

Since the IALLT regional groups met in August during FLEAT V, not all groups had a meeting in Fall 2005. Below are reports from those groups who did meet, as well as announcements of upcoming meetings in Spring 2006.

MAALLT

The Mid-Atlantic regional group is joining with SEALLT for "From the Mountains to the Sea: Language and Technology in the 21st Century" March 9-11 (tentative date). Please see SEALLT below for more information.

MWALLT Fall 2005

Look for the next MWALLT Conference at Perry High School, Perry, Ohio (just outside of Cleveland) with Amy Dior-Smith hosting.

NEALLT

The NEALLT Spring 2006 conference will be held at the Penn Language Center, U. of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. The dates are April 7-10. The call for proposals should go out within the next couple of weeks.

NERALLD

The Fall 2005 meeting of NERALLD was held on November 10 and 11, 2005, at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Called "The Language Lab in the Era of Publisher Produced Materials," the meeting began on Thursday afternoon with an informal lunch, followed by the Copyright Workshop, which included two guest speakers. The first was Arlene Bielefield, M.L.S., J.D., Chairperson, Department of Information and Library Science, Southern Connecticut State University. Professor Bielefield reviewed copyright basics and discussed current pertinent topics and cases on digital rights legislation; fair use; and acquiring permissions for licensing duplication and digital rights. The second guest was Howard Barnaby, J.D. of Yale University, currently a staff member at Yale's Center for Language Study and former intellectual property attorney. Howard's remarks centered on the state of rights management and recent precedent in the field.

Following the workshop, NERALLD hosted a reception with Publishers who had come to the meeting for a panel discussion on Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning began with opening remarks by Debra Mandel (President) and Claire Keith (Host Site Coordinator). A well-balanced and very interesting set of presentations followed:

Ten Questions you should ask Before Adopting a Web-based (WebCT or Blackboard) Textbook Module

Patricia Early, Language Lab Coordinator, Georgia State University
Back to the Beginnings: Drafting an Arabic Textbook in 2005 in the US

Hezi Brosh, Associate Professor of Arabic and Hebrew, Bard College .
Living On The Edge: The Tech-Oriented Teacher As Institutional Mover of Online and Multimedia Instruction

Kevin Gaugler, Assistant Professor of Spanish, Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts, Marist College

After Going Digital: Some Thoughts And Some Speculations About Taking the Language Resource Center on the Network to the Next Level
- Moderated by Andrew Ross, Director, Language Resource Center, Brown University

Otmar Foelsche, Director, Humanities Resource Center, Dartmouth College; Stéphane Charitos, Director, Language Resource Center, Columbia University

The meeting ended with the Roundtable Discussion: New Models of Publishing Foreign-Language Materials in the Digital Age

Moderator: Jeffrey Samuels, IALLT Digital Exchange Coordinator, Goucher College

Participants:

P.J. Boardman, Editor-in-Chief/Director, Thomson-Heinle

Sacha Laustsen, Technology Project Manager for Media Development under World Languages, Thomson-Heinle

J. Philip Miller, PhD, Publisher, Prentice-Hall World Languages

Jill Cheng, President, Cheng & Tsui

Laurel Miller, Senior Content Manager, World Languages, Houghton Mifflin

Christophe Pralong, Vice-President, Auralog

This lively panel and discussion showed a real willingness on the part of all participants to work together toward our common goals. As a final note, during the business meeting, NERALLD voted to change their name officially to NERALLT.

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SEALLT

There will be a joint conference for SEALLT and MAALLT, hosted by Georgia Schlau at the College of Charleston. The tentative date is March 9-11, 2006, and the title of the conference is: "From the Mountains to the Sea: Language and Technology in the 21st Century." Here is the call for proposals from the conference web site: Technology keeps moving ahead - do you know about pod casting, wikis, blogs, and smart boards? Does technology promise more than it can deliver? How much does all this technology cost? We invite presentations, workshops, and panels of various lengths that interest K-16 language educators and professionals supporting the use and intergration of technology in language learning. Conference details will be forthcoming on our SEALLT and MAALLT web sites. Especially welcome are proposals for 15-60 minute sessions that

illustrate the blending of foreign language learning with cultural topics and that address one of the following areas: Inexpensive and Effective Technologies; Programs K-16 instructors can use the next day; A pot-luck of best practices and strategies for the foreign language classroom. We also would like 5-Minute Video Tours of Media Centers in our area. (<http://www.cofc.edu/languages/conference/>)

SOCALLT 2006

SOCALLT 2006 will be hosted by Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas, Friday and Saturday, February 24-25, 2006. The title for this meeting is: "Teaching and Technology: All Languages, All Levels, All Institutions." Here is their call for participation, taken from the web site: The South Central Association for Language Learning Technology invites SOCALLT/IALLT members and other interested professionals to participate in our next annual meeting, "Teaching and Technology: All Languages, All Levels, All Institutions". Proposals should address issues and innovations in technology-enhanced language instruction, with a special focus on motivating the language learner. We encourage participation not only from colleagues at universities but also community colleges and high schools. Topics can include but are not limited to the following: pedagogical programs and techniques; challenges of technology and teaching at different levels and institutions; student-centered learning; distance learning; course management programs involving testing, homework submission, teacher-student communication, etc.; streamed audio and video distribution; distribution of materials for less commonly taught languages; cultural communication. More information at: (http://www.mola.tcu.edu/socallt/SOCALLT_2006_conference.html)

SWALLT Conferences

In lieu of a Fall 2005 conference, SWALLT held their business meeting at the FLEAT V conference at BYU in August.

