



Fall Features 2006

The Foreign Language Association of Georgia

Dedicated to serving the citizens & foreign language professionals of Georgia

From the President
Brandi Meeks

Dear FLAG Colleagues,

As the 2006-2007 academic year gets underway, I know that it has been a year of change for many of our members. While there have been changes in each of our lives both professionally and personally, I hope this new school year is bringing each of us back to the classroom with new ideas, a renewed spirit, and with the hope of instilling the love of languages in each of our students.

You will notice that this fall, you received a post card in the mail letting you know that the "Fall Features" is available on-line. We are hoping that each of our members will read this newsletter and will find it useful in planning purposes for the year! To advocate for our profession and to help keep the study of world languages in the forefront, ACTFL has launched the decade-long initiative, *Discover Languages: Discover the World*, as a follow up to the *Year of Languages*. The FLAG board hopes that you will use the ACTFL campaign during this school year. Please let us know how and where you promote this initiative in your school and your community. We would love to highlight you on our website and pass that information along to ACTFL as well. To receive more information, please visit the ACTFL website at www.discoverlanguages.org. The website has a free downloadable poster as well as a professionally printed poster available for purchase. You can also read President Bush's letter of support of the *Discover Languages* initiative.

We are very excited this year to be co-hosting the regional conference with SCOLT and SEALLT (South Eastern Association for Language Learning Technology). While more information is available on the SCOLT website (www.scolt.org), this year's conference will be held March 1, 2, and 3, 2007, at the Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown. The conference is being held near the new Georgia Aquarium, the FOX Theatre, the Fernbank Museum, as well as many other attractions. FLAG will also be hosting an opportunity to go to the High Museum of Art during the conference so please make plans now to attend SCOLT and invite all of your colleagues! You will be receiving a preliminary program from SCOLT with all the information regarding the upcoming conference. We would love for this year's joint conference to be the best ever!

Please remember that it is very important that you update your FLAG membership. We will be sending out several important items this fall—among them, a ballot presenting the new FLAG Board candidates, about mid-October. Please take the time to review the ballot and cast your vote for the 2007-2009 slate of officers.

Make plans now to increase your participation in FLAG! Nominate a colleague for an award, encourage your students to participate in either the FLES and/or Middle School/High School contests, volunteer to judge at one of these contests, consider running as a member-at-large, or submit an article for the *FLAG Journal*. The FLAG Board welcomes your input and would love to see even more participation in all FLAG activities! Thank you so much again for your support and for your commitment to the students of foreign languages in the state! Have a great 2006-2007 school year!



Invitation

SCOLT/FLAG Joint Conference
Renaissance Hotel, downtown Atlanta
March 1 – 3, 2007

Dear FLAG Colleagues,
Please plan to join us March 1 – 3 in the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in downtown Atlanta for the SCOLT/FLAG Joint Conference. In addition to SCOLT and FLAG, the Southeastern Association for Language Learning Technology (SEALLT) will participate in the conference. We believe we have a very rich and varied program planned, one that has something for every participant. You will find additional information at the FLAG website. www.flageorgia.org

Sincerely,
Jim Chesnut
SCOLT President

Brandi Meeks
FLAG President

SCOLT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRENCH, GERMAN & SPANISH TEACHERS

SCOLT plans to once again offer study abroad scholarships for the summer of 2007. **Postmark deadline for application is NOVEMBER 15, 2006.** For complete program and application information, please see: www.scolt.org.

2007 FLAG AWARDS

Each year, FLAG presents awards for Teacher of the Year, Professor of the Year, Teacher of Promise, Professor of Promise, Leadership, Administrative Support, Fostering Leadership in Foreign Languages. Information on qualifications for the awards and all nomination forms can be found on the FLAG Web page at www.flageorgia.org Nominations must be post marked no later than November 15 and should be sent to:

Dr. Greg Barfield
Fulton County Schools
786 Cleveland Ave, SW
Atlanta, GA 30315

2007 Middle School / High School FLAG Spoken Language Contest Date Set!

The FLAG Spoken Language Contest provides an excellent opportunity for students to practice their language skills. At the contest, teachers from another school or system interview students and their speaking skills are rated. Latin students compete in an oratorical contest using the same passages as for the National Junior Classical League convention. Based on their performance, students earn ribbons for a ranking of Superior, Excellent, or Notable and all students receive certificates of participation.

The 2007 contest date and sites have already been set, so mark your calendars now to attend this exciting event for language students and teachers! The contests will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Marietta High School. Noel Jenks is coordinating the efforts at the Marietta site.

