

From the President

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Dear Readers,

This is my first report since the Summer Leadership meetings last August at Brigham Young University, the site of next year's IALLT meeting. The 2005 meeting will be held in conjunction with our Japanese colleagues, LET, as FLEAT 5, so much of our early discussion at BYU was about that long-standing partnership. Our colleagues Professors Hiro Ohyagi (President of LET) and Akio Iwasaki (International Director) were present, and (I think!) enjoyed the give-and-take of our Board & Council meetings. We certainly covered a lot of ground in two and a half days.

As far as planning for FLEAT 5 is concerned, we're in very good hands with the BYU team. Preparations are well on the way, and their plans for the social side of the conference will be quite a draw, too. If you don't know the area around Provo, and what Utah has to offer generally, I encourage those of you thinking of attending FLEAT to bring your 'nearest and dearest' too. Afternoon sessions of the August 2005 conference will be held in one of the finest and brand-new Humanities Buildings anywhere, with language learning facilities that most of us can only dream about.

The conference website is: <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/fleat5/>

I'm happy to report from the Board that the fundamentals of IALLT's legal position and our flagship publications and services were reviewed and renewed quite recently, so at BYU we were able to look at building from here. At the end of the meetings, we drew up a 7-point list of priorities that the Board is addressing now and in the coming months. Among the items we identified are improvements to the IALLT website and member services, more professional development activities, and more collaboration with our sister CALL organizations in North America, Japan and

possibly elsewhere. There are plenty of common concerns to look at for all of our associations.

One other item from our BYU meetings is a plan to try to find others who may work in our field, but not yet be aware of IALLT's professional services . In the New Year, we will then launch one of our regular surveys of the membership. It's pretty certain that that new survey will remind us again that we are a constantly-evolving, diverse profession, with almost as many perspectives and ideas as roles. On that note, let's remind ourselves that it's here, in the IALLT Journal, that we look for the reflections of those roles and ideas over time. I encourage you to share the results of your research, your experience and your considerations of the practices and theories that guide our profession in this much-respected forum. ♦

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