

MLTA ACT News – 2017

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Language Forum update, posted 31 December 2017

See [this link](#) for the latest update from the Languages Forum of the ACT. Items in this edition:

1. Promoting languages at the Multicultural Festival
2. Mother tongue multilingual poetry at the National Multicultural Festival in 2018
3. Some opportunities to learn languages over the summer
4. Back to Your Roots Writing Competition for ACT Youth Aged 8–18
5. Languages education in the discussion of the Future of Education in the ACT
6. Language on the Move
7. A new agreement with Open Universities Australia to share online language courses developed at the ANU
8. ACT Libraries: hubs for language learning and teaching
9. ACT libraries are looking for volunteer adult literacy tutors
10. This is a Voice exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney
11. ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA).

Copies of previous Canberra Region Languages Forum Updates are available at <http://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/p/forum-updates.html>.

Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry at National Multicultural Festival next year, posted 19 December 2017

Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry will be at the 2018 National Multicultural Festival - come and share a poem, or join the audience! You can read or recite a poem in a language other than English - or more than one language - at one of these showcases:

- Friday 16 February, at 5.00pm; and
- Saturday 17 February at 8.50pm.

For more information, see [the details here](#) or visit the [Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry Facebook page](#).

ELLA applications due this Friday, posted 13 December 2017

Applications close on Friday 15 December 2017 for the 2018 Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) Program. The ELLA program is an excellent way of introducing language learning and cultural understanding to young students attending preschool services through a digital and play-based program. See the [four-page brochure provided by Education Services Australia](#). See also the [A5 flyer](#). Further information is also available at www.ella.edu.au

Japanese Language Course in Kanazawa, posted 13 December 2017

For teachers of Japanese – we have received details of the [28th Japanese Language and Culture course](#), sponsored by the Australia - Japan Society (ACT). They are calling for applications now for their course to be held in Kanazawa, Japan, in April 2018.

AFMLTA News in Brief December 2017 edition, posted 5 December 2017

The [December 2017 News in Brief](#) brings you news on:

- Ready, Set, Assess! – Australian Curriculum Languages workshops for 2018
- Babel Journal issue 52.1, currently being distributed to 2017 MLGA members

- AFMLTA Webinar Series – Tuesday 7 December 2017 at 7 pm (Teaching languages in rural and remote contexts; and Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7 pm (An introduction to CLIL)
- AFMLTA Conference save the date – Hobart, July 2019
- Canal+ offers

Alliance Française December newsletter, posted 5 December 2017

The [December newsletter from the Alliance Française](#) includes news items on

- Summer Intensive classes (four options)
- Summer Workshops (Intermediate, Independent, Advanced)
- Upcoming cultural events (eg Christmas Party, 14 December)
- Movie screening of Just to be Sure (*Ôtez-moi d'un doute*) at Palace Cinemas on 7 December, \$10 preview

Future of Education survey reminder, posted 23 November 2017

As advised to members by email on 10 November, the MLTAACT Inc. has been asked by the ACT Education Directorate to capture the views of our members and submit these to the Future of Education conversation. This is a unique opportunity for our voice to be heard as teachers of languages and to think 'outside the box'. If you wanted to contribute to the discussion on the Future of Education from a Languages teacher perspective, please use the link in the message below to give us your thoughts. We will be closing the form COB tomorrow to collate your responses.

In February 2017, the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, announced the commencement of the development of a strategy for the future of education in the ACT. This stems from the government's fundamental belief that every child deserves a great education and the life chances which flow from it. The central question being asked by the ACT Government is: 'What do we want and expect from our school and early childhood education systems, are they providing it and what might we need to change?'

Please take the time to respond to the following survey on [Google Form](#) by Friday 24 November 2017.

Australian Curriculum: Languages program re-accredited for 2018, posted 6 November 2017

The program AFMLTA Ready?Set?Assess! Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program, 002951, has been reaccredited for 2018 for 5 hours. The program will now appear on the 2018 Register of Accredited Programs.

