

## From the Past President

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As I write this, many of us are getting ready to pack for the trip to the University of Maryland and IALL '99, which has all the earmarks of a really great conference. By the time you read this, I will already have stepped down, at that meeting, as President of IALL. This last column that I'm writing for the *IALL Journal* is therefore a way of saying "Thanks for the memories" to those of you who won't have been able to be at the conference as well as a final wave of the hand to those of you who were. It's been a privilege and a pleasure to be President of IALL, and I'm grateful for the tradition that keeps past presidents on the IALL Board; I'd certainly be feeling apprehensive withdrawal symptoms if I were supposed suddenly to disappear from the scene! But I'd feel no dismay on the organization's behalf, because I cannot think of anyone into whose hands I could so gladly turn over the presidency as Read Gilgen. He's one of IALL's most committed stalwarts, and already as President-Elect he has given more than generously of his time and experience. My term began prematurely with the tragic death of Bob Henderson, whom we will always remember; it ends, as every IALL president's term surely does, with the joy of renewal in the profession and of pleasure in having had the chance to work with you all.

Keep in touch --

Best,  
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