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FROM THE PRESIDENT



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I hope your semester is off to a great start! Much has happened in IALLT in the past year, and I want to bring you abreast of some IALLT news.

First, I am pleased to present Volume 46, issue 2 of the IALLT Journal. On behalf of IALLT I want to extend my gratitude to the IALLT Journal Managing Editor, Dan Soneson, for his work in compiling this journal issue. You will, I hope, be as impressed as I am by the individual contributions for which I thank the authors.

The **IALLT 2017 conference** will take place at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, June 21 – 24, 2017. We received a number of good proposals, and the program committee is finalizing the plans for the conference. I hope you are making plans to attend the conference. Don't miss it! We hope that this IALLT conference will energize existing IALLT members, and attract new ones.

We learned this past semester of the passing away of **Ruth Trometer, past IALLT president**. As noted on the IALLT website, it was under the presidency of Ruth Trometer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that IALLT began hosting independent, biennial meetings on the campuses of its members in 1989. IALLT is hugely indebted to Ruth for her organizational vision and contributions. As IALLT's 26th president I am in awe of and inspired by the legacy that she has left behind.



I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by another long-time IALLTer and LLTI moderator, Otmar Foelsche. As many of you know, LLTI, the Language Learning Technology International listserv, is a service of IALLT and the Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning. It was first created by Otmar over 30 years ago and hosted by Dartmouth College where he worked for many years. LLTI has proven to be a vital conduit of information and a professional support life line for many of us in the language learning technology community.

Upon his retirement and over the last several months Otmar has transitioned the task of moderating LLTI to Thomas Garbelotti of UCLA. IALLT is hugely grateful to Otmar for running LLTI effectively for over 30 years and making such a valuable resource available to the language learning technology community. IALLT also appreciates Tom's willingness to serve in this important role.

Like Tom Garbelotti (LLTI moderator), in the last few months, other IALLT members have taken on **leadership roles** including Stephanie Korslund (Publicity Coordinator), and Stacey Johnson (Copy Editor). We continue to need current IALLT members to take on open board and council positions. The IALLT election cycle is underway. Look for ballots to elect IALLT officers for the 2017-2019 terms for the positions of president-elect, programs director and secretary.

To encourage the involvement of graduate students IALLT offers Ursula Williams Graduate Student Conference Grants. Five graduate students used these grants to attend FLEAT6 in August 2015 and are becoming good ambassadors for IALLT; three of them serve as IALLT's graduate student representatives, working to identify strategies to encourage student participation in IALLT activities. They have also made three contributions to this and the previous issue of the *IALLT Journal*. I encourage you to review these!

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IALLT webinars are now freely accessible to the public. Access to the archived webinar sessions, however, is an IALLT member benefit. Review the impressive line-up of presenters and topics for the 2016-2017 IALLT webinar series and plan to attend them! Do help spread the word about the webinars!

More IALLT publications are to come: an edited book about the *Past, Present, and Future of the Language Center* is close to publication; The combined LCD (Language Center Design) and the ManMan (Management Manual), now called *The Language Center Handbook*, is also in the final editing stages. Both publications will be available for the IALLT 2017 conference. In addition, the *Language Center Evaluation Toolkit* is now available for download from the publications page of the IALLT website. Thank you to all those who have contributed to and worked on these excellent publications.

IALLT communicates through multiple channels, including the IALLT website, the LLTI listserv, Facebook, and Twitter. Use one or more of these forums to stay connected with colleagues and abreast of IALLT's activities!

I hope to see all of you in Moorhead!

Best wishes,
Sangeetha Gopalakrishnan,
~ IALLT's 26th president