

From the Editor

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Have you ever taken on a new role or responsibility and find yourself thinking - whew, if only I could just sit for a while and catch my breath! I'm sure this is a familiar feeling to most of you reading this publication, being the hard-working and dedicated group that you are. I've certainly had that breathless feeling myself in recent months, with an increase in responsibilities at work and with the IALL Journal. These changes have given me a much more informed appreciation of the work involved (hats off once again to Jan, Pete and Read!) and the need to keep moving forward. So move forward the Journal shall! We've done a great deal of planning this past spring on how to accomplish this, and here's what we're working on:

- **More content.** Our most important goal is to include more content in each section of each issue. We intend to expand the Features and Lab Notes sections, and so we are looking for potential authors for both types of articles. We have completed a comprehensive review of the Columns section and with the approval of the IALL board have made some changes that will address more accurately the range of issues in the language technology profession today. Look for the new columns section to debut in our next issue (Volume 33, issue 2), which will be out in late fall.
- **Staff vacancies.** We are wrapping up a search to fill vacancies on the editorial board and in the Columns staff. We've had good responses to our notices, and by the time our next issue goes to press, all the vacant positions should be filled. This will bring new energy to the Journal and will help us meet the content goals described above.
- **Journal web site.** We have preliminary plans to create an extensive section on the IALL Web site for Journal-

related materials. This will ultimately include article abstracts, full text articles and columns from previous volumes, and a searchable archive. The site will also house a Web extension of sorts to the print Journal, and will include materials such as graphics, links, animations, etc for articles and columns in each issue. The development of this site will begin in earnest this summer when the new Assistant Editor for Electronic Publications comes on board, and we hope to make the site available to IALLT members near the end of the calendar year.

These are just a few of the things the Journal staff are working on to meet your needs and interests as language technology professionals. If you have questions about our projects, comments or suggestions for other tasks you'd like us to take on, or even an idea for an article, please contact me - I'd love to hear from you. As always, thank you for reading the Journal, and I wish you a safe, happy and productive summer. ◆