

# California Community College Foreign Language Council **News**

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## **ADFL Meeting Hears Many Issues**

The Association of Departments of Foreign Languages, the MLA division which is concerned with language issues, is an organization which community college language departments may rely on for a number of services. The ADFL links member departments around the country.

- Their frequent listserv brings information on many language issues to department chairs and offers them the chance to pose questions on their concerns.
- It provides an annual chairs' seminar in June where concerns of foreign language chairs can be studied. This year's seminars will be in Honolulu and Montreal. This is a good place for new chairs to meet others and discuss concerns which they have encountered.
- In the fall the ADFL will issue a guide to study abroad programs, which should be of use to many departments.
- Also the ADFL membership, a modest \$100 per year, permits community colleges to advertise job openings in the MLA Job Information list, a national source to those who are looking for language teaching jobs. The Job Information List is available both in print version and online. *This **free** job list advertising is an excellent way to bring more candidates into hiring pools, especially candidates from around the country who would otherwise be unaware of your openings.*

At the recent ADFL Executive Board meeting in New York, Tom Blair attended as the community college representative. Rosemary Feal, MLA Executive Director, explained that the MLA will issue a call for new directions in foreign languages, especially in asking all departments to be more inclusive about bringing adjunct faculty into decision making in curricular matters and in asking graduate programs to be more open to language and culture in their programs and less literature-dominated.

For information on how to join the ADFL, please go to [www.adfl.org](http://www.adfl.org). Your membership can be justified as a college expense because of the free advertising you can obtain once our department is a member.

## **CCCLFC Elections**

Congratulations to newly elected officers: President Patricia Scarfone of Orange Coast College, Vice President-South Olga Moran of Cypress College, Vice President-North Ana Maria de Barling of West Valley College, Secretary Diana Garcia-Denson of City College of San Francisco and Treasurer Ed Sterling of City College of San Francisco.

## **CCCFLC Fall Conferences**

The Southern meeting will be at Moorpark College, north of Los Angeles. Grace Bodhaine will kindly be arranging things with Patricia's help. They have already lined up rooms for those wishing to stay the Thursday evening at the Marriott near the College. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 18. More details will be forthcoming. Should you wish to present a session please contact Patricia Scarfone or Grace Bodhaine.

The northern meeting will be Friday, Oct. 25 at West Valley College in Saratoga. Should you wish to present a session, please contact Tom Blair or Ana Maria de Barling.

## **CLTA Conference**

The annual CLTA Conference drew many participants in Santa Clara Mar.29-April 1. There were a wide range of sessions from Turkish to using Ipods in language learning.

Next year's CLTA conference will be held in Anaheim.

**Our next issue** will appear in May. 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 \$50.