

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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IALL's 1992 Summer Leadership meetings at Boulder, Colorado, are now behind us, but the work and projects generated from discussions at those meetings lie yet ahead! The Summer Leadership meetings provide a forum for addressing IALL's nitty-gritty business issues as well as serve to "set the course" for IALL activities and involvement with other organizations. We did a lot in both of these areas while in Boulder. I want to thank those Council members (from regional leaders to committee chairs) who attended for their invaluable contributions. For those who couldn't attend, I'd like to outline some of the directions that IALL will be heading in the next several years. You will find details on these and other meeting items in the summer issue of the *IALL News Review*.

The first item on our agenda was journal business. After three years of transforming and shaping the *IALL Journal* into a publication that truly reflects the interests and needs of IALL members, Read Gilgen now feels it is time to turn the job over to someone else. Fortunately he has agreed to both serve on the search committee, and to help orient the new editor. You will find in this issue a call for individuals interested in serving as editor. Our superb journal team (Kelly Nelson,

Managing Editor and John Huy, Advertising Manager) also has agreed to help during the transition to a new editorship.

When that time finally arrives, I will probably have more to say, but at this time, I want to thank Read for accepting this monumental task in the first place. He had a vision for our journal, and he had the enthusiasm and stamina to carry it through. The Journal will continue to evolve and mature, but the foundation that Read, Kelly and John have established will remain the fundamental structure upon which these changes will be built.

IALL '93 was the "hot" topic of our leadership meetings, with "energized" discussions lasting most nights until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. A number of significant changes from our previous conferences are planned for IALL '93. I will leave it to the conference committee to announce these changes, but I will tell you that the format, workshops, presentations, and social activities planned for this conference are truly exciting. Planning for IALL '93 proved once again how valuable our Summer Leadership meetings are, and how important member participation is to the well-being of IALL activities in general. Conference

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Coordinator John Huy brought the basic structure of IALL '93 to the meetings, and then received invaluable feedback and suggestions from diverse perspectives and backgrounds. As a result, I am certain that IALL '93 will be our strongest conference ever.

Peter Liddell, (Northwest Region) was one of several regional leaders who attended the meetings. One of his "ulterior motives" was to "spread the word" of the beauty of British Columbia. And that he did well. Those of you who have ever visited the Pacific Northwest will be happy to hear that the IALL Board chose the University of Victoria as the site for IALL '95. Peter, of course, will serve as Conference Coordinator. He has significant experience planning conferences of our size, and will use an upcoming conference he's coordinating at the University of Victoria as a "trial run" for IALL '95.

A "Lab Manager's Survival Kit" is a new IALL publication project that evolved from the meeting of bright minds at Boulder. The publication will cover supervisory and management issues common to lab directors at academic institutions such as scheduling and managing student staff, motivating staff, effective oral communication, corrective action, affirmative action, recruiting and interviewing, etc. A workshop at IALL '93 will precede the publication, and the IALL Board is investigating establishing a summer institute to address these essential areas

within the scope of lab directors' responsibilities.

If you perused the listing of Board members in this issue, you may have noted a new name. Dick Kuettner was confirmed by the Council as IALL's new Programs Director replacing Kathleen Ford. Kathleen recently submitted her resignation as Programs Director, although she continues as an active member of IALL, serving as Exhibits Coordinator for IALL '93. Dick took over the responsibilities of Program Director with vigor (as is typically his style). If you are a member of any of our affiliated organizations (AECT, CALICO, TESOL, ACTFL), you will probably be hearing from Dick in the near future.

I can honestly say that this year's Summer Leadership meetings were fun! With the constitutional revision behind us (Summer Leadership '90) which involved clarifying and defining IALL as an organization, we were able this year to focus on the future. Discussions revolving around new publications, new ideas for the conference, awards, copyright projects, etc., all contributed to the high energy and creative level generated at these meetings. Of course, the key to the success of these meetings was the attendees themselves—involved professionals who take an active interest in promoting and improving what we as lab directors do, and sharing this with others. I thank them all for their contributions to these meetings.