

NEWS IN BRIEF



AFMLTA: the national voice for teachers of languages
Providing vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of language

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Best wishes for 2021

Integral to high quality languages teaching and learning is the role of the languages educator.

As the peak body for languages educators in Australia, AFMLTA is looking forward to working with the MLTAs in each state and territory and our other strategic partners to continue to provide vision, leadership, representation, advocacy, professional learning and support for quality teaching and learning of languages in 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every member in each of our 8 member associations all the very best for your work throughout this year.

AFMLTA 23rd International Conference

ONLINE



The 23rd International Languages Conference will be held online on 5-6 July 2021. Registrations for the conference will open soon.

A number of exciting keynote speakers and workshop presenters have been confirmed already. Registrations and call for papers will be launched soon. Save the date!

Confirmed speakers:

- Janice Aubury - Former President of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers, Director of the Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education and the Director of Curriculum at Edmonton Public Schools, Canada
- David de Carvalho - Chief Executive Officer, ACARA
- Professor Ken Cruikshank - University of Sydney
- Professor Anne-Marie Morgan - James Cook University

Call for papers

Teachers, researchers and academics are invited to submit an abstract for a 30 minute presentation (including question time) related to one of the conference themes. Proposals for presentations that are related to theory, research and practice in the area of Languages teaching and learning are welcome. Languages include all languages other than English learned as a second or additional language, or as a heritage language, in schools or in community language settings.

The Conference themes include:

- Leadership in languages education
- Languages in preschool and the early years of schooling
- Intensive languages education (including CLIL, Bilingual education)
- Teaching and Learning of Indigenous Languages
- Teacher education for language education
- Responding to diversity in the classroom
- Heritage/background/community language education
- Programming, planning and assessing language learning
- Application of digital/mobile technologies in languages education
- Virtual/online learning
- Innovation in teaching and learning languages

AFMLTA Professional Standards

COMING SOON!

The AFMLTA Executive Committee has been working on an updated version of our Professional Standards for accomplished teaching of languages. We will be launching the updated standards to coincide with the launch of our new website later this month.

Patji-Dawes Language Teaching Award: Nominations Open

CLOSING SOON!

Do you know an accomplished language teaching practitioner or team of practitioners?

Why not nominate them for this award?

The Patji-Dawes Language Teaching Award honours outstanding achievements in teaching languages other than English by an accomplished practitioner or team of practitioners in Australia.

The Patji-Dawes award is an initiative of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language through their Outreach program, which includes a commitment to improving levels of multilingualism and mastery of other languages in Australia through understanding and public debate on how we learn (and teach) second and other languages most effectively. The award is co-sponsored by the two national language teaching bodies, the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations and the Languages and Cultures Network for Australian Universities.

The award will include a certificate, small cash prize and, if travel permitted, airfare and accommodation for both the prize-winner and their nominator to attend the award ceremony. In 2021, this is proposed for the AFMLTA conference in Adelaide, 4-6 July 2021.

Deadline for submission of nominations: 8 March 2021. Nomination forms and more details are [available here](#).

Professional learning

Local and international languages conferences

12-13 March 2021: [ALL \(UK\) Language World Conference](#) (online)

5-6 July 2021: AFMLTA International Languages Conference (online)

10-12 July 2021: NZALT Conference, Wellington

27 - 29 June 2022: FIPLV World Congress. Warsaw, Poland (postponed from 2021)

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