As in previous years, a second FLAG Spoken Language Contest will be held at Darton College in Albany. The date has not been set yet, but will be posted on the Spoken Language page of FLAG's website. That contest will once again be under the direction of Polly Stadnik from Westover HS in Albany and Patti Davis from Darton College. All registration information and contest rules and regulations for the Spoken Language Contest are posted on FLAG's website. Please contact David Jahner, FLAG 2nd Vice President, if your school is interested in hosting the contest in the future!

The FLAG Journal: Call for Submissions

The FLAG Journal editors are asking you to send in items for publication in the next issue. Remember that The Journal now has a section called “In-and-About the Classroom” for news items from your school or school district. Items for this section should be a maximum of 150 words.

With your help, we can continue to make the FLAG Journal an informative and interesting publication.

Please send all submissions to the following address:

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Renew your membership or join FLAG for the first time!

Membership Application:

<http://www.flageorgia.org/apply.htm>

Georgia World Languages Calendar

Fall 2006 - Summer 2007

Events are added to this calendar on an ongoing basis. Please check the Languages and International Education home page for updates:

<http://www.glc.k12.ga.us/pandp/modclass/homepg.htm>

To add events to this calendar or make changes to a posted event, email Susan Crooks at the Georgia Department of Education:

scrooks@doe.k12.ga.us

AATSP Georgia Fall Conference 2006

“Loving Learning Language through Music, Storytelling and Creative Drama”

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Starr’s Mill High School, Fayetteville, GA

<http://www.aatsp-ga.org/>

First District RESA Foreign Language Consortium Meeting

Sept. 15, 2006

Brooklet, Georgia

scrooks@doe.k12.ga.us

Foreign Language Supervisors’ Meeting

Sept. 18, 2006

Atlanta Public schools

scrooks@doe.k12.ga.us

Sixteenth Annual JapanFest

September 23 and 24, 2006

Stone Mountain Park

<http://www.japanfest.org>

Pioneer RESA Foreign Language PLU Workshop

Sept. 25 or Oct. 6 TBA

Cleveland, GA

scrooks@doe.k12.ga.us

AATG-GA Rome Fall Retreat

“Neue Texte im Unterricht” (*See additional details below.)

Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Berry College

wardj@thewalkerschool.org

Southwest GA RESA Foreign Language Consortium Meeting

Oct. 24, 2006

Pelham, GA

scrooks@doe.k12.ga.us

AATF-GA Fall Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 21

Location and Time TBA

wgriffin@kennesaw.edu

Georgia Junior Classical League Fall Forum

Nov. 11, 2006

Northview H.S.

<http://www.gjcl.org>

SCOLT Scholarship Applications due

Nov. 15, 2006

French, German and Spanish teachers may apply for SCOLT scholarships

<http://www.valdosta.edu/scolt/>

FLAG TOTY, POTY, SOTY Deadline for Nominations

Nov. 15, 2006

www.flageorgia.org

National Conference of State Supervisors of Foreign Language 2006

Nov. 14-16, 2006

Nashville, TN

www.ncssfl.org

National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Language Conference 2006

Nov. 14- 16, 2006

Nashville, TN

www.nadsfl.org

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language Annual Conference 2006

Nov. 16-18, 2006

Nashville, TN.

www.actfl.org

Fun with Technology Workshop with Marie Bruner

Jan. 5, 2007

Lowndes County H.S., Valdosta, Ga.

scrooks@doe.k12.ga.us

Sprachbad Savannah- German Immersion Weekend

January 12-14, 2007

Savannah, Ga.

<http://www.ga-aatg.org>

State German Convention, AATG Meeting, and German Student of the Year

Interviews

February 3-4, 2007

State FFA/FHA Camp, Covington, Ga.

<http://www.ga-aatg.org>

Registration deadline for FLAG Spoken Language Contests

Feb. 9, 2007

<http://www.flageorgia.org>

State Foreign Language Governor's Honors Interviews

February 9-10, 2007

Clayton State College

<http://www.gadoe.org/support/sss/ghp.asp>

AATF French Immersion Weekend for H.S. Students

Feb. 23-25, 2007

Rock Eagle, Eatonton, Ga.

jdhursey@mindspring.com

Southern Conference on Language Teaching/Foreign Language Association of GA Conference

March 1-3, 2007

Atlanta, Ga.

<http://www.scolt.org>

FLAG Spoken Language Contest

March 24, 2007

Marietta H. S. and Darton College

<http://www.flageorgia.org>

AATSP Spanish Immersion Camp for Students

March 23-25, 2007

Hampton, Ga.

