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**ANNUAL REPORT Of The ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY-KOREA BRANCH 2002**

**PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT 2002**

At the end of the year 2002, the Royal Asiatic Society-Korea Branch, had a total of 1,109 members, including 74 life members, 755 members residing in Korea and 280 overseas members. This represents a slight increase from the 2001 figure of 1, 105 members.

Programs during the year included lectures, slide and video presentations, and music and dance performances. Except during the summer months, programs were held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Goethe Institute.

Some 1,100 persons enjoyed the full schedule of forty-eight tours, which took members ana mends to dozens of places throughout Korea as well as a tour to Japan, Mongolia, China and Cambodia. Tours remain one of the most popular activities of the society.

Publications the year included Volume 76 (2001) of the RAS Transactions and Portuguese-Korean Historical Studies.

The annual garden party was hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Thomas C. Hubbard, and the officers and Councilors of the Society at the official residence of the U.S. Embassy. A large audience of some 250 members enjoyed food and drink and special book sales. A cultural program depicting Korean traditional Music Performance: Taegum, Kayagum and Komungo Music Performance.

While maintaining a reasonable financial position during the year, it is important for members to be reminded that their support continues to be critical to the financial well being of the Society. Every member of the Council and our General Manager, Mrs. Bae, make every effort to keep operating expenses moderate, while providing members with the best service possible.

I take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation for the selfless efforts of the Council members and officers, who devote many hundreds of hours of voluntary service to the Society throughout he year. I also express my appreciation to Mrs. Sue J. Bae, our General Manager, who has been the mainstay of the office and day-to-day operations for the Society for almost forty years and congratulations on her award. Finally, the Society expresses profound gratitude to the Goethe Institut for providing to the Society, without charge, their auditorium and book storage facilities for our regular lectures and meetings.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Yong Duk

President, Korean Branch, Royal Asiatic Society

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 11 December 2002**

The annual general meeting convened at the Goethe Institut, Seoul, Korea and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Kim Young Duk, President. Dr. Kim reviewed his annual report to the society, which will be published in Transaction vol. 77.

A slate of nominees for officers for the calendar year 2003 was presented, [page 163] and the floor was opened for additional nominations from the membership at large. There were no additional nominations. Dr. Kim moved that the nominees for officers and council members be elected. There was a second. The following officers and council members were elected by acclamation:

President, Dr. Kim Yong-duk Vice President, Ms. Renate Kostka-Wagner Treasurer, Mr. Peter Born Secretary, Rev. Graeme J. Webb Librarian, Mrs. Lee Yung-joo

Councillors, Peter Bartholomew, Dr. Choi Uhn-Kyung, Amb. Denis Comeau, Amb. Hein de Vries, Mary-Louise Heseltine, Joan Hubbard, Enid W. Humfrey, Jang Song Hyun, Charles Jenkins, David A. Mason, John Nowell, Uwe Schmelter, Fred Jeremy Seligson, Dr. Maria Seo, Rev. Steven L. Shields, Dr. Horace G. Underwood

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and was followed by the scheduled lecture for the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Renate Kostka-Wagner [page 164]

**2002 Library Report**

The RAS Collection, housed in the Korea Social Sciences Library at Sajik

Park, Seoul, contains a total of 1864 books and journals.

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During 2002, six new titles were added to the RAS Collection.

New Titles Added:

Seoul (Focus on living in Seoul)

Writing Across Boundaries

The Spirit of Independence (Syngman Rhee)

Stories of Twentieth Century Korea (new)

Lying Claim to the Memory of May

Generals and Scholars

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2002 RAS-KB Lectures

January 9 A Look At Korean Traditional Music

Ms. Kolleen Park

January 23 Assessing the Brand: Problems with Int’l Perception of Korea

Mr. Michael Breen

February 27 King Sejong’s Royal Observatory

Prof. Nha Il-Seong

March 13 Introducing Chinese & Japanese, a text on Sino-Japanese war in Korea by Portuguese author, Eca de Queiroz.”

Mr. Pedro Vieira de Moura

March 27 Iconographic Representations of Korean Judy Van Zile

April 10 Anti-Americanism in South Korea Dr. Katharine H.S. Moon

April 24 The Spirit of Chosun Period Painting Dr. Kim Chang-soo

May 8 Going Home - An Oral History of Korean Adoptees Returning to Korea Ms. Elizabeth Mackie

May 22 The Mystery of a Seven-Branched-Sword in Search of Japan’s origin Dr. Kim Young-Duk[page 166]

June 26 The Imprints of Confucianism on the Korean Rural Landscape: Cultural Geography

Dr. Je-Hun Ryu

August 28 Sodo Folksongs Residence of Portuguese Ambassador Fernando Machado11

Ms.Yu Ji-Sook (National Cultural Asset in Sodo folksongs)

September 11 Korean Birds

Dr. Sooil Kim

September 25 Early Period of German - Korean Relations

Dr. Sylvia Braesel

October 9 Korea at the World’s Fairs: Chicago (1893) and Paris (1900)

Mr. Daniel Kane

October 23 Toegye’s Philosophy : Part II

Dr. Kim Young-Duk

November 13 Isang Yun - Korean Spirit as Mediator in Germany

Dr. Uwe Schmelter

November 27 What is Alternative Medicine? How should we apply it to daily life?

