

# 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 10, 2008, in the Captain's Table at Orange Coast College. We had about 35 members in attendance.

After a brief welcome from CCCFLC's President, Patricia Scarfone, Tom Blair, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Terri Nelson, Chair, Department of World Languages and Literatures at California State University, San Bernardino.

Dr. Nelson gave a presentation on "Starting a New Language Program: Arabic at CSU San Bernardino". The presentation was very interesting and inspiring. It gave the history of the process of how to start a new language, especially lesser taught languages. It emphasized the importance of the instructors involved in the teaching and the commitment of the community. She, also, highlighted the name of Dr. Dany Doueiri, who was very instrumental in the success of establishing Arabic as a Major at CSUSB.

The next presenter was Dr. Lee Ann Stone of Cengage Publishing Company. She gave a very informative and interactive presentation on "Tips, Trends and Technology in Foreign Languages".

The Conference continued with several workshops conducted by Orange Coast College's World languages professors and Don Culton, who spoke on aspects of Study Abroad. They were very instructional and stimulating.

We thank the presenters and all the members attending the conference. Your support is much appreciated.

We would, also, like to thank Denise Cabanel-Bleuer, Spanish Professor at Orange Coast College, who created the CCCFLC website. The presentations and other information about our organization can be found at [www.CCCFLC.org](http://www.CCCFLC.org).

We are looking forward to seeing you again at next year's Conference, which probably will be held at Cypress College. –Report from Patricia Scarfone

The Northern California meeting was held Friday, Oct. 24 at City College of San Francisco.

First we heard from representatives from three large publishers on news and trends.

Katie Crouch of McGraw-Hill told us that they had done research on students to see how they really learn today. Their findings were revealing. Taking their results into consideration, the publisher will be changing the look of their materials among other things. Alfred Juarez of Prentice-Hall presented their new products, including the service called SpanishLab (or French or ChineseLab) which is a help to students. Nicole Morinon of Cengage told us of increasing enrollments and demonstrated new online products to help students, too.

After lunch there were breakout sessions with Jonathan Chait of the Mexican Consulate, a session on authentic documents presented by Hsin-Yun Liu of City College and a session on renewing intermediate classes with video led by Isabelle Motamedi and Tom Blair of City College.

We are still looking for a northern site for next year's meeting. Thanks to all those participating in the conference.

**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 \$50.