



Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations Inc.

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The AFMLTA Inc. Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching in Australia has this day 7th July, 2011 been presented to

Lia Tedesco

in recognition of her outstanding and exceptional contributions to language teaching in Australia that have significantly influenced the pattern and quality of language teaching and learning in Australia in beneficial ways, through her work nationally, at state level and through the AFMLTA.

Lia began her career as a teacher of Italian at secondary level in South Australia. Her curriculum skills were quickly recognised and she was invited, in the 1980's, to be a contributing writer of the Australian Language Levels Guidelines, in particular writing the National Italian Framework Syllabus for Year 9, 10 & 11. She later went on to be one of the writers of the National Statement and the National Profile, and worked on the Coordination Team for the development of the new South Australia Curriculum Standards and Accountability framework.

Because of her knowledge and advice, she was seconded by the Ministerial Council of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) to conduct a Review of Languages Education in Australian Schools as Executive Officer of the Languages Education Working Party, and subsequently develop the National Statement and Plan for Languages Education in Australian Schools. She is highly regarded for her advice, negotiation skills and consultative approach.

As President of the AFMLTA, she set up the Professional Standards Project which has had a major impact on language teachers across the country.

And in the last decade, through all this, Lia was Principal of the School of Languages, working with diverse communities, and showing her commitment to professional learning for all and excellence in language teaching and management.

Her understanding, sound advice, enthusiasm and commitment continue to be sought by Ministers, groups, conference organisers and colleagues, as she demonstrates true leadership in and advocacy of languages, and standards of excellence in languages teaching and learning.

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