

MLTA ACT News – 2011

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Practice of the National Professional Standards, posted 14 October 2011

We have had a request (from the President of APTA, Sue Gazis) for two ACT teachers who can illustrate Practice of the National Professional Standards.

Provide an illustration of practice for annotation at the Proficient level for one of the following descriptors from the Professional Engagement Domain - 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 7.4.

If you would like to contribute to this AITSL project, please reply to Sue Wilson whose email address appears below:

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Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Project, posted 14 October 2011

Applications for the 2012 Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Project close Friday 21 October. <

Established in 2008, the Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Project has established 65 school partnerships between Australia and Indonesia providing unique professional learning opportunities for teachers and enabling teachers and students to connect across cultures.

The objectives of the Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Project are to:

1. create and support school-to-school partnerships.
2. improve the intercultural knowledge and skills of all participants.
3. enhance the ICT knowledge and skills of all participants.
4. build professional knowledge and skills, including strategies of effective teaching practice, among participant teaching staff

Support your school's implementation of the Australian Curriculum through the cross-curriculum priority of Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia and the general capability of Intercultural Understanding by participating in the BRIDGE Project.

APPLY for participation in BRIDGE for 2012

http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/school_linkages/bridgenews/bridge_applications_open.html

LISTEN to teachers discussing their participation in BRIDGE

http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/video/show_embedded_video.asp?videoid=7786&KeepThis=true&TB_iframe=true&height=570&width=640

EXPLORE the May 2011 program and consider how BRIDGE can support your professional learning

http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/school_linkages/bridgenews/indonesia_visit_may_2011.html

READ about the merits of BRIDGE

http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/school_linkages/bridgenews/bridge_deecd_showcase.htm

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MLTA Dinner, posted 27 October 2011

The MLTA Dinner will be held at Harem Turkish Restaurant, Kingston, on Thursday 10 November 2011 from 6 pm.

Language Perfect World Championships, posted 28 August 2011

Have you registered your students? Less than two weeks till launch! - [Language Perfect World Championships 9th-16th September 2011.](#)

Guide for teachers:

- [How to register students.](#)
- [What students do to compete](#)

Members of MLTA ACT can submit up to 50 entries without a fee.

Canberra Languages Mini Conference, posted 21 August 2011

A Canberra Languages Mini Conference has been organised by the ANU, UC, ATESOL and MLTA ACT for Saturday 3 December 2011. This will follow on from the ALAA-ALANZ Conference, which is to be held from 30 November to 2 December, and will benefit from the contributions of some high profile speakers who are staying over to be at the mini conference. There will be a very reasonable fee. Watch our News and Events pages for more details.

MLTA Conference, posted 9 August 2011

The 2011 [MLTA ACT Conference](#) will take place at ACU (Signadou), Watson, on Saturday 20 August 2011 from 8.15 am to 12.30.

Constitution update, posted 30 June 2011

The new [MLTA ACT Constitution](#) has been approved for publication.

AFMLTA Conference 2013, posted 30 May 2011

The AFMLTA Conference in 2013 will be held in Canberra from 5-8 July. See the Events page.

Constitution and Executive News, posted 27 May 2011

Constitution changes were approved at the MLTA General Meeting and dinner on 26 May 2011. The updated constitution will be posted on MLTA website in the near future. Congratulations to new Executive and Council members elected at the meeting. See the list on the [home page](#).

Term 2 Event for 2011, updated 9 May 2011

The Venue has been confirmed for the dinner and a short AGM on Thursday, 26 May, to be held at L'Unico Ristorante, 27 Kennedy Street, Kingston.

Endeavour Language Teaching Fellowships (ELTF) 2012, posted 1 May 2011

Following is an abbreviated version of the information from Matthew Absalom (editor of Babel) about the ELTF next year:

- Due to the lower numbers in the 2011 Spanish and Korean fellowship, programs will alternate with Greek and Vietnamese which will in 2012 be included alongside Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, and Japanese.
- There was discussion around the Japan disaster and how to manage that program in 2012, and the issue of Indonesian unrest and the effects on the 2012 program.
- The application process is being streamlined and likely to be online from now on.
- There was a suggestion that all potential applicants need to demonstrate membership of either their MLTA or SLA.
- There are moves to create an ELTF alumni and a clear desire to find a way to collect and share resources developed by ELTF awardees.

Constitution update and Executive positions open, posted 1 May 2011

We now have a common seal of the MLTA ACT and the last changes of the Constitution will be completed over school holidays and ready for the AGM in May. Consider nominating yourself or a colleague for the positions vacant - Treasurer and Secretary. All the work involving these two positions for this year so far has been done.

New arrival, posted 1 May 2011

Our former Vice-President Natalie gave birth in April to a beautiful girl Brianna. Congratulations and best wishes from MLTA.

Goethe-Institut Language Proficiency Scholarships, posted 27 March 2011

The Goethe-Institut is again offering scholarships to current and future teachers of German, principals and persons in key positions in education with a good basic knowledge of German to attend a language course in Germany. The 4 week courses are offered on all levels and across Germany between September 2011 and January 2012. The scholarship includes seminar fees, accommodation and breakfast, some meals, basic health and accident insurance for the duration of the seminar, and a travel grant of \$ 1 400 to be paid at the end of the seminar. Applications close 28 April 2011, details can be found on:

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/lhr/sem/en3385795.htm>.

Meet and Greet, AGM for 2011, updated 5 February 2011

The date has been set for the first MLTA event in 2011. There will be a "[Meet and Greet](#)" event on **Thursday 24 February 2011**, at Pavilion on Northbourne, immediately [followed by the AGM](#) which, under the new constitutional provision passed in 2010, is now be held annually in Term 1.