Dr. Mison Chun

December 11 Buddhism in Korea

Dr. Kernaleguen Herve[page 167]

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| Date | Destination | Attend | Leader |
| Jan. 5 | Pugak Skyway and In-wang San Hike | 9 | S.J. Bae |
| Jan. 19 | Traditional Art Studio Tour | 11 | B. Barry |
| Jan. 20 | Sobaek-san National Park Tour | 9 | S.J. Bae |
| Feb. 2 | Snowflower Train Tour | 20 | S.J. Bae |
| Feb. 3 | Winter Break Tour | 9 | J.P. Buys |
| Feb. 8-14 | Vietnam Tour | 16 | S.J. Bae |
| Feb. 17 | Bird Watching Tour/ Chorwon Tour | 16 | S.J. Bae |
| Feb. 23 | Embroidery Tour | 20 | S.J. Bae |
| Mar.2 | Traditional Music Institution Tour | 8 | A. Heyman |
| Mar. 3 | Popchu-sa & Songnisan National Park Tour | 12 | S.J. Bae |
| Mar. 9 | Exotic Shrine Tour | 10 | A. Heyman |
| Mar. 11 | Walking Tour of Chosun Seoul | 43 | P.Bartholomew |
| Mar. 16 | Kumsan-sa and Hansol Paper Museum Tour | 11 | D.Adams |
| Mar. 23 | Suwon Tour | 25 | P.Bartholomew |
| Mar. 31 | Cheju-do Tour | 21 | S.J. Bae |
| Apr.6-7 | Camelia Tour / Namhae-do&Dolsan-do | 29 | H. Noh / Bae |
| Apr. 7 | Kyonggi-Do Cherry Blossom Tour | 22 | J.P. Buys |
| Apr. 19-22 | Honshu, Japan Tour | 17 | Y.D. Kim |
| Apr. 20-21 | Maisan & Muju Kuchon-Dong Valley Tour | 15 | Drs. Adams |
| Apr. 27- 28 | Magnolia: Chollipo Tour | 39 | S.J. Bae |
| May 4-5 | Kyong-ju Tour | 29 | D.Adams |
| 04-May | Kanghwa-Do Tour | 11 | Y.D. Kim |
| 19-May | Buddha’s Birthday Tour | 58 | D. Mason |
| May 25-26 | Andong Tour | 16 | D. Adams |
| 26-May | Tong Gang Rafting Tour | 25 | S.J. Bae |
| 08-Jun | RAS Garden Party | 250 |  |
| June 13-14 | Cholla-do tour | 8 | S.J. Bae |
| June 22-23 | Wan-Do &Chin-Do Tour | 14 | S.J. Bae |

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| July 8-15 | Molgolia Tour | 27 | S.J. Bae |
| 20-Jul | Chawol-Do Tour | 9 | S.J. Bae |
| Aug. 3 | Pugak Skyway & In-Wang San Hike Tour | 14 | S.J. Bae |
| Aug. 3 | Market Tour | 5 | S.J. Bae |
| Aug. 15 | Liberation Day Tour | 8 | S.J. Bae |
| Aug. 24 | Klin Tour | 13 | S.J. Bae |
| Aug. 25 | Kanghwa Island Tour | 11 | Y.D. Kim |
| Sept. 1 | Tong Gang River Rafting Tour | 20 | S.J. Bae |
| Sept. 14 | Mallipo Beach /Chollipo Arboretum Tour | 11 | S.J. Bae |
| Sep. 15 | Chong-pyong Boat Tour | 12 | S.J. Bae |
| Sept. 19-23 | Mainland China Tour | 14 | Y.D. Kim |
| Oct. 6 | Walking Tour of Choson Seoul | 42 | S.J. Bae |
| Oct. 15 | Andong Tour | 15 | D. Adams |
| Oct. 14 | Embroidery | 12 | R. Kostka-Wagner |
| Oct. 13 | Tanyang Tour: Kosu Care | 12 | S.J. Bae |
| Oct. 19-20 | Sorak-San National Park Tour | 24 | S.J. Bae |
| Oct. 26-27 | Chiri-San National Park Tour | 28 | D.Adams |
| Nov. 3 | Yongmunsa Tour | 15 | S.J. Bae |
| Nov. 9-10 | Tongdo-sa & Haeinsa Tour | 11 | D. Adams |
| Nov. 24 | Chorwon Tour | 10 | S.J. Bae |
| Nov. 30-Dec. 1 | Inner Sorak Tour | 6 | S.J. Bae |
| Dec. 15 | Kyeryong-san Tour | 7 | S.J.Bae |
| Dec. 28-Jan 2 | Cambodia Tour | 16 | K.Y. Bae |