

## NALLD, Concordia Colloquium, FLEAT I—IALL

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What did the members of the Concordia Colloquium and FLEAT I have to do with the founding of IALL?

In July 1981, the President of the National Association of Language Laboratories (NALLD) gave a plenary address at the Concordia Colloquium on Language Laboratories in Montreal. In attendance at the conference were several officers of the Association as well as numerous members from Canada.

In informal meetings in Montreal it was often noted that the title of the Association using "National" was no longer really descriptive since members came from over 25 nations. In addition, some felt that the phrase "Learning Laboratory Directors" was non-inclusive as it was not descriptive of the positions held by any of the members. These points were also discussed by the NALLD board.

Shortly afterwards, in August of the same year, the same topic resurfaced at the First International Conference on Foreign Language Education and Technology (FLEAT I). After the Conference, the NALLD board voted to make the changes suggested by members and colleagues. Sam Burggraaf, the Executive Director, was authorized to prepare a new constitution. It was presented to the board which approved it and, in fact, dis-established NALLD after 16 years of growth.

On November 28, 1981 the last meeting of NALLD was held and the next day the first meeting of the International Association for Learning Laboratories (IALL) took place, with President Victor Aulestia presiding. He had been Vice-President and President-Elect of NALLD.

For extra credit! In the late 1970s, Professor Sutesaburo Kohmoto, Dean of the Graduate School of English Studies of Meigi Gakuin University and an officer of LLA, met several times with NALLD's Mr. Burggraaf. They agreed to submit a proposal to both organizations for an international conference.

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Both boards approved the proposal. Prof. Kohmoto would chair FLEAT I, and the distinguished President of LLA, the late Professor Takashi Kuroda of Otsuma's Women's College, would serve as President of the Conference. Professor Kohmoto assigned Prof. Yasushi Sato of Meiji Gakuin as liaison officer to NALLD. He participated fully in the spirit of the visitors and was most helpful in interpreting organizational strategies to both group.

Because of Professor Kohmoto's efforts, organizational and personal skills, and initiative, he should be considered the "Father of FLEAT." ■