

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ruth Trometer

Having just returned from ACTFL where we had a Board and a Membership meeting, I'd like to report on the latest IALL developments.

Perhaps the major topic of interest was (and is) our plans for IALL '91. Kathleen Ford, conference chair, has IALL '91 conference plans well in hand. She has prepared a new conference brochure, so if any of you are attending meetings where it would be appropriate to distribute this brochure, please contact her for copies.

Do not forget to submit your proposals, videos, or Shop Talk ideas for IALL '91! It is going to be a great conference, and you will want to be a part of it. Please note that we do not need four copies of a Shop Talk idea. You can mail or email me a 1-2 sentence description of your idea with your name and address. Do use the proposal form included in this issue of *The IALL Journal* for presentation topics.

On other fronts, Sue Otto and Robin Lawrason have put in a great deal of effort in rewriting our constitution, both to simplify the text so it is more understandable

and to reflect the proposed changes in the job descriptions of our Board members. We expect to send a copy of the proposed constitution to all members for a vote in December or early January. We will clearly outline any changes being made. After our lengthy discussions at the summer meeting, the Board and Council agree that these proposed changes will better reflect the new responsibilities of the Board.

Despite his extended travels in Europe, Otmar Foelsche has our list server up and operating, and information is starting to accumulate. You will find instructions for getting onto the system in this Journal. Our thanks to Otmar for his efforts on our behalf!

Both IALL and the Language Laboratory Association of Japan have formally agreed to co-sponsor a second Foreign Language Education and Technology (FLEAT) conference in Japan. You will be hearing more about this conference as plans develop.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a great new year in 1991! I believe '91 holds much promise for our organization, and I hope you will be a part of it.

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