



2011 ACT MLTA Conference

When and where?

Conference Date:
Saturday, 20th August

Time:
08:15am—12:30pm

Location:
Signadou Building, Australian
Catholic University, Dickson.



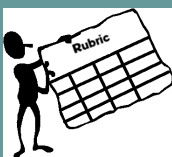
Breakfast and *Takeaways*

Hosted by the ACT MLTA

How much?

- *Members : \$30
- *Non-members: \$50
- *University students: \$15

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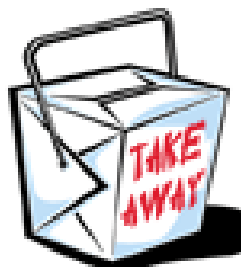


It's that time of year again, the annual ACT MLTA conference! This year, we are showcasing some of our local teaching talent in the form of Myriam Davies, Heike Craig and Melanie

Consola (please see second page for details about each of these wonderful teachers' teaching experiences and what they will be showing us). After the positive response we received at last year's conference, we decided to have another morning conference this year. We will, of course, provide you with a delicious breakfast to get your mind energised and ready to take on the morning with enthusiasm.

What will YOU

takeaway?



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ACT MLTA Conference Programme

Breakfast and *Takeaways*

Signadou Campus, ACU

(entry via Antill Street)

Saturday, 20th August, 2011

8.15am-12.30pm

8.30-8.55am Breakfast and late registrations

8:55-9.00am Welcome—Meri Dragicevic

9.00– 9.50am Myriam Davies

Myriam Davies has been teaching French for 10 years across Victoria, South Australia, NSW and in the ACT in various settings and organizations (primary and high schools, afterschool programs, TAFE, universities, Alliance Francaise). She is currently teaching at Aranda Primary School and is also a French Network Leader for the Department of Education and Training.

Creating easy and inexpensive language readers

Using an easily accessible web site, Myriam will demonstrate how to create easy and inexpensive readers for foreign languages classes through a photo book program. Her examples will be in French but the program can be adapted to other languages. As part of her presentation, if time allows, teachers will be invited to share some possible ideas for their own books.

9.50-10.40am Heike Craig

Heike Craig, a native speaker of German, has a Master of Arts degree in German and English linguistics and literature and a teaching diploma from Friedrich Schiller University, Germany. She has been teaching German in schools and colleges in Germany and Australia since 1996. Heike currently teaches German at Daramalan College. She is also a co-author of *Katzensprung*, a German textbook, a writer of the German component of the Australian Language Certificates and a facilitator for the Goethe-Institut in Sydney.

Switched on: multilingual projects

Often, more than one language is taught in schools around Australia but students rarely see what their peers, who are learning a different language, do. At my school, we teach four languages: German, French, Indonesian and Japanese. In order to retain Year 8 students into Year 9, we decided to give some common tasks to their respective languages. The students recreated a Masterchef episode and a breakfast television program which were later shown to all students at a special languages day. These events enabled the students to feel a sense of achievement of how far they had come with their language development. The students were able to edit their own work and make it appear as though it were actually on television. This paper will present, further, how we developed the tasks and what the event meant for cross-cultural understanding at our school.

10.40-11.00am Morning Tea

11.00-11.50am Melanie Consola

Melanie Consola is currently the Spanish teacher at Telopea Park School, a bi-national French-Australian school with a strong focus on multilingualism, where she has worked since the beginning of 2010. Prior to moving to the ACT, Melanie worked as a middle school teacher at Nightcliff Middle School in Darwin for five years. Between 2005 and 2006, Melanie also worked casually with the Northern Territory School of Languages teaching afternoon classes.

Integrating interactive whiteboards into the language classroom

This workshop showcases the use of interactive whiteboards in language classrooms. Interactive whiteboards can be used to consolidate teaching and learning, as well as to prepare students for assessment. When used well, this technology can improve student engagement and learning outcomes. The workshop is aimed at teachers looking to maintain a high level of academic rigour while creating a fun and stimulating classroom environment for their students. The workshop will demonstrate to teachers how to integrate resources they currently use, for example language textbooks, video clips, and online resources. Resources shown use Activ Inspire software.

11.50-12.30pm Postcards from Darwin

To end the morning, there will be five minute reports on a few of the presentations from the Biennial AFMLTA Conference in Darwin earlier this year by some of the people who attended from the ACT.

Lucky door prizes will be awarded throughout the morning!