

MLTA ACT News – 2014

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Study tour to Chongqing, posted 22 December 2014

The Confucius Institute at La Trobe University invites you to join in the [2015 Chinese Language Teachers Study Tour](#) to Chongqing, China. This 10 day tour, 29 March to 8 April 2015, offers Chinese language teachers an opportunity to refresh language teaching skills, share resources, engage in pedagogy-focused workshops and interact with China-based peers from Chongqing University and local international schools in Chongqing. Costs are subsidised by the Confucius Institute.

Events for 2015, posted 2 December 2014

This is a "claim the date" for two key events at the start of 2015:

- [Meet and Greet](#): Thursday 26 February 2015, 4:30 pm for 5 pm start
- MLTA ACT Inc. AGM: Thursday 19 March 2015, 4:30pm for 5:00pm start

More details on [events page](#).

Term 4 dinner, posted 28 October 2014

Details for the Term 4 dinner

- Date and time: Thursday 6 November, 6 pm
- Occasion: Buffet Dinner with guest speakers
- Venue: Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley Street GRIFFITH, (02) 62280999
- Menu: NB We will be having the buffet. For selection of food visit: www.eastlakefc.com.au.
- Cost: Current MLTA ACT members pay \$25.00 (MLTA will cover the balance of \$14). Non-members pay \$39.00. Buy your own drinks.
- RSVP: by Tuesday 5th November to: yvonne.webber@ed.act.edu.au - please let me know if you have any food allergies or dietary requirements.

Come along, bring a friend and meet your language teaching colleagues. Be inspired by our guest speakers, Celia Bazalar Spanish Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship 2014 and Lynden Lawton 2014 FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship winner Italy.

Languages workshop with ACARA

The ACT Directorate and ACARA are offering the language teachers of the ACT an opportunity to attend a [workshop facilitated by ACARA](#) about the new Australian Curriculum: Languages, on 6 November 2014 at Hedley Beare Centre.

The workshop will be held on Thursday 6 November at the HBCTL from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Please find all the information in the attached flyer.

TQI recognition, posted 19 September 2014

The MLTA ACT Inc. is now a TQI Recognised Provider of Professional Learning. The 2016 Mini-Conference, held on Saturday 23 August, has received approval from TQI. See the MLTA ACT [conference web page](#).

Reminder about EOIs for presentations, posted 29 July 2014

The end date for EOIs to present at the August Mini-Conference has been extended to COB today. See below..

Past AFMLTA Executive member in Malaysian Airlines MH17 tragedy, posted 22 July 2014

We were very sorry to learn that respected past AFMLTA Executive member Nick Norris, from Perth, as well as his grand-children Mo, Evie and Otis Maslin, were on board when Malaysian Airlines MH17 was shot down over Ukraine. Our thoughts are with his family. Nick was active in MLTA WA in the 1980s and was a well-known leader in languages education and as a senior school leader.

Languages in Australian Curriculum, posted 22 July 2014

A significant milestone in Australian education history: four languages curricula have been made available in the Australian Curriculum. These are currently listed by ACARA as "Available for use; awaiting final endorsement".

Call for articles - MLTA ACT, posted 3 July 2014 *Contact Newsletter*

As the new Editor of the Contact newsletter, Ludivine Le Gal is planning to get the next edition ready to be published at the beginning of Semester 2. As always, many of you did amazing things, either personally or with your students (Professional Development, overseas trip, excursions, language competitions, language assemblies). If you have the time and would like to write a short article for the Contact Newsletter, please email her by the end of this week at ludivinele-gal@mcc.act.edu.au. If you have any pictures, please attach them as well.

Claim the date and EOIs for presentations at MLTA ACT Mini-Conference, posted 3 July 2014

Claim the Date

This posting is to ask you to set aside Saturday 23 August, 2014 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm for our Mini-Conference. For the benefit of all of our new members, we begin the morning with a healthy breakfast, attend workshops/presentations followed by morning tea and then more workshops/presentations. It is shaping up to be another exciting event that you will not want to miss. Further details will follow early next term. So stay tuned!!!!

Expression of Interest

We are seeking expressions of interest from teachers/colleagues who would like to present a short workshop at our Mini-Conference on Saturday 23 August. The workshop will need to depict best practice and align with the National Professional Standards for Teachers. Please submit your expression of interest to me (veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au) by the end of Week 2 Term 3 (Friday 1st August) stating

1. Title/Topic of the workshop
2. Abstract: What is the workshop/presentation about?
3. Short biography
4. National Standards addressed
5. Specific requirements: Projector etc

Endeavour Language Teaching Fellowships (ELTF), posted 11 June 2014

Applications are invited for the 2015 [ELTF program](#). Follow the link for details. Applications close Sunday 6th July. The 2015 ELTF program will involve 10 in-country study programmes, to be held over a three week period in January 2015. For additional information, see the [information booklet](#) and the [media release](#).

Australian Curriculum, posted 11 June 2014

Australian Curriculum: Languages for French, Italian and Indonesian are published on the [Australian Curriculum beta site](#)

Like Health and PE, Technologies, Humanities and SOSE: Economics and Civics and Citizenship, these language documents were 'noted' at the April 2014 meeting of the Ministerial Council and are being made available on the Australian Curriculum website as 'Available for use; awaiting final endorsement'.

