

California Community College Foreign Language Council **News**

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Fall CCCFLC Meetings Set

Please mark your calendars now for the CCCFLC annual conferences in the fall:

The southern meeting will take place on Friday, Oct. 20 at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, CA, near Pomona. The theme will be "Integrating Culture in the Curriculum."

The northern meeting will take place on Friday, October 27, at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

IMPAC meets and goes on Hiatus

At our last state-wide IMPAC meeting, Saturday, May 6, at LAX, we revised the letter to counselors (copies enclosed), discussed the CSU's LDTP program in French, Chinese and Japanese, reviewed some student learning outcomes and talked about the future of IMPAC.

IMPAC has not been funded for fall 2006 at this time. IMPAC is the only intersegmental meeting by disciplines which we can easily participate in, and should it not be funded, we will have to fall back on our own efforts to work with the CSU and UC. The CCC Academic Senate hopes that the State will see fit to fund IMPAC in the future.

Hiring? What Are You Looking For?

A recent session in hiring committees made me consider what qualities and experience we are looking for in language faculty. I think we want excellent candidates and would urge them to think about the following points:

- What is your experience? Elementary and intermediate language classes, both traditional and conversation classes, perhaps culture classes, too.
- Are you aware of the department's offerings and textbooks where you are applying?
- What teaching methods do they use?
- Are you a member of professional groups, CCCFLC, CLTA, AAT__, ACTFL, etc.?
- Do you contribute your time to their meetings or conferences?
- How will you complement the department outside the classroom? Can you help select books, promote your language, sponsor a language club, etc.?
- Are you ready to present a spontaneous demonstration of major grammar points and structures?

- Have you studied the college's offerings and demographics? What kind of student do you expect to find? (continued on back)
- Have you completed the application form thoroughly? Are your letters of reference specific and recent? Have you included all transcripts?

Languages on the Federal Agenda

Certain "critical" languages are now on the federal radar. The enclosed article from the AATF Bulletin will bring you up to date.

Our next issue will appear in August. Please send your articles to Tom Blair, 424 Dorado Ter., San Francisco 94112-1753. Membership is \$10 for part-time and \$15 for full-time. CLTA membership is \$45.