Announcing the First Satellite Teleconference Dedicated to the Use of Technology in Modern Language Instruction

Emerging Technologies in Modern Language Instruction

The first satellite teleconference dedicated to the use of technology in modern language instruction will be held May 10, 1988 (8-10 PM EDT). The conference will present video tours of language laboratories and learning centers of schools, colleges, and universities from Hawaii to Massachusetts.

Viewers Can Talk Directly to Presenters

Viewers of this teleconference may call on a toll-free number to talk directly to the presenters of this conference.

Cohosts of the Satellite Conference

Dr. Wilga Rivers, Harvard University, and Dr. Frank Otto, Executive Director of CALICO, will host the satellite conference.

Dr. Rivers is Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University and a respected practitioner and theoretician in the field of language teaching. She is the author of many books and articles and a featured speaker at major conferences around the world.

Dr. Frank Otto, Executive Director of CALICO, enjoys a worldwide reputation as one of the foremost authorities on instructional technology. He has a “video column” which covers topics of interest to educators involved in language instruction and which is broadcast live by USIA via WorldNet satellite system.

CALICO, Computer-Assisted Language Instruction Consortium, is an international professional organization dedicated to applying technology to the teaching and learning of languages. Founded in 1982, CALICO conducts annual symposia in the United States and abroad. In addition, it sponsors summer institutes and publishes monographs pertinent to technology and language instruction.

Video Tours of Participating Schools

The conference hosts will introduce and comment on the video tours of the participating schools which will show how technology (language labs, videotapes, videodiscs, computers, etc.) is used to teach languages.

Participating Schools

The following schools will participate: Brigham Young University, Provo, UT; California State University, Fullerton, CA; Duke University, Durham, NC; Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Miami Dade Community College, FL; New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL; University of Hawaii, Manoa, Honolulu, HI; University of Illinois, Urbana, IL; University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD; University of Texas, Austin, TX; and the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

Conference Sponsors

The two-hour broadcast will originate from the Center for Instructional Research in the College of Communication, California State University, Chico. The Center offers the Master of Arts in Information and Communication Studies which is designed to combine humanistic and technological resources into a comprehensive study of communications. Dr. John Itelson, the coordinator of Instructional Technology, his colleagues and students are responsible for the technical site of the conference.
Tandberg Educational, Inc. and Pioneer Communications of America, Inc. are proud corporate sponsors of this telecommunicative event. Tandberg Educational, Inc., is the world's largest supplier of audio products for education and language learning. Its continuous support of educational conferences and meetings have contributed to the high degree of professionalism in the field. Pioneer Communications of America, Inc., is the world's largest manufacturer of videodisc players.

C or Ku Band Receive Earth Station
Any school, college, TV station, or motel with a C or Ku band receive earth station will be able to receive the teleconference broadcast. Local teachers' groups (modern language teachers, media directors, language lab directors, and school administrators) are encouraged to have their spring meeting on May 10th and use the teleconference as the featured speakers.

For help in locating a site, contact John Ittelson at Chico (916) 895-5367.

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