Integrating iPads in language teaching, posted 27 May 2014

The next MLTA event is on Integrating iPads in language teaching with Joe Dale at Aranda Primary School on Monday 2 June from 2pm to 6pm. Participants will need to bring iPads. The workshops will be open only to members and will be free. Anyone who is not a member who would like to attend will need to join beforehand. Please contact Ms Jennifer MacDonald our treasurer at jennifer.macdonald@ed.act.edu.au

Session 1 - Promoting listening and speaking, pronunciation and confidence with the iPad

In this session, we shall look at a range of apps for recording and editing audio, combining images with a voiceover and creating engaging animations and narrated slideshows which help to improve listening and speaking skills

Session 2 - Improving reading and writing with the iPad

In this session, we will be creating multimedia eBooks and digital postcards. We will also examine apps for revising vocabulary, note-taking, creating cartoons, using collaborative whiteboards and classroom voting.

A selection of Joe's work:

<http://www.joedale.typepad.com>

<http://networkforlanguageslondon.org.uk/course/multimedia-language-learning-on-the-ipad>

London March 2014 on using iPads to promote listening and speaking skills

https://lancelot.adobeconnect.com/_a875817169/p565dsrrhf/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal

Language Perfect, posted 14 May 2014

Modern Language Teachers' Association ACT Language Perfect World Championships 2014

We're very proud to join 50 other Teachers' Associations as Official Partners of the Language Perfect World Championships, the world's premier online languages competition. We are also very grateful that Language Perfect is giving all of our members 50 free entries into the competition!

Exciting news: we will have our own [partner scoreboard](#), where members of our association can see how they rank against each other. Finally, Language Perfect has also provided us with a special MLTA ACT trophy, which will be presented to the top school in our network. Many schools are already involved, and we encourage everyone to participate and help raise the profile of language learning in this fantastic event.

Remember to use our partner code MLTA ACT to redeem your 50 free entries. Note that existing Language Perfect users are automatically registered. Visit the official competition website

at <https://start.languageperfect.com/world-championships.html>. Register

at <http://teachers.languageperfect.com/register.html>.

Term 2 dinner, posted 14 May 2014

See the [events page](#).

April message from president, posted 22 April 2014

I hope that you are enjoying Stand Down and catching up on some well deserved rest. It has been an extremely busy Term 1 for everybody and as a result you may have forgotten about your 2014 MLTA ACT Inc membership renewal. Thank you to our members who have renewed their membership and joined us at the Meet and Greet in February. If not, your 2013 membership expired on the 28 February this year. We have some exciting events planned for you all this year. We have left the membership fee at \$60 for the year for full membership and \$30 for students.

The Professional Development we will offer this year will be tied to the TQI guidelines as much as possible. Remembering that TQI requires you to engage in a range of professional learning experiences and record it. All teachers need to record and reflect on a minimum of 20 hours throughout 2014 to meet the requirements for registration renewal in 2015. This can be in Accredited Programs and Teacher Identified Activities. For further information, please refer to the Fact Sheet that was included with your 2014 TQI card from TQI or on the TQI website.

As a member of the MLTA ACT Inc you will receive BABEL publications. As a member, you will also be invited to attend our events each term which are always well supported and subsidised by the MLTA ACT Inc. We have some innovative and exciting professional learning opportunities coming up this year. MLTA members also have the opportunity to receive FIPLV scholarships and you will be kept informed of conferences and other opportunities for professional learning as they come to our attention.

If you are in Brisbane these holidays then consider attending the Language Perfect events - 2014 Education Perfect World Series Launch Ceremony (Monday 28 April) and the Education Perfect World 2014 Conference (Sunday 27 April). More details are available at www.educationperfect.com

If you have colleagues who are not receiving MLTA emails then please forward this information to them. A new email list of 2014 current MLTA ACT Inc members will be generated soon and if you have not renewed your 2014 membership you will cease to receive emails from the MLTA ACT Inc. As your association we are here to Work 4U and promote language learning in the ACT. If you have renewed your 2014 membership, thank you. Please spread the word about our wonderful association and enjoy the rest of Stand Down.

Véronique Canellas

2014 office bearers, posted 28 March 2014

Officer bearers for 2014 were elected at the AGM on 19 March 2014. See the [home page](#) for details.

AGM, posted 13 March 2014

- Date: Wednesday 19 March 2014
- Time: 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm
- Venue: Telopea Park School
- Refreshments: Finger food before and after business of the meeting
- Agenda: [here](#)
- RSVP: by Monday 17 March for catering purposes



Meet and Greet, posted 14 February 2014

The MLTA ACT Inc Executive Committee would like to welcome you back to the 2014 school year and hope that you have all settled back into the school routine or study routine. We would like to invite you to our first MLTA event for 2014 - ["Meet and Greet" 2014](#). If you have any teaching colleagues/fellow students

that have moved schools or have joined your school and are not members of our wonderful MLTA then please pass this email and details onto them so that they know about this event and our association.

- What: "Meet and Greet" 2014
- When: Thursday 27 February, 2014
- Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
- Where: Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit, Barton, Canberra, ACT, 2600.
- Catering: Finger Food will be provided. Purchase your own drinks/beverages.
- Purpose: Share the "MLTA Works 4U Plan" 2014 and meet fellow language teachers.
- Other: Opportunity to pay for 2014 memberships and submit 2014 membership forms.
- RSVP: No later than Monday 24th February (For catering purposes) to veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au