Note that a teacher can only receive TQI credit as having attended an accredited program once, even if it has been reaccredited.

Japan Foundation Seminar, posted 6 November 2017

The Japan Foundation, Sydney Intensive Seminar for 2018 January is now OPEN.

Please note: As a result of revisions made to The Japan Foundation's previous eligibility criteria, applicants who have participated in Intensive Seminars with the last three years are now eligible to attend.

- Date: Monday 15 January to Thursday 19 January 2018
- Venue: The Japan Foundation, Sydney
- Target: Australian Primary level teachers (F-Y6); New Zealand Primary level teachers (Y1-8)
- Who can apply? Currently working Teachers teaching min 3 hours per week; Pre-Service Teachers who are currently studying towards, or who have recently graduated with teaching qualifications within the past two years and actively seeking teaching work
- Seminar Fee: Nil

- Application Deadline: Monday 20 November 2017

Enquiries – Please contact Maki Russell-Smith, Program Coordinator from The Japan Foundation, Sydney on (02) 9239 0055, or email coordinators@jpf.org.au. More information can be found at [the Japan Foundation website](#).

Call for articles - Contact newsletter, posted 14 October 2017

Every semester we publish the CONTACT Newsletter with articles written by our members. If there is anything from Semester 2 you would like to share, please email me your article at ludivinele-gal@mcc.act.edu.au. The deadline to send articles for Semester 2 is Friday 17th November (end of week 6 - Term 4)

Remember it doesn't need to be long, you can ask your students to write something or reuse an article you already wrote for your school newsletter. It can be something about what your students are doing in class, a PD/conference you went to, an excursion, a trip overseas... Ideally, it would be great to have a picture to go with your article (Please consider media permission for students).

Last year, we started a new section called Reading and ICT ideas, so if you have read an interesting article / book / blog... if you have discovered a new ICT resource (App, Website, Google extension...), all you need to do is send me a quick email with a brief description!

Finally, if you have any happy news you would like to share (baby, wedding...) please let me know!

I look forward to receiving your articles. Ludivine Le-Gal, the Publications Editor for the MLTA ACT contacteditor@mltaact.asn.au

National Conference for Australian Teachers of Italian, posted 12 October 2017

The Italian Language School (ILS) would like to extend an invitation to the Italian language teachers to attend the National Conference for Australian Teachers of Italian - 'L'Italiano al cinema / L'Italiano nel cinema' - at the Embassy of Italy in Deakin, on Saturday 21 October 2017 from 8.45am to 4.15pm.

The course is designed to provide teachers with a comprehensive understanding of the language used in cinema and the way cinema is used to portray Italian culture both nationally and to a broader international audience. International guest speaker Donata Punttil from King's College, London, will be offering a practical workshop focusing on how to adapt, manipulate and use film clips within a second language acquisition context, providing guidance on planning and implementing lesson sequences.

The course has been accredited by the Teacher Quality Institute - TQI for 5 hours.

Please note that registration for the conference will close on 13th October 2017. Please refer to the [flier](#) for details.

Australian Curriculum K-10 Term 4 Workshop – working with the achievement standards in Languages, posted 7 September 2017

A two-hour TQI accredited workshop has been confirmed for teachers of Languages on [Australian Curriculum K-10 Term 4 Workshop](#). The importance of Achievement Standards and unpacking levels of performance within a standard will be the focus of this workshop using AC: Languages.

- **When:** Thursday 12 October 2017 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- **Where:** Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning 51 Fremantle Drive, STIRLING, ACT, 2611
- **Registration:** [Professional Learning and Events Calendar \(PLEC\)](#).

Visiting performer in and about Japanese, posted 7 September 2017

Jarrold Hoare, a bilingual performing artist, who specialises in the traditional Japanese performing arts of Rakugo (comic storytelling) and Kyogen (comic theatre), is planning to tour the ACT in October. He can tailor interactive performances and workshops to suit any primary school, high school, university or community group audience. Performances can be in Japanese, English, or a mix of both. Costs are negotiable; usually from \$3 to \$7 per audience member. Performances / Workshops are usually 45 minutes - 1 Hour in length. A number of bookings for the same week can help to keep everyone's costs down.

