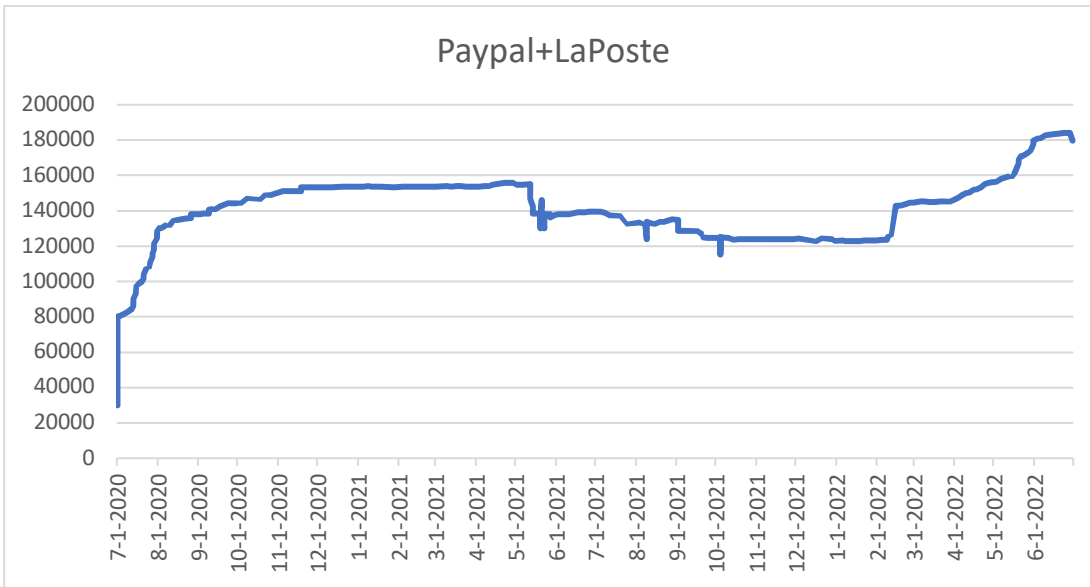


Figure 1. Aggregate balance evolution (bank and Paypal account) 2020-22

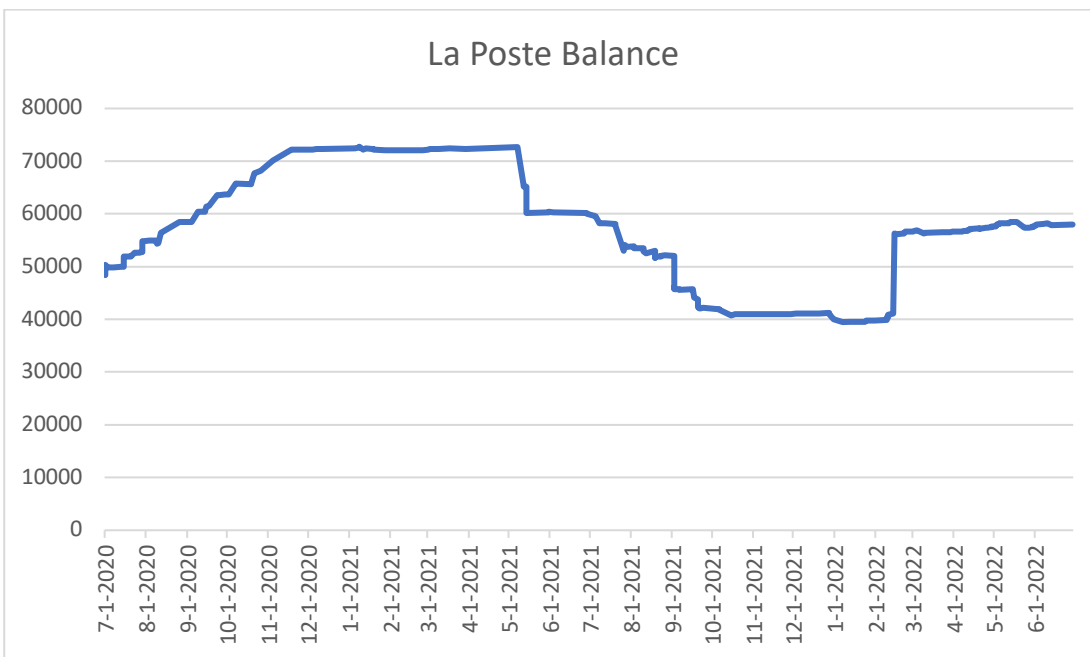


Figure 2 Bank account evolution 2020-22



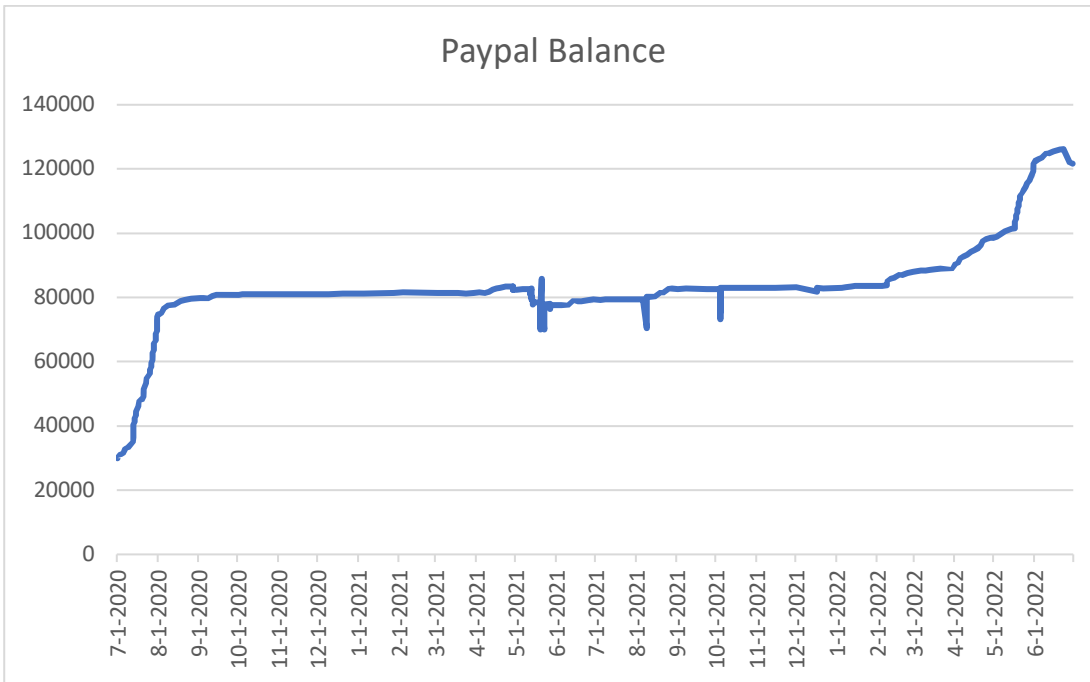


Figure 3 Paypal account evolution 2020-22

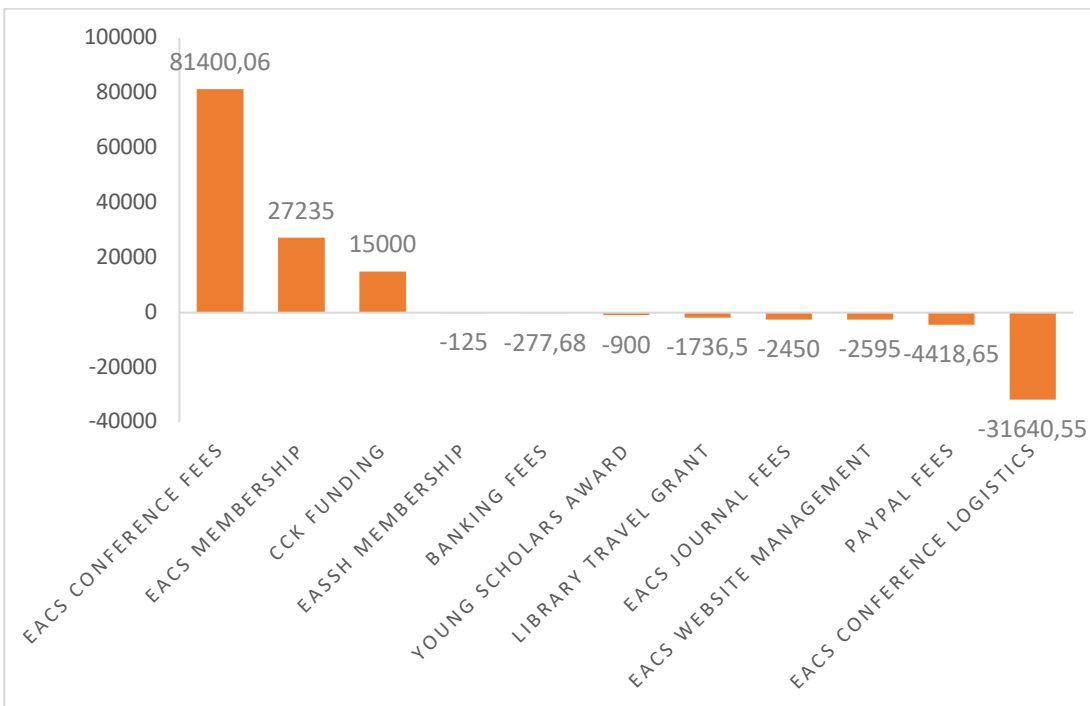


Figure 4 Expenses and Incomes 2020-22

Claude Chevalyre (CNRS)  
Former Treasurer

## **CCK FOUNDATION LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANT**

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Thanks to the support of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, the EACS in 2022 will continue to fund one-week visits for specialised research in sinological libraries or for research in one of the major European museums for Chinese art, depending on the availability of funds. Applications received before the two deadlines of 20 March and 20 October will be considered within 3 weeks after receipt.

Applicants should be Sinologists based permanently in Europe, preferably paid-up members of the EACS. Non-members will be considered, especially in case of students and young scholars (up to 35 years), if accompanied by a recommendation letter from an EACS member.

