



AFMLTA

Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations

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News In Brief - December 2015

The AFMLTA provides vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of languages. In this edition of News In Brief we provide a snapshot of some of the recent work of the association.

Research and Professional Practice



AFMLTA Ready? Set? Plan! Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program workshops

Over 1000 teachers of Languages have participated in the AFMLTA Ready?Set?Go! Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program workshops held around the country in 2015. Based on feedback and requests from teachers, AFMLTA is now preparing for Phase 2 with a NEW! Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program planned for 2016; **Ready?Set?Plan!** The program will focus on supporting teachers with planning for implementation of the curriculum. It will build on the Ready?Set?Go! program but participation in a 2015 workshop is not a pre-requisite for involvement in the 2016 program.

2016 Workshop Dates & Venues:

Saturday 12 March: Brisbane
Saturday 19 March: Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney
Saturday 2 April: Adelaide, Perth
Saturday 30 April: Canberra

Further details and online registrations will be available soon via afmlta.asn.au

AFMLTA 2017 Conference - Save the Date!

The 21st AFMLTA National Languages Conference will be held on the Gold Coast, 6-8 July 2017. Save the date!

FREE PL Opportunity: AFMLTA/ESA Webinar Series

Discover the FREE resources for Secondary Teachers of Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese available on the Language Learning Space through the AFMLTA/ESA Webinar:

23 February 2016 4-5pm EDST.

* The webinar will be FREE and conducted using Adobe Connect.

* To log-in, go to <http://connect.vic.edu.au/afmltalls/>

* For more information or to access archived recordings of the Primary Language teachers webinar or the Pre-service language teachers webinar held in 2015, go to <http://afmlta.asn.au>

Babel journal

The first issue of our 50th volume of Babel was recently distributed to 2015 MLTA members. A double issue of Babel (Volume 50.2-3) including the Horwood Address by Jane Orton, and a selection of papers from the 2015 AFMLTA conference, including some 'people's choice' presentations, will be published early in the new year.

FIPLV International Award Recognition

The AFMLTA has pleasure in announcing the success of our nomination of Professor Joseph Lo Bianco for the FIPLV International Award in recognition of exceptional and outstanding contributions to language teaching, learning and research in Australia and internationally over an extended period, that has influenced the pattern and quality of language teaching and learning in sustained and significant ways. Joe is internationally renowned for his contribution to the field of Language Policy and Languages Education. His vision in authorship of the 1987 National Policy on Languages, in which he developed a bipartisan national plan for English, Indigenous, Asian and European languages, and Interpreting and Translating services, has guided Australian policy over the subsequent decades, and is used worldwide as a model for Languages planning. He continues to be a highly respected, influential and prolific contributor to debate, policy and international initiatives that shape languages policy and education worldwide. He was a member of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO for ten years. His involvement in language policy development and advocacy work, especially in promoting multi and plurilingualism, continues to be outstanding. He has been a willing and frequent collaborator with AFMLTA and affiliated MLTAs, always prepared to share his expertise with colleagues, and to mentor scores of Languages teachers, researchers and administrators.

Leadership & Representation

Australian Curriculum: Languages

Australian Curriculum documents for the following languages have now been endorsed and are now available on the [Australian Curriculum](http://AustralianCurriculum.gov.au) website: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The curriculum for Hindi, Turkish and the Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages will go to the Education Council for endorsement in early December. Following endorsement, the curriculum will be made available on the Australian Curriculum website from mid-December.

The draft curriculum for Auslan and Classical Languages will go out for consultation in the second quarter of 2016.

Member Services

Membership

To become a member of AFMLTA, join one of our member associations in your state or territory:

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WA mltawa.asn.au

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