Judson_Bridges@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Foreign Language Academic Advisory Council

April 16, 17 2007

Jekyll Island, Ga.

david.shook@modlangs.gatech.edu

Georgia Junior Classical League State Convention

April Date TBA

Rock Eagle, Eatonton, Ga.

<http://www.gjcl.org>

***Programm –AATG Seminar 2006
Berry College**

Neue Texte im Unterricht

Samstag 30 September

- 10.00 -10.15 Begrüssung und Vorstellung des Programs
10.15 - 11.00 “Erzähl mir, bitte, noch eine Geschichte” Beverly Dukes
11.15 –12.00 “Kostenlose Kuriositäten im Klassenzimmer” Robin Huff
12.15 – 1.30 Mittagessen mit Gastvorlesung von Christian Lappe
1.30 – 2.15 Lesen, na und? Relevanz von Lesetexten im Deutschunterricht.
Tim Jansa
2.30 – 3.15 “Allerlei zum Lesen” Sabine Smith
3.15 - 3.30 Pause
3.30– 5.00 Didaktisierung der Vortragstexte in Gruppen
5.00 – 7.30 Spaziergang auf dem Campus ,ODER. Film:” Der rote Kakadu”,
ODER Sich ausruhen im Hotel.
7.30 Abendessen. Jeder für sich!

Sonntag 1.Oktober

- Frühstück im Hotel
9.00 –10.00 Weitere Bearbeitung der Didaktisierungsgruppen
10.00-12.00 Vorstellungen der Didaktisierungsgruppen mit Diskussion

**Reaching New Shores in Language Education:
Our Heritage, Our Future
2006 FLAG Conference Report**

In commemorating the past, we strive to learn from experience in hopes of creating a better present and future. This year’s conference theme formed an appropriate backdrop for FLAG’s return to the Oceanfront Resort and Spa on Jekyll Island in Southeastern Georgia. “The second time around” seemed to have been, in analogy with the famous song, an even greater success than the year before: approximately 330 conference participants; a more diverse offering of sessions for all languages and levels; warmer and balmy weather; and a hotel staff and FLAG Board who worked hard to preempt and address past and present concerns regarding dining, logistics, and climate control. The two-day conference, held March 10-11, 2006, was once again intellectually stimulating, professionally invigorating – and beautifully set in the relaxing resort environment. What context for professional development, renewal, and growth!

Solicited to offer this year's PLU workshop, Mary Ann Pina returned to FLAG, expanding her 2005 workshop into a ten-hour training course on TPRS. Joined by the entire FL faculty of her school, she delivered an immensely successful PLU class. Thank you, Mary Ann, for your hard work and contagious enthusiasm!

Six pre-conference workshops, one more than in 2005, attracted approximately 125 participants on Friday. Professionals interested in FL advocacy, pedagogy, content studies, and technology found in-depth coverage of cutting-edge issues. We appreciate our workshop presenters for facilitating thoughtful discussion and hands-on experience!

Between Friday afternoon and Saturday evening, FLAG offered 47 fifty-minute presentations (up almost 15% from 2005!) in seven concurring sessions. Thanks to both "veteran" presenters returning to FLAG and colleagues joining us for the first time, professionals of any language and instructional level had a greater selection to choose from than last year. Our schedule was packed, and the rooms (and A/C systems) were at times maxed out! Please know that we value all presenters and participants - and their dedication, the original work they shared, and the "can-do" attitude they exhibited in navigating the logistical challenges.

The FLAG business luncheon featured keynote speaker Dr. Marion Leathers-Kuntz, Professor Emerita at Georgia State University. Introduced by her former student Dr. Greg Ewing, Dr. Leathers-Kuntz afforded us the privilege of glimpsing a great mind and a passionate heart, a vibrant testimony to her tireless advocacy on behalf of cross-cultural communication via FL acquisition. In her presentation, Dr. Leathers-Kuntz articulated the connections between past traditions and current demands for building bridges in our professions, among our students, and within our communities.

A conference of this size cannot successfully come together without the help of many hands behind the scenes. We thank the hotel staff, the FLAG Board members, and the many spontaneous volunteers who helped in facilitating the event. A special thank you goes out to Mary Ellen Beaton and Brandi Meeks, who have labored for many more hours than any of us to render this FLAG conference a success.

It is with renewed energy that most of us left Jekyll Island, eager to return to work, excited to apply what we learned, and ready to prepare for next year's conference in Atlanta. FLAG will join forces with SCOLT in co-hosting the 2007 SCOLT/FLAG conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Atlanta from March 1-3, 2007. Please make plans and arrangements early – we look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Wishing you the best for a successful end of the school year and a restful and rejuvenating summer,

Yours,

Sabine Smith
FLAG 1st Vice President