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Chairperson's Report  
MPLA/Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section

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- At the MPLA Annual Conference held on December 5 through 8, 2001, Diana Oedekoven, immediate past chair, Sha Li Zhang, chair, and Mary Ann Thompson, chair-elect, met and discussed possible programs that the section would pursue for the 2002 MPLA Conference to be held in October 2002, in Fargo, North Dakota. Diana also provided Sha Li with some protocols and advice in planning the section's programs for the coming year.
- In following through the program ideas discussed, Sha Li Zhang contacted the chairperson of NDLA Academic and Special Libraries Section for a possible program that our section can be as a co-sponsor. A possible lead is from NDSU Libraries' Special Collections and Archives on German from Russia film collections. Another possible program is the digitized special collection projects that involved several MPLA states. Sha Li is now working on program proposals and will submit them prior to the deadline.
- Mary Ann Thompson, chair-elect, is chairing the section's Nomination Committee. She is recruiting people to serve on the MPLA section, though our section is a relative small one in the organization.