Samples of Jarrold's work:

- [What is Rakugo?](#)
- [Why Learn Japanese?](#)
- [What is Kyogen?](#)

For further information, please see [Jarrold's website](#).

Languages Forum of the ACT update, posted 6 September 2017

See [this link](#) for the latest update from the Languages Forum of the ACT. Items in this edition:

- Canberra Academy of Languages information evening
- Poetry on the move 14 September to 21 September
- Volunteers needed to lead English conversation groups at ANU College
- Opportunities for language learning in the ACT area: Language Exchange Canberra (Tuesday evenings); Polyglot Club (Monday evenings); Alliance Française de Canberra (holiday programs coming up); other opportunities via [ACT Bilingual Alliance website](#)
- New Mandarin programs: 10 week course in Basic Mandarin; School holiday Chinese and art program
- The Expressionists
- This is a Voice exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney
- ACT Bilingual Education Alliance Potluck lunch and networking event, 28 October 2017
- Articles and links that may be of interest: Humans who read grammars blog; The Language Teacher Helpmate (resources); A free online English course for IELTS preparation

CAL information evening, posted 6 September 2017

The Canberra Academy of Languages information evening for families and schools about languages programs for 2018 will be at the Canberra Museum and Gallery, 6 pm, on Thursday 14 September 2017. Guests are requested to rsvp info@cal.act.edu.au by COB 12 September to facilitate plans for catering. For more information: www.cal.act.edu.au.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 28 August 2017

[AFMLTA News in Brief for August 2017](#) has been published with items on

- Professional learning – Ready, Set, Assess! (see details in the next item below)
- AFMLTA Webinar Series – there will be online webinars each term
- Babel – Issue 51.3 distributed
- AFMLTA 2019 save the date (Hobart, July 2019)
- ELLA (Early Learning Languages Australia)
- WA Languages Week

AFMLTA Ready Set Australian Curriculum: Language professional learning, posted 16 August 2017, updated 28 August 2017 & 29 August 2017

The planned [Australian Languages: Curriculum professional learning workshops](#) have been postponed until Term 1 of 2018. The AFMLTA wants to make the opportunity available to as many people as possible and it seems that the next few months are a busy time for people as registrations have been low across the country including the ACT. The new dates will be posted here when these are decided.

1. Day 1: Ready?Set?Go? and Ready?Set?Plan! Australian Curriculum: Languages Workshop – date tba, 0900 to 1530 at HBCTL (This day is optional and it is not a pre-requisite for attending Day 2)
2. Day 2: Ready?Set?Assess! Australian Curriculum: Languages Workshop – date tba, 0900 to 1530 at HBCTL
3. Day 3: Collegiate Moderation Webinars (Afternoon/evening webinars will be facilitated by AFMLTA in 2018 for collegiate moderation conversations with teachers of your language from across Australia. You must have participated in the Ready? Set? Assess! Day 2 workshop to join these webinars.)

Enquiries: PL@afmlta.asn.au.

Neurolinguistics and Language Learning – professional learning with Dr Gianfranco Conti, posted 16 August 2017, updated 9 October 2017

We have been lucky to secure internationally renowned educator Dr Gianfranco Conti to present on [Neurolinguistics and Language Learning](#).

- When: Saturday 14 October, 08:30 arrival and registration for a 9:00am start and 3:30pm finish
- Where: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling.
- Cost: \$160 MLTA ACT Inc. members, \$240 Non MLTA ACT Inc. members
- Catering: Morning tea and lunch will be provided – please ensure you provide us with your dietary requirements when registering.
- TQI accreditation: Five hours.
- Registration: www.trybooking.com/308255 – the deadline for registrations has been extended to 11 October.

