

## From the Editor

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One of the pleasures of this job is the opportunity to talk and work with so many of you in IALLT's talented membership, a fact I was reminded of at last summer's IALL 2001 conference. Our editorial board went to Houston with two very specific goals – to get feedback from you on what you'd like to read in our pages, and to find more ways to bring the collective expertise of our organization to you via the Journal. I'm happy to say we've succeeded on both counts. Those of you who came to the Journal's conference session provided many comments and suggestions that will help guide us in our quest to bring you interesting, innovative and relevant resources and articles. The abundance of creative and thoughtful presentations will –we hope!- evolve into Features and Lab Notes articles that will give you much to think about in the issues to come.

IALL 2001 also gave us a chance to talk with several of you who were interested in working with the Journal on a regular basis. As a result, I am pleased to announce the addition of four new staff members. **Marlene Johnshoy** is our new Assistant Editor for Electronic Publications. Marlene is a technology instructor and Web-weaver in the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition at the University of Minnesota. She will be focusing on the development of the Journal section of the IALLT Web site. **Ute Lahaie** joins us as columnist for LLTI Highlights, which is one of the most popular features in the Journal. Ute is Director of the Language Acquisition Center at Baylor University and has been active in SOCALL, serving as secretary to the group and editor of its 1999 Proceedings volume. **Jonathon Reinhardt** is at the helm of our new Authentic Materials column. Jonathon is the Director of the Language Resource Center at Colby College and has taught ESOL in the United States, Austria and Japan. **Sara Wilson** joins us in 2002 as Advertising Manager. She is Director of the Language Lab at Tulane University and President of SOCALL. Many thanks to Marlene, Ute, Jonathon and Sara for giving their time and energy to the Journal and to IALLT.

I left Houston with a deep appreciation for the resourcefulness and expertise of the IALLT membership, a collective wealth that is more important than ever in a post September 11 world. Our biannual conferences represent the best of what IALLT has to offer, and the challenge for the Journal is to find better ways to bring this to you, our readers. So as we look ahead to IALLT2003, I invite you to let us know how you'd like to see the conference reflected in the Journal's pages. All suggestions are welcome – please contact us! ♦