

From the Interim Editor

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“The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it.”

—Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*, iv. 3

With this issue of the IALLT Journal, we say goodbye to the print medium and hello to a Web-based means of disseminating our thoughts, our studies, our strategies, our tips and our tricks of the trade.

The Journal is not going away. Rather, instead of being tucked away on the bookshelves in offices and libraries around the globe, the Journal will be web-based. The Journal will continue to be a peer-reviewed, peer-edited publication. It can even be printed (on demand) should that be desired. And it will most certainly continue to maintain high standards with regard to content and writing. The Journal will continue to be one of our flagship publications, it simply will not be sitting on your nightstand anymore.

The only thing that is truly changing about the Journal is the way in which its articles and its authors and its readers will now connect, interlace, and interweave their knowledge and their opinions on that knowledge. The Journal hopes to provide a starting point, through articles of interest to our audience, in order that our community can share ideas, ask questions, and strengthen our collective knowledge about the myriad of tasks and duties each of us is expected to accomplish on any given workday.

The ways in which our world is communicating in and amongst itself is changing..... rapidly. A quick troll through any computer lab on most college campuses will reveal these multiple means of connection, conversation, and collaboration.. and that’s just within wikis, blogs, social networking software, instant messaging, Skype®..... information is being shared in multiple ways by multiple people in multiple directions. The IALLT Journal and the valuable information it holds for our readers would like to be a part of this growing spider-web of information sharing and not set apart from it. In this way, we hope, our readers will become more conversant in the very tools we explore as part of our work, while at the same time becoming more familiar with the work being done by others around the world.

The new IALLT Journal will allow readers to interact with its authors as well as other readers through blogs. It will also invite the writers and readers together to create wiki pages for ongoing, easily updatable listings of resources. And so, rather than being a author-centric means for imparting wisdom one way (from author to reader), our vision is that the new Journal and its collaborative tools will allow many people many different ways to share and to connect with the authors.....and fellow readers.

However, as was true with the past iterations of the Journal (please see Read Gilgen's remarkable retrospective of the Journal through the year at the end of this issue), this publication –no matter what form it takes – cannot succeed without input, support, work, opinion, help from all of you.

If you are ready to roll up your sleeves and help us make the transition to the next step, please contact me. Our hope is to have the first online issue ready in time for IALLT 2007. And guess what? We already have articles in the pipeline.....

In the meantime, please enjoy this issue. It's the last issue, and it was a labor of love in many, many ways, so do me a favor: crack it open, push back your chair, put your feet on your desk and take it in. I think this particular group of essays is a wonderful kaleidoscope of the activities, responsibilities, interests, and duties we do or we support on a daily, weekly, yearly basis.

Happy reading..... see you in June at IALLT 2007 at Tufts!