No late registrations will be accepted, so please make sure you register to avoid disappointment. We are using a new booking system for this event and payment is required at the time of registration. Please note that with TryBooking, there is a \$0.30 booking fee per ticket. For further background on Dr Gianfranco Conti please see:

- His blog: <https://gianfrancoconti.wordpress.com>
- [The Language Teacher Toolkit](#), the book he co-authored
- The language learning website he founded: www.language-gym.com

Alliance Française August news, posted 26 July 2017, updated 16 August 2017

The [latest news from the Alliance Française](#). The professional learning session for French teachers, originally scheduled for 26 August, has been postponed to Term 1 next year. The new date will be posted here when confirmed.

Australian Curriculum, posted 25 July 2017

ACARA has launched a revamped website at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. Content remains the same, but presentation has been changed. The home page currently has a 3-minute video on how to navigate the new-look Australian Curriculum website. There are tabs for F-10 Curriculum, Senior secondary curriculum, Parent information, Student diversity and Resources. New features on the revamped website include a curriculum filter to provide quick access to resources.

The Education Support Office is offering a series of TQI accredited [Australian Curriculum workshops](#). They have been heavily subscribed, so available places may be few in number.

[AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 18 July 2017](#)

[AFMLTA News in Brief for July 2017](#) has been published with items on the 2017 conference, the planned 2019 conference in Hobart, awards (including Melissa Gould-Drakeley, a former MLTA ACT President), Ready Set Assess professional learning program information, and details of the 2017 AFMLTA Executive.

[ANU Language Teaching Forum, posted 18 July 2017](#)

The next [ANU Language Teacher Forum](#) will be held on Monday 24 July from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm with Gabrielle Quadraccia on "Using culinary culture to create resources for the adult learner".

[Video Matsuri 2017, posted 18 July 2016](#)

Details have been announced for the Japan Foundation's [Video Matsuri 2017 short film contest](#) for students of Japanese. There are 4 categories – Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary and Tertiary. Students create their own films in Japanese language of 3 minutes or less using the 2017 signature item – ‘button’ somewhere in the film. Prizes include trophies, DVDs and Gift cards from Madman Entertainment.

Submissions are all online, and details can be accessed at [the Video Matsuri contest page](#) on Japan Foundation website. Some entries for previous years can be seen there under the ‘Hall of Fame’ tab. Entries close on 20 October 2017 and the results will be viewable online. For more information, please contact coordinators@jpf.org.au.

[Mini-Conference accreditation, posted 11 July 2017](#)

The annual MLTA mini-conference, which will take place on Saturday 12 August, has received four hours of TQI accreditation. See details of the mini-conference below (originally posted 28 June).

[Joe Dale workshop TQI accreditation, posted 5 July 2017](#)

The Joe Dale workshop, which will be held on Saturday 22 July 2017 at HBCTL, has now received five hours of TQI accreditation. For workshop details, see the news item below, originally posted on 24 May.

[Panda Competition, posted 2 July 2016](#)

The [2017 Panda Competition](#), conducted by the Australia China Friendship Society, is open to students from Pre-schools, Primary schools and High schools in the ACT and Queanbeyan. The topic for this year’s competition is Chinese Dress/Costume through time. Closing date for entries is Friday 2 September 2017. Follow the link for details and entry form.

[Italian Language Conference, posted 2 July 2017](#)

The [National Conference for Australian Teachers of Italian](#) will be held at the Embassy of Italy on 21 October 2017. Follow the link for program and registration details. The end date for registrations is 13 October.

[AEF programs, posted 2 July 2017](#)

AEF has programs coming up at the Snow Centre for Education in the Asian Centre, Canberra Grammar School:

- [Global Goals Primary Forum, ACT](#), 18 October 2017
- [Australia-ASEAN Youth Forum, ACT](#), 23 August 2017

Alliance Française news, posted 2 July 2017

The [latest news from the Alliance Française](#). Coming events include Bastille Day Breakfast, Speed Talking, Book Club.

