

California Community College Foreign Language Council **News**

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Fall Conference Reports

The CCCFLC Southern regional meeting was a great success. It was held on October 19, 2007, in the Community Center at Moorpark College, Simi Valley. We had a very good showing, with more than forty members in attendance. Dr. Pam Eddinger, Executive Vice President of Student Learning, Admissions and Outreach, welcomed all of us and emphasized the importance of language learning in our global society. Mrs. Inajane Nicklas, Dean of Language and Learning Resources Division, extended her gratefulness to Mrs. Grace Bodhaine, Professor of Spanish, and the other members of the Modern Languages Department who helped in organizing this year's CCCFLC conference at their college.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Eddinger, Mrs. Nicklas, Mrs. Grace Bodhaine, and the entire Modern Languages Department for allowing us to hold the conference at Moorpark College and for their great assistance in facilitating it.

The Plenary Session began with a keynote address by Mr. Tom Blair, Executive Director of CCCFLC, entitled: "Connecting to the Country, Connecting to the World." He spoke on the following topics:

- The affiliation of CCCFLC to the CLTA (California Language Teachers Association), which is a state-wide language faculty group advocating foreign language issues in our State legislature. In order to assist the CLTA in the process, he recommended we become members. The membership is only \$45.00. www.CLTA.net
- The role of the ADFL (the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages), which is the national foreign language wing of the MLA. He informed us that a community college membership of \$100.00 from our departments, will allow free nationwide advertising of faculty positions. The departmental membership also allows access to a program review template, which can be very helpful. www.ADFL.org
- The Europass Language Passports, which are templates for students to put their language study and ability into their résumés.
<europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home>
 - [Note from Denise C.B.: The URL above, provided in the printed version of this newsletter, is no longer active; please use the following:
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europass+Documents/Europass+Language+Passport/navigate.action>]

We thank Tom for his very interesting and informative presentation.

The Conference continued with several workshops conducted by professors of languages from various colleges. They were very instructional and related to the Conference theme: "Languages: Building Connections".

We extend our appreciation to all these professors for their presentations and to all the members attending the conference.

These presentations and other information about our organization can be found on our website at www.cccflc.org.

Many thanks to Denise Cabanel-Bleuer, Spanish professor at Orange Coast College and CCCFLC website master. We are indebted to Denise for creating and maintaining the website.

Please mark your calendars for next year's conference, which will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa.

Patricia M. Scarfone, President of CCCFLC

The Northern Section met at West Valley College on Oct. 26. Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Celine Pinet, welcomed the group. Ana Maria de Barling, CCCFLC Vice President, served as moderator and had arranged all the sessions. Dr. Dominique van Hooff, chair of languages at San Jose State University, made the keynote speech. She discussed trends in languages and how they are impacting California programs. She showed several very amusing commercials and explained how they might be used in the language classrooms.

In the afternoon, interest sections covered weekend immersion programs and online classes.

Our thanks to Ana Maria for all her work in setting up the meeting.

Oct. 24, 2008 will be the date for the northern meeting at City College of San Francisco. Mark your calendars now!

Promote Your Fulltime Openings

If you expect to hire new fulltime faculty next spring, please email Tom (tblair@ccsf.edu) a brief line about the opening with the internet address of the position before Dec. 10. he will put out a list for potential candidates at the MLA in Chicago.

Our next issue will appear in December. 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.