

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Ruth Trometer

For most of us a new academic year will soon begin. Fall, the beginning of classes, new students and yet another new tape set will soon appear. We have great plans afoot in IALL to offer you help as you encounter this year's new or last year's remaining problems.

For this year, the *News Review* (our newsletter) will continue to carry all our announcements and news, edited by our President-Elect, LeeAnn Stone (U. of California-Irvine). Read Gilgen (U. of Wisconsin-Madison), our journal editor, is broadening the journal to include news, shorter articles, and regional and international notes as well. Both of these publications should provide you with timely and useful information.

We have just concluded very successful IALL board meetings (see the article "Report on the Summer Board Meetings", elsewhere in this issue.) As a result of our planning, over the next few months you should expect to see:

- A new Lab Tours videotape which will include international and high school labs as well as a wide variety of university labs.
- A list server (similar to an electronic bulletin board) for lab directors' use where you can leave electronic mail messages for other participating members in a kind of open forum.
- IALL '91 with great new features and events, including general sessions, break-out sessions, wrap-up sessions with lab tours and shop talks, vendor exhibits, and special excursions.
- A clip art diskette containing useful templates, forms, signs, and graphics for language labs.
- A lab planning kit with modules on Needs Assessment, Space Planning, Satellite Receiving and Distribution, Computers,

Audio Labs, Video Systems, and Furniture.

- A database of all language labs in the United States.
- IALL-sponsored sessions at AECT, ACTFL, CALICO, and TESOL.
- And just a little further on the horizon, a joint '92 conference with the Japanese Language Association.

In addition to thinking about how you can benefit from these projects, I would like you to consider how you can participate and contribute as well. Each of these projects are being developed by your colleagues. Each item/event will only be as good as the submissions they receive from you. Now is the time to share your ideas through IALL. In this and other issues of the Journal and the News Review you will see various calls for submissions. Read them. Think of what you have done or used that could be useful to others and send in that idea. If you lose the form, send it to me, Read, LeeAnn or any Board member. The important thing is to take a moment and share what you have learned. Your choices range from a 90-second shop talk item, to computer clip art, to a presentation in Japan. With all of these options, I expect to see *something* from all of you. We need ideas from small labs, crowded labs, poorly-funded labs, huge labs, and high school labs. Others like you are out there and they want to hear what works or does not work. Even disaster stories can be instructive. So keep these IALL projects in mind this fall. Post them on your wall. And, when that light bulb goes off—"Wow, this is great" or "Hey, I can do this"—contact us. We will make sure you can share this idea with others. That is what IALL is all about.

I'll be hearing from you soon!

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