Languages Forum update, posted 2 July 2017

See [this link](#) for the latest update from the Languages Forum of the ACT. Items in this edition:

- Next ANU Language Teaching Forum Monday 24 July 2017
- Dyslexia, Language and Learning to Read Tuesday 25 July 2017
- The Australian Census: Opportunities for research on multilingualism Tuesday 25 July 2017
- AUSIT National Mini-conference: translation and interpreting: ethics and professionalism – call for papers
- Opportunities for language learning - Alliance Française de Canberra; Canberra Portuguese and Brazilian Conversation Meetup; Polyglot Club; Learn Indonesian with the Australia Indonesia Association ACT Inc (AIA (ACT)); and [other opportunities in the Canberra region](#)
- SBS National Languages Competition
- [ACT Bilingual Education Alliance - new Facebook Page](#)
- Articles and links



MLTA ACT 2017 Mini-Conference, posted 28 June 2017, updated 11 July 2017

The MLTA ACT Inc. proudly presents the 2017 Mini Conference.

Theme: Teaching with Comprehensible Input (TCI-TPRS)

Date: Saturday 12 August 2017

Times: 8:30 am arrival and registration for a 9:00 am start and 1:30 pm finish

Venue: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBCTL), 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT.

Cost: \$50 (MLTA ACT members), \$100 (non-members)

Catering: Morning tea provided

Registration: via [online form](#) before Monday 7 August

Details: See [the flier](#) for details about the annual mini-conference

Speaker bio: Follow [this link](#) for the bio of the keynote speaker, Ian Perry

Accreditation: This event has four hours' accreditation with TQI.

Japan Foundation Seminar, posted 21 June 2017

Applications are now open for The Japan Foundation's next Intensive Seminar, to be held in Sydney from September 25 to 28 (Monday to Thursday), 2017, for primary teachers (i.e. teachers of F-6 in Australia and Yr 1-8 in New Zealand). Pre-service teachers (tertiary students studying to become Japanese teachers in the future) are also invited to apply.

Event: Intensive Seminar for Teachers

Dates: Monday 25 September to Thursday 28 September 2017

Target: Primary and pre-service teachers

Participation Fee: FREE. However, seminar participants are not eligible for The Japan Foundation Travel Grant for Professional Development Event. Application submission deadline: online applications close Monday 31 July 2017.

More details, including links to the downloadable application guidelines and forms, can be found on The Japan Foundation website: <https://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar>.

If you have any questions, please contact Kylie Ha, Program Coordinator at The Japan Foundation at coordinators@jpf.org.au.

Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award 2017, posted 20 June 2017

Nominations for the [Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award for 2017](#) are now open. Members are able to nominate themselves or nominate another member for the Award. The nominated candidate must demonstrably be:

- engaging with current theories of education
- modelling and promoting effective and innovative language teaching practice and
- contributing to the education and professional development of language teachers.

Please refer to the document at the link above for full details. Nominations must be submitted by COB Friday 22 September 2017 at <https://goo.gl/forms/6djoGRNCX23YaKC23>.

Language Perfect Listening Comprehension Activities, posted 9 June 2017

Available for free to ED ACT, MTLA ACT & ACT FRENCH member schools

Education Perfect have developed resources with over 300 extended listening comprehension activities across French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Indonesian, Italian, Chinese and Maori, with complimentary access to these until February 2018. PLUS as a DETEACT, MTLAACT or ACTFRENCH member, if you quote "DETEACT, MLTAACT or ACTFRENCH" in the field "Anything else we should know?" when you register, you will have a daily opportunity to win a \$250 Education Perfect Voucher. For details, please see [the flier](#).

Babel update, posted 9 June 2017

Dear Members

The AFMLTA recently provided an update to all state and territory Presidents about the publication and distribution of the editions of BABEL magazine.

