

*Announcement of the
9th Annual
ASIANetwork Conference*

THE ASIANetwork ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 2001

As the incoming Chair of the ASIANetwork Board, I am delighted to announce that the 2001 ASIANetwork Annual Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 20-22, 2001. The conference hotel will be the Cleveland Marriott East, which can be reached relatively easily from the Cleveland airport. In conformity with general ASIANetwork conference practice, the conference registration fee will include almost all meals between Friday evening and Sunday lunch, and the total conference costs (hotel plus registration) will be comparable to those at the 1999 conference held at the Sheraton Tacoma, and the 2000 conference held at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center. The host institution for the 2001 conference will be John Carroll University, about which there will be more information in the Fall issue of the *ASIANetwork Exchange*.

As always, the annual conference will focus on resources and pedagogical strategies to enhance teaching and learning about Asia. Also, the program will be enriched by keynote addresses by two respected Asian scholars. An unusual and distinctive component of this meeting will be a Saturday afternoon excursion to the Cleveland Museum of Art, a world-class museum with a highly respected Asian collection (which can be previewed at www.clemusart.com/). Part of our time in the Museum will be spent in panels, followed by an opportunity to enjoy the collection. Since planning for the conference is still in its formative stages, ideas for panels on using art and artifacts in teaching are especially welcome.

I look forward to this unique opportunity, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Jim Lochtefeld