

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

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## **CLTA Conference in San Diego Celebrates Birthday**

Reports are that the recent CLTA conference in San Diego was a success. 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the CLTA's founding. CLTA represents language faculty at all level both on the national scene with ACTFL and in Sacramento with a lobbyist who monitors language issues in the state capital. Please consider joining CLTA if you're not already a member. Membership is only \$ 50, and you may pay your dues to CCCFLC and they will be mailed to CLTA.

## **Language Programs Under Scrutiny**

With California revenues still in the dumps, language programs have come under the knife in at least one college and a UC campus.

UC Santa Cruz is looking at cutting some languages such as Russian, Hebrew, Urdu and a few others. In a questionable move, their budget committee looking at languages indicated that the University might save some money by simply hiring graduate students who speak languages to teach the languages on campus. That procedure has been used in a few UC campuses, and certainly raises red flags in the profession.

Meanwhile, language programs were put on the hit list in a college in the Bay Area, and then given last minute reprieves. The languages under scrutiny were ones in which there were no full-time faculty. Certainly having only adjunct faculty in a language puts those positions at the top of any hit list, when budget cuts come upon us.

## **ADFL Seminars for Chairs to Be Held in June**

The Association of Departments of Foreign Languages will offer Seminars for chairs in June at Brown University of Rochester in New York, and at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. These programs are a terrific boost for all chairs, and there is a special strand for new chairs to bolster their knowledge and network. To learn more about these excellent seminars, go to [www.adfl.org](http://www.adfl.org).

**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.