For your information, a census of memberships is conducted by the AFMLTA on the 31 May of every year. If you renewed or joined the MLTA ACT Inc. before the 31 May you are entitled to receive the editions of BABEL magazine for that calendar year. Each state and territory MLTA pays an annual capitation fee to the AFMLTA which is determined by the number and type of memberships as at 31 May every year. For the MLTA ACT Inc. our capitation fee to the AFMLTA is \$33 per member – this means that out of the \$70 standard membership fee and the \$40 student membership fee, the MLTA ACT Inc. pays \$33 to the AFMLTA per member. Most of this capitation fee goes towards the publication and distribution of the editions of the BABEL magazine.

As you may be aware there have been delays in receiving the 2016 editions of BABEL (Volumes 51.1, 51.2 and 51.3). I have been advised that Volume 51.1 was recently posted to all 2016 financial members. Volumes 51.2 and 51.3 are currently with ACER and will soon be posted directly to all financial members (Volume 51.2 by the end of June and Volume 51.3 soon after that). This means that if you were a financial

member in 2016 (renewed or joined prior to 31 May 2016) you will receive your Volume 51 editions of Babel magazines.

The AFMLTA has assured all MLTAs that the 2017 editions of BABEL magazine (Volume 52.1 and 52.2) are well in hand and are almost ready to be published and then distributed. They will be posted to the address provided by each 2017 member when they completed their 2017 membership form.

If you have any questions about BABEL then please [email me](#).

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President MLTA ACT Inc.

ACER Assessment of Languages Competence (ALC) Tests, posted 8 June 2017

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) ALC is a suite of online tests, designed to assess primary and secondary students' linguistic skills. The ALC tests focus on listening and reading and are available in the following languages and at different levels:

Chinese Additional, Chinese Background speakers, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish.

ACER has developed four language tests as part of the Assessment of Languages Competence (ALC) which will be piloted FREE OF CHARGE in August. The tests for pilot are Chinese Additional Certificate 3, Chinese Background Certificate 3, Modern Greek Certificate 3 and Spanish Certificate 3. These tests would appeal to ACT Colleges and schools with Years 11 & 12 or to schools with students in Year 10 who have experienced a comprehensive languages program.

For details, please refer to the [flier](#).

AFMLTA International Language Conference Scholarship, posted 5 June 2017

MLTA ACT is announcing an extra round in the call for applications the 2013 AFMLTA Conference Scholarship for 2017. This scholarship is funded by proceeds from the 2013 AFMLTA Conference, which was hosted by MLTA ACT in Canberra.

As per the prior round, we will support successful applicants with the registration cost for attending the 6-8 July AFMLTA Conference at the Gold Coast. Successful applicants will receive \$575 towards their registration costs. Successful applicants will be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts to the treasurer. More detail is provided in the PDF attached.

Applications are open now with a deadline of 5pm Friday 9 June (this Friday). Applicants will be advised whether they are successful by 5pm Thursday 15 June.

Information about the AFMLTA Conference 'Languages – Keys to Global Connections' at the Gold Coast is available through the [conference page on AFMLTA website](#). If you would like to apply for the scholarship, please complete and submit [the online form](#).

Reminder of copy deadline for the next edition of Contact, posted 26 May 2017 **Concours Georges Vincent, posted 26 May 2017**

As discussed at the last French teachers' network meeting, here is a survey prepared by Jessica from the Alliance regarding the Concours George Vincent . Please take a few minutes, whether you have or have not taken part in this competition, to answer [this survey](#).

Two-week stage in France, posted 25 May 2017

[The Educational Tour Company](#) (TETC) has five places left at the date of this posting for a two-week stage in France:

- What: 65 hours of Professional Development for Primary & Secondary Australian Teachers of French
- Where? L'Institut de Touraine in Tours (Loire Valley)
- When? 07 to 20 January 2018

See the [details on TETC website](#) or call 1300 050 833.

Joe Dale workshop, posted 24 May 2017, updated 22 June 2017, updated 5 July 2017

The Joe Dale workshop on [Multimedia for language teachers](#) will be held on Saturday 22 July 2017 at HBCTL. 8:30am arrival and registration for a 9:00am start and 3:45pm finish. The workshop is limited to 30 participants. The workshop was full, but there is now one place available as of 22 June. If you would like sign up for the new space, or to be placed on a waiting list in case we have other participants unable to attend, please email [Annemarie Power, MLTA Secretary](#). As of 4 July, this workshop has 5 hours of TQI accreditation.

