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Newsletter of the California Community College Foreign Language Council

**CCCFLC Conference: Saturday, October 17, 2015, at
9am-3:30pm at Los Angeles Mission College in
Sylmar, CA**

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HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS!

Division deans, department chairs and vice-chairs, please create an online mailing list of your full-time and part-time language teaching staff and any other colleagues you think might be interested and forward this email to them. If you cc <kkemp@mtsac.edu>, we can send those people future emails directly. We're trying to reach all World Language, ASL, and ESL faculty. We appreciate your valued support.

THE CCCFLC

For those of you who have not heard of the CCCFLC, we are a lively group of community college language instructors who get together once a year at one or two of California's community college campuses to share our experiences, learn from one another, listen to a keynote speaker, have lunch, and enjoy each others' company. The group was founded by Tom Blair, Professor of French at the City College of San Francisco. The inaugural meeting was at CCSF in January of 1992. In 2012 Tom retired and named Kurt Kemp, Professor of Spanish at Mount San Antonio College, Executive Director. Up until three years ago we were informally split into two chapters: Northern California and Southern California. The NorCal chapter hasn't held an annual conference in the last three years. It is our hope that the Northern California chapter will be reconstituted, elect officers and once

again plan yearly conferences. Many of us in SoCal enjoy traveling to the Bay Area to attend the NorCal conference!

The CCCFLC now has a constitution, which you can peruse by clicking here www.cccflc.org (see under "Announcements"). NorCal members, your comments would be greatly appreciated. Everybody, please join the CCCFLC. It's a group conceived and designed especially for you, and your participation and ideas are vital. At this moment, there are no dues; your contribution of \$35 (\$25 for retired and adjuncts) goes solely towards the continental breakfast, lunch and cost of insurance at the annual conference.

CONFERENCE 2015

Please mark the date of this year's SoCal conference on your calendars: SATURDAY, October 17, 2015. The 2015 CCCFLC Conference will be held at Los Angeles Mission College, which is located in Sylmar, a suburb of Los Angeles in the San Fernando Valley; the exact address is 13356 Eldridge Ave, Sylmar, CA 91342. There is another Mission College up in Northern California, so if you want to do a web search for L.A. Mission College, make sure to include the Los Angeles part. Here's the website: <http://www.lamission.edu>.

The conference will begin at 9:00 am with registration and a continental breakfast and end at 3:30 pm. The keynote speaker this year is Maria Carreira, Ph. D., Professor, Dept. of Romance, German and Russian Languages and Literatures at California State University, Long Beach, and Co-Director of the National Heritage Language Resource Center at UCLA. Maria will share her research with us and explain how heritage speakers learn differently than second-language learners and how to best approach our classes that contain only heritage speakers, as well as mixed classes with both types of students, followed by Q. and A. After Maria's presentation and a short break there will be breakout sessions on a variety of topics. We still need presenters, so if you're interested, please email Kurt at <kkemp@mtsac.edu>; **the deadline to submit your proposal is Saturday, October 3.**

Lunch will be provided and will feature an international taco bar. There will be no presentation during lunch. Instead, your dining experience will be seasoned by some fabulous recorded international music. Again, the cost of this year's conference is \$35.00 for full-time instructors and \$25.00 for retired and adjunct faculty. Colleagues from Central and Northern California are more than welcome to attend.

If you are interested in attending the conference, please click on www.cccflc.org, then click on the link for the Conference page. From there, you'll see registration and payment information. New for 2015! You can now pay by mail with a check, or online with PayPal or a credit card. **The deadline to submit your payment is Saturday, Oct. 10.** Parking is free. By the way, if you are willing to help us set up for the conference and clean up afterwards, please let us know.

LODGING FOR THE CONFERENCE

Those of you who live fairly far from Los Angeles may want to drive, fly or take a train in on Friday evening and stay overnight at a local hotel. The area surrounding L.A. Mission is almost totally residential, but there are a few inexpensive hotels and motels fairly close to campus that you might want to google (zip code 91342). Arrangements have been made, however, with Travelodge in Sylmar, which is located just five miles from campus; this Travelodge is located at 14955 Roxford St., Sylmar, CA 91342 and their phone # is (818) 367-0141. The rate per night is \$88. FYI, they have a pool, hot tub and gym.

If you'd like to make an LA weekend of it, nearby attractions just a few miles down the Hollywood Freeway include Universal City Walk, Universal Studios Theme Park and the NoHo (North Hollywood) theater district. A little further south are Hollywood and Downtown LA. Santa Monica and its beach are a few miles west of Downtown, and on the way to the beach you will find the UCLA campus and the Getty Museum, among other attractions.

CCCFLC FACEBOOK PAGE

Below is the link. Like it! If you go to it, you'll see some photos from last year's conference at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, CA.

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THANKS

We want to express our sincere gratitude to those colleagues who helped make last year's conference possible, especially Heidi Preschler of Antelope Valley College who served as Treasurer and Vice-President of the CCCFLC, and Tammie Tran, who was the host of our 2014 SoCal Conference at Golden West College; both Heidi and Tammie went far beyond the call of duty to help us make our 2014 Conference a resounding success.