

# PAC Centre Annual Report 2018-2019

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## **International Cooperation** (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

- The Centre participated in the project to create a PAC promotion document, submitting a brief description of the Centre and FAQs on two topics; “Paper conservation using Japanese paper” and “In case of disaster ... having a disaster plan.”
- The Director attended the business meeting held at the WLIC2018 and then Zoom meetings of the PAC Directors.

## **Local Cooperation** (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

- As one of the cooperation activities with the preservation and conservation network, a staff member from the Preservation Division participated in the Conference for the Promotion of Japanese Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Mitigation Network, which was set up based on the members of the former Cultural Property Rescue Program for affected areas of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.
- The NDL supported the activities of the Japan Library Association by appointing a staff member from the NDL Preservation Division to serve on the Preservation Committee.
- The NDL dispatched a staff member to libraries in Western Japan to inspect damage caused by heavy rains and floods which occurred in July 2018.
- We also provided tours for international and domestic visitors interested in learning about preservation activities at the NDL and also replied to various inquiries about preservation and conservation.

## **Workshops/trainings/events** (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in? both on international and national level)

- From February 18 to March 1, 2019, two conservators from the Bodleian Libraries, Oxford University, visited the NDL for training and exchange of expertise. They learned about conservation and the making of Japanese binding materials and preventive conservation measures at the NDL from our staff members and visited several other institutions and met experts in Tokyo. We also held a lecture meeting and learned about the mold awareness activities of the Bodleian Libraries.
- In August 2018, Jeanne Drewes, the Director of the PAC Center for North America,

visited the NDL and lectured NDL employees and preservation experts from other institutions on the preservation cooperation activities of the Library of Congress.

- The NDL has provided hands-on manuals on conservation in English on the web so that libraries in Asian countries can refer to as useful tools. During this period (July 2018 to June 2019), we published texts on “Conservation of paper materials: Minor repair,” Japanese bookbinding, and how to handle Japanese-style library materials.  
<https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/manual/index.html>
- The NDL holds an annual one-day program on preservation and conservation of library materials for librarians working in Japan. This program includes a lecture on the basic theory of preservation and a workshop on elementary techniques for mending paper materials. This year, the program was held three times in September for a total of 67 trainees.
- The NDL also dispatched its staff members to conduct training sessions on preservation in response to requests from prefectural and university libraries. During this period, staff members were dispatched to provide training for 5 libraries/organizations.
- The NDL offers online training courses for librarians. A course entitled “Conservation of paper materials: Minor repair” has been available online both in Japanese and English on the NDL YouTube official channel.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChpDnv60i1LxOszXgBSE7DA>
- In December 2018, an NDL Preservation Forum entitled “Library Architecture and the Preservation of Library Materials” was held with 116 people in attendance. Ms. Mutsumi Aoki, Associate Professor of the National Institute of Japanese Literature, delivered a keynote lecture, providing an overview of the functionality required in buildings and facilities used for the long-term preservation of library materials, followed by three other reports and a vigorous Q&A session.

**Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Risk Register (e.g. promotion etc.)**

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**Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)**

- We would suggest improvements to the PAC website. For example, if forward plans and annual reports were available with the information of the PAC Centres at <https://www.ifla.org/pac/centres>, it would be useful to make the activities of each Centre more visible.

**New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community**

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**Any other comments**

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Add additional resources and pictures at the end of the document.



Training for conservators from Bodleian Libraries



2018 NDL Preservation Forum

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