Workshop sessions:

- Keynote on language teachers and the benefits of social media
- Creating cool slideshows quickly and easily for showcasing multimedia learning outcomes with Adobe Spark Video (iPad/Chromebook/Laptop) and Quik (iPad/Android tablet)
- Improving reading and writing using technology (Any device suitable)

ANU Language Teaching Forum: Learning from Language Apps

At the ANU Language Teaching Forum (4:15 to 5:15 pm, Monday 22 May 2017, Room W3.03, Level 3, Baldessin Precinct Building #110, ANU), Dr Peter Friedlander will present a seminar on [Learning from Language Apps](#):

- what makes language learning Apps useful
- what are their disadvantages
- what trying to use them can teach us about designing language learning materials.

Language Perfect 2017 competition, posted 28 April 2017, updated 9 May 2017

The [Language Perfect World Championships](#) will commence next week (15th - 25th May). As an MLTA ACT member you can register all your students for FREE! Your students are already registered if they have a current subscription to Language Perfect. For any additional students, please enrol them ASAP! When subscribing, your partner code is MLTAACT. Your checklist:

1. Register your students. Your students are already registered if they have a current subscription to Language Perfect. For any additional students, please enrol them ASAP!
2. Warm Up! Get your students practising as soon as they are registered. It's a great opportunity to check out the Languages in Action content, which is free until the end of May. If you're after a winning strategy, you can discuss your game plan with the team at Education Perfect. You can book a time that suits you online.
3. Bookmark the Language Perfect Steps to Success page. This link is your toolkit for engaging students and enabling them to achieve in the Education Perfect World Series. It is packed with great tips including those from past champions and is updated regularly during the competition season.
4. Join the Language Perfect online EP community! Join teachers, students and supporters from all over the world as they post comments and photos, share tips, and cheer each other on!

To register as a teacher, [follow this link](#). Education Perfect have a webinar week this week (May 8 to May 11) which will feature webinars on different aspects of using Language Perfect and all the new features. If you are interested, please [register for the webinars](#). Education Perfect will also be running another webinar week later in the term.

Language Forum update, posted 20 April 2017

A new update is available from the [ACT Languages Forum](#).

AFMLTA Conference, posted 20 April 2017

Reminder – follow [this link for the AFMLTA 2017 Conference](#).

Also, please consider and advise one of your committee members of any possible nomination/s for the AFMLTA Awards. Please provide details of any nomination/s ahead of the committee meeting, which is next Thursday (27/4).

Teachmeet, posted 30 March 2017, updated 4 April 2017

The second MLTA event for 2017, an [ACT Language Teachers' TeachMeet](#), will be held at Dickson Tradies on Friday 5 May 2017, with arrivals at 1700 for 1730 start. It will be a one-hour session with ten five-minute presentations of five minutes each, finishing at 1830 and followed by dinner for those who can stay.

Come along and meet your language teaching colleagues. Share good practice, practical innovations and personal insights in teaching with technology - or simply come along to listen and learn! This will be a free and relaxed professional learning and networking opportunity.

Indulge in some refreshments and relax whilst listening to presenters. Participants are welcome to continue networking over an informal dinner. Dinner, drinks and refreshments will be at the cost of participants.

Please go to [this Google form](#) for the teachmeet rsvp.

AFMLTA International Language Conference Scholarship, posted 30 March 2017, updated 4 April 2017

The 2013 AFMLTA Conference Scholarship is being offered for the first time in 2017. This scholarship provides financial assistance for members wishing to attend conferences to further their professional development by means of the payment of conference registration fees. Please refer to the [PDF scholarship information document](#) for details.