Applications for Travel Grants are restricted to two applications by the same applicant, with first-time applicants having priority. Once the grant has been approved the beneficiary must use it within six months from the approval date.

Priorities are given to applicants as follows:

- a. Central and Eastern Europe students
- b. Western Europe students
- c. Central and Eastern Europe scholars
- d. Western Europe scholars

**APPLICATIONS** must include:

- a letter stating the library/museum to be visited and intended dates of travel;
- a statement of purpose, including a short description of the research project, with precise indication of the sources and material to be used (the easiest way to obtain this information is to consult the electronic catalogues of the respective libraries accessible also through the EACS website) or the collection;
- a written statement obtained from the librarian of the institute/curator where the proposed visit is to take place, confirming that the research materials required are available for consultation;
- a one-page curriculum vitae with a list of main publications (in case of more advanced scholars);
- a statement of the travel expenses (Apex economy airfare or 2nd class rail fare), including a note of other sources of funding;
- in the case of PhD students, a letter of recommendation from their supervisor;
- in the case of non-members, a letter of recommendation from an EACS member;
- address for correspondence, including e-mail.

Applications should be sent to the following coordinators by e-mail only:

1) for research on pre-modern China (i.e. before 1840) to:

Vincent Durand-Dastès, INALCO, 65 rue des Grands Moulins, 75013 Paris, mail: [vincent.duranddastes@inalco.fr](mailto:vincent.duranddastes@inalco.fr); Valérie Lavoix, INALCO, 65 rue des Grands Moulins, 75013 Paris, mail: [vlavoix@inalco.fr](mailto:vlavoix@inalco.fr)

2) for research on modern China (i.e. since 1840) to:

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3) for research in one of the major European museums for Chinese art to:

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### ***Payment of Grants***

1) If applications are approved, grants will be made to include travel expenses and a per diem allowance, which will vary from place to place.

