

From the Editor

So Long, Farewell, Au revoir,
Auf Wiederseh'n ...

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All things must pass, so they say. I, too, will take my imaginary hat and leave after this issue of the IALLT Journal. There is not that much to add after Andrew's column. I believe change is good, and after a certain amount of time an editorial board needs new people to come in to reshuffle the cards and introduce some new ideas. I enjoyed the last four years as an Associate Editor of the IALLT Journal, many thanks go to David Pankratz and Peter Liddell who encouraged me to come on board, and to some other people who encouraged me to stay and mentored me on the way. When I started out I was just a young pup – now I am an old dog (with tenure!) who needs to be taken off the leash so he can learn some new tricks and also refamiliarize himself with some old ones, all those things that fell by the wayside due to time constraints. I will take a sabbatical next year and work on a variety of projects which will bring me back to what I enjoy most about our line of work: the actual design of websites and interactive applications to enhance language learning, the tinkering with new software, the attempts to get things to work in order to share them with colleagues and students. I look forward to staying in touch with the many friends I made over the last four years and to becoming involved with the IALLT board in another function after my hiatus.

I think we put together a fine issue as our "Swan Song": the long awaited IALLT survey sees the light of day, we hear some colleagues' insights into the changing status of the Language Center within the academy of the 21st century and the state of their own centers, and finally we are able to provide you with some new ideas and resources for enhanced vocabulary learning.

Methinks, Andrew already left the building; as I step aside, I hope that you, in turn, will step up to the plate and write an article for YOUR Journal or consider becoming involved with the editorial board. Enough said! Well: one more thing –

Thanks, Andrew! It's been a pleasure. I'll miss you most...