

“End of the Reel”

Calendar of Events and Affiliate Information

We welcome the submission of information on upcoming events from our readers. Send items to the Editor-in-Chief

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FLEAT III/IALL '97

In 1997, the third conference on Foreign Language Education and Technology (FLEAT) will be held in North America for the first time. Based on the success of the first two events—both of which were held in Japan in 1981 and 1992—the Learning Laboratories Association (LLA) of Japan and the International Association for Learning Laboratories (IALL) decided to jointly sponsor FLEAT III in Victoria, B.C. Canada.

As well as providing a forum for meeting colleagues from around the world, FLEAT III will present:

- keynote speakers of international repute
- a vendor's mall featuring the latest in hardware and software from major international and national suppliers
- the Software Matsuri (Japanese for *festival*) focusing on software from presenters, academic institutions, and vendors
- workshops, papers, panel and roundtable discussions on technology and language education—all from an international perspective
- a taste of life on Canada's stunning West Coast.

The conference theme of “Languages, Resources and Cultures” echoes the role of today's Language Center as provider of language learning resources, technology for language learning and, increasingly, as a center for cultural and area studies.

The meeting theme also revolves around people—those members of our community who teach, create and provide resources, work with technology, and keep our centers going throughout the year. The goal of FLEAT III is to provide an international forum where we can all meet, share our professional experiences, learn from one another, and extend our knowledge of technology as it relates to language learning.

Topics for papers at FLEAT III will include:

- management issues
- facility design
- selection of hardware and software
- distance education
- integrating software into courses
- authoring software
- staff training and professional development
- relations within the institution
- technology and second language acquisition theory
- international legal issues
- courseware development

Up-to-date registration information is available at their Web site <http://ikra.call.uvic.ca/LangCen/>.

IALL Affiliate Events

ACTFL

The 31st Annual Meeting of ACTFL will be held November 20-23, 1997, in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of the meeting will be "National Challenges—Professional Priorities." For further information, contact ACTFL headquarters at 6 Executive Plaza, Yonkers, NY 10701-6801, (914) 963-8830. Details are also available at the web site <http://www.actfl.org>.

LLA

The 37th Annual Convention of the Language Laboratory Association of Japan (LLA), "The Challenge of Multimedia in Foreign Language Education- Looking Toward the 21st Century," is scheduled to take place July 29 – 31, 1997 at the Kinugasa Campus of Ritumeikan University (<http://www.ritumei.ac.jp/kic/kic-e.html>). The Kansai (Western) Chapter of LLA is hosting the conference, headed by Chapter president Prof. Morio Khono of Kobe City University's Department of Foreign Studies (<http://www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp>). Both the Education Ministry of Japan and the boards of education in the Kansai area prefectures are anticipated to support the conference.

For more information regarding the conference, contact Jun-Ichi Azuma, LLA Kansai Chapter Office, Ryutsu-Kagaku University, PAG02676@niftyserve.or.jp, 011-81-78-796-3518

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Other Events

EUROCALL 97

EUROCALL 97 will take place in Dublin, Ireland, September 11 – 13, 1997. For further information, contact: CTI Centre for Modern Languages, University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX, UK. Tel: +44 1482 466 373; fax: +44 1482 473 816. Email: eurocall@hull.ac.uk

WORLDCALL

Melbourne, Australia will host WORLDCALL, July 13-17, 1998. Contact: June Gassin, Horwood Language Centre, The University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria, 3052 Australia. Email: june_gassin@muwayf.unimelb.edu.au

Product News

The IALL Journal makes this space available for our commercial members to announce new products and services. Members are encouraged to submit product announcements to the Editor-in-Chief.

World of Reading

Machina Sapiens has just released *Le Correcteur* version 3.0—they are still selling the older version as a "personal" version and are marketing the new version as a "corporate version" (World of Reading sells them for \$200 and \$150, respectively). Version 3.0 adds 1000 grammar rules, 12,000 words to the dictionary and runs twice as fast as version 2.2. It is not being sold as a upgrade, but rather as a new product. Also, the long anticipated *El Corrector*—a Spanish grammar and spell checker (World of Reading price \$185.00) is now available.

World of Reading is also pleased to be a distributor for Euro Talk Ltd. from England with a wide range of language learning software, but particularly the *Talk Now!* series, on CD-ROM for Windows or Macintosh, for \$45.00 each in the following languages: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian, Irish, Greek, American English, British English, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, Welsh, Norwegian, Hungarian, Swedish, Continental Portuguese, Arabic, Polish, Turkish and Mandarin Chinese. An interactive introduction to the language with actual photographs of the objects to be learned (food, parts of the body, numbers, basic phrases, etc.), this package tracks individual student scores and can be enjoyed by anyone ages 8 to adult.

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Announcement

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Languages and Linguistics invites you to submit papers, reports, curricula or other materials for inclusion in the ERIC database. Authors who include papers in the ERIC system make their work part of the world's largest education database. ERIC is searchable via Internet, on CD-ROM at libraries and ERIC centers, and through the printed abstract journals *Resources in Education* and *Current Index to Journals in Education*. Submissions should be sent to: the Acquisitions Coordinator, ERIC/CLL, 1118 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 429-9292, electronic mail: eric@cal.org. ■

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