2) The grants will be paid on completion of the visit.

3) Applicants who, due to special circumstances, need to receive the grant in advance, should indicate so in their application.

4) For citizens of Russia and other countries not belonging to the Euro Zone, arrangements will be made for them to collect the grant at the place of the library upon their arrival.

5) On completion of their visit, all recipients of a grant should obtain a letter signed by the librarian, certifying that the visit has been made and specifying the dates when it began and ended.

6) The librarian's letter and a brief report of about one page should be sent directly to the administrator of the LTG finances: Juan Du Bureau D574, Site des Chenes, 33 Bd. du Port 95011, Cergy-Pontoise cedex, France, E-mail: [juan.du@cyu.fr](mailto:juan.du@cyu.fr)

7) Any publication using material collected during the programme should include acknowledgement of support received from the CCK Foundation.

### ***Librarians***

(For further details about the libraries, see our website or the website of the European Association of Sinological Librarians at: [www.easl.org](http://www.easl.org).)

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## REPORT ON THE OLOMOUC 2022 EACS CONFERENCE

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The 24<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS) was held in Olomouc, Czech Republic, from August 24–27, 2022. It was organised by the Palacký University Olomouc's (PUO) Department of Asian Studies in cooperation with the EACS. The Conference was held in person in Olomouc. However, due to the ongoing COVID restrictions on travel for some countries and the war in Ukraine, it was decided by the organisers to allow those participants affected to present their research online in hybrid panels.

The Conference brought together more than 300 scholars from across the world that were carefully selected from 249 individual submissions, 37 organised panel submissions, and five double panel submissions. The double-blind peer review was conducted by more than 100 reviewers from various prestigious universities in Europe, North America and Asia.

The opening ceremony was held at the Metropol Cinema on August 24. After the welcome addresses by the local organiser and Vice-President Martin Lavička, EACS president President, Professor Bart Dessein, Vice-rector of the PUO Jiří Stavovčík and Vice-dean of the Faculty of Arts Petr Bilík, the first EACS keynote lecture was delivered by Professor David Uher from the PUO's Department of Asian Studies. The title of his lecture was *Mandarin Chinese – A Tonal Language?* The keynote lecture was followed by the three Young Scholar Award nominee presentations by Philipp Renninger (Harvard University), Keru Cai (University of Oxford), and Charlotte Chun Lam Yiu (University of Michigan). The rest of the conference programme took place in the main building of the Faculty of Arts and at the University's Arts Centre. The Second keynote lecture by Professor Julie Yu-Wen Chen (University of Helsinki), titled *The Uyghur Issue*, was delivered on August 25 and generously sponsored by the Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taiwan.



The Conference was organised according to the 21 topics that were agreed upon by the EACS board. When submitting a proposal, the proponent had to select at a minimum one of the topics. The following charts show the popularity of each topic among all the submissions (figure 1) and the number of submissions by selected countries (figure 2). The most popular topics were Politics and International Relations, Modern Literature, Philosophy and History of Thought, and Premodern History. Countries with the most submissions included Germany, Italy, the UK, and Hong Kong.

