

FROM THE EDITOR

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I have no overall theme, or "soap-box message" this time around. But I'm particularly delighted with the contents of this issue of the journal, so let me comment on the various items you'll find inside. I hope you take time to look at everything. (Read it on the plane to Los Angeles!)

I talked last time about the importance of change, and our role in helping people adapt to and accept it. I honestly believe that in order for positive change to take place, the lab director must have vision and must encourage vision in those with whom he/she works. Further, we have to be willing to try new things, *before* we know that they'll work. That's why I've included the article by Cluff on "Developing the Entrepreneurial Spirit." I think you find that his comments, originally directed toward librarians, also apply to lab directors.

Speaking of change, we all know everyone out there is using computers. Or are they? How many of you just assume that everyone *except* you is using computers and foreign language software? The article by Ross and Ralston details the interesting results of a study they made of computer use and attitudes among foreign language teachers in a large urban school district. But if computers aren't being used yet, perhaps it's just that we're still trying to discover

how best to use them. The article by Hammadou offers one way we might find that computers are uniquely suited to foreign language interaction: telecommunications.

I don't know about you, but I'm getting excited about the upcoming IALL '91 Conference to be held in Los Angeles. Those of you who attended the IALL '89 Conference know what kind of great meeting it was, and what an outstanding group of people we have in the organization (you!). I've been in close contact with the organizers of this year's event and, as you will note in the tentative conference schedule which appears in this issue, there will be something for everyone. In fact, there probably will be a *lot* of somethings for everyone. I hope you all have made your plans to join us in the City of Angels.

In addition to the conference agenda, you will find other matters of business in this issue. We plan to publish the membership directory and other IALL business each Spring. Please make sure your membership renewals are in by then so your name will appear. Also, please let us know if there are errors or if you have an email address you want included.

We'll see you at IALL '91!

IALL '91

Success in the Language Lab:

Lab Management

Multimedia

Faculty Involvement

June 26 - 29, 1991

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•interested in the connections between technology and language teaching and language learning • a language or learning lab manager • a language teacher or researcher • a provider of technical services for language teaching and learning

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•learn about laboratory equipment and management • discover the latest instructional applications of audio, video, computer, and satellite technology • meet and share information with colleagues and industry representatives • ...keep up with the profession!

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Multimedia Showcase informal presentations of audio, video, and CAI material demonstrated by the developers

Video Clips tours of various lab facilities and orientations to the services they provide

Shop Talks tips on any aspect of lab design, use, or management

Workshops basic information for those who are new to the field of learning labs

Tours instructional resources and technology at UCLA; study tours and recreational options in and around L.A.

Regional Group Dinners meet the people in your area who just might have the answers to your questions

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