This year, we will be supporting up to 10 financial members with their conference fees for the AFMLTA Conference "Languages – Keys to Global Connections" at the Gold Coast from 6 to 8 July. Information about the conference is available at the AFMLTA website: www.afmlta.asn.au/content/2017-afmlta-conference. Applications for this scholarship [via Google form](#) are due by **1500** (3 pm) Wednesday 26 April 2017.

All applicants will be notified if they have or have not been successful by 3pm Friday 28 April 2017. The scholarship will cover the Early Bird Registration Fee only (\$575). Applicants will be reimbursed on presentation to the MLTA ACT Inc. Executive Treasurer, Clementine O'Sullivan, of receipt for payment of the conference registration fee. Please email Annemarie Power, Executive Secretary of MLTA ACT Inc (secretary@mltaact.asn.au), if you need clarification or assistance with the application process.

AFMLTA 2017 Conference call for proposals, posted 27 February 2017

AFMLTA has published a [call for proposals](#) for the 2017 AFMLTA Conference, to be held at Bond University on the Gold Coast in Queensland from 6-8 July, 2017. The theme of the conference will be **Languages – Keys to Global Connections**.

Speakers will include

- Professor John Hajek (University of Melbourne)
- Professor Nina Spada (University of Toronto)
- Professor David Crystal (Honorary Professor of Linguistics, The University of Wales)
- Associate Professor Liz Ellis (University of New England)

The deadline for submission of proposals is 18 April 2017.

Professional development in France with TETC Tours

January Stage for Teachers of French with The Educational Tour Company (TETC Tours) – limited availability, 30 participants

TETC advises that the January annual Stage is now open for bookings. The Stage has been specifically designed for Australian Primary and Secondary teachers and can be nominated as a Teacher Identified professional development activity for teacher registration.

To secure your place, email mytour@tetc.tours. For more information, call TETC Tours 1300 050 833.

ELLA program

Applications close 5:00pm on 26 February 2017.

Please find attached the information about the 2017 ELLA program. ELLA is a fun, digital, play-based language learning program for preschool-aged children. Children are able to learn a language through apps called 'The Polyglots' used on tablet devices. In 2017, preschools may choose from one of seven available languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese or Spanish. Each preschool service will need to provide devices (tablets) and will be supported by a liaison officer, language and culture overviews, Educator App and Family App.

Applications are open for all Australian preschool services to participate in the 2017 ELLA Program and must be lodged before 5:00pm on 26 February 2017. Information about participation requirements and applications can be found at www.ella.edu.au. Further information about the ELLA program and the Polyglots apps can be found in the [ELLA brochure](#) and at [the Early Learning Languages Australia page](#).

French network leader role, posted 22 February 2017

As announced at the French Network Meeting on Thursday last week, this year will be Myriam's last year as French network leader. Myriam has been doing this role for over 6 years and it is time for someone to take over and bring new ideas. Anyone who is interested in this leadership position would have the possibility to shadow Myriam this year. Furthermore, as an incentive, that person will also be able to attend the opening night of the French Film festival, for free, as her guest! Please contact her ASAP if you need more details or if you want to nominate for the role. Please note that this position can only be for someone working with the Directorate.

Meet and Greet Evening – FREE Event

A reminder about the MLTA ACT [Meet and Greet Evening](#)

When: 5:00pm for 5:30pm start on Thursday, 23 February

Venue: The Loft, upstairs at Duxton

Location: Cnr Sargood & MacPherson Streets, O'Connor shops

- Meet and network with language teaching enthusiasts
- Launch of the 2017 *MLTA Works 4U* Plan
- Official presentation of the 2016 Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award
- Official presentation of Life Membership
- Contribute ideas for professional learning and activities for 2017



Remember to join or renew your membership with the MLTA ACT Inc. before 28/2/2017. In 2017, all new memberships and renewals must be completed online and payments made by Direct Debit. Instructions are on the website: <http://www.mltaact.asn.au/index.htm#membership>

MLTA ACT Inc. will provide catered finger food.

Beverages at own expense.

If you have not yet done so, please register immediately via [the google form](#) (Extremely important for catering purposes).

Please promote this event to your colleagues.