Figure 1

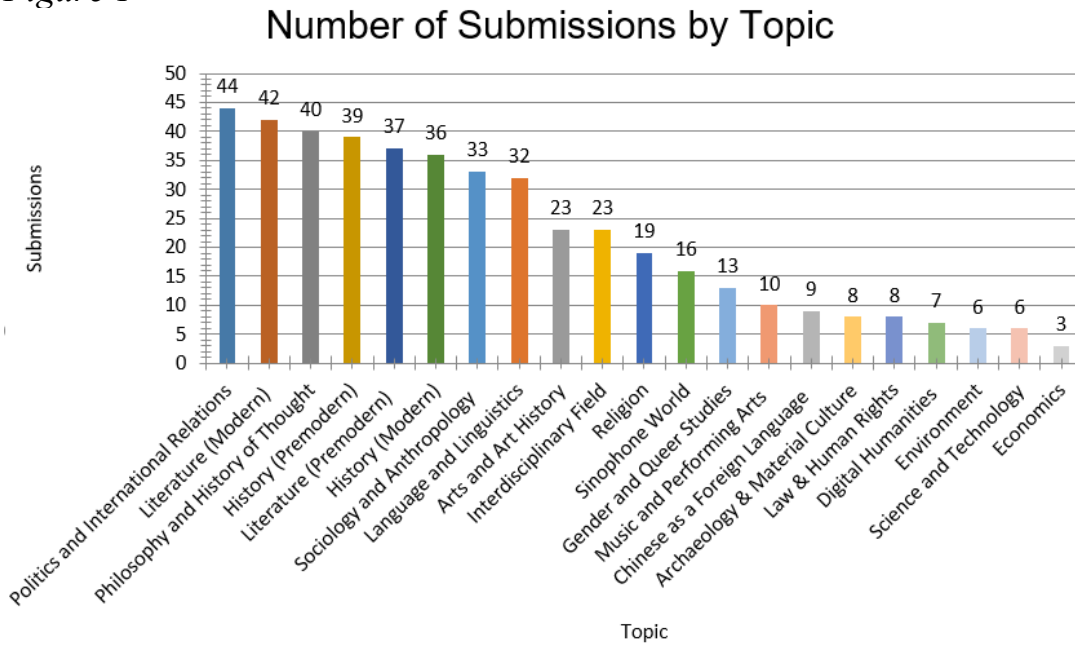
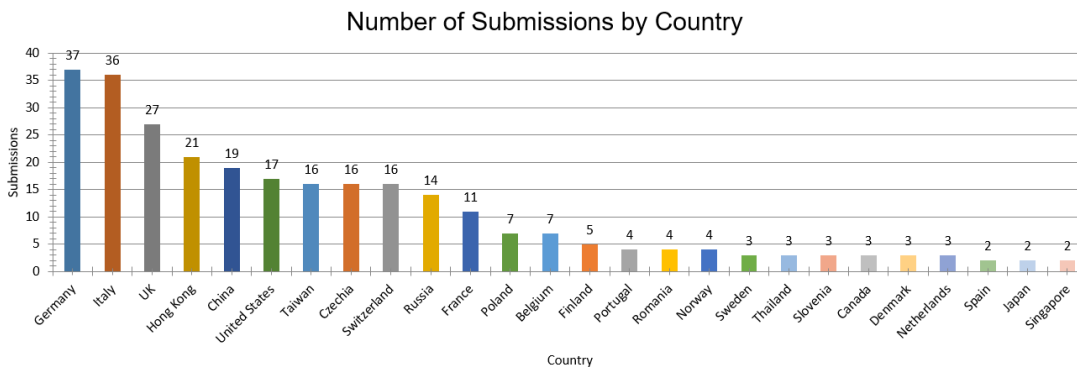


Figure 5



In addition to the academic sessions, the organisers provided a social itinerary every day free of charge, which included city tours and visits to the Olomouc Research Library. The conference's academic programme was enriched by the display of books organised by the National Central Library of Taiwan. The books were donated to the newly established Taiwan Corner at the Department of Asian Studies at PUO. This event was also attended by representatives from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Prague. Moreover, the standard conference programme was further enriched by a documentary screening of *Denise Ho: Becoming the Song*, with an introductory word by Professor Andrea Riemenschmitter from the University of Zurich. The farewell reception on August 27 was held at the Telegraph Gallery and included an entrance to the exhibition of contemporary Czech Art. For those staying longer in Olomouc, the organisers prepared an optional trip to the Archbishop's Chateau and Gardens in Kroměříž, which is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Apart from the contribution of the organising institutions: the Department of Asian Studies, PUO's Faculty of Arts, and PUO itself, the conference was generously supported by a grant from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange.

The organisation of the conference could not have been carried out without the dedicated input of Martin Lavička, Joanna Ut-seong Sio, Renata Čížmárová, Michaela Zahradníková, Olga Luňáčková and the student assistants.

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