



## News In Brief - April 2017

*The AFMLTA provides vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of languages. In this edition of News In Brief we provide a snapshot of some of the recent work of the association.*



### #AFMLTA2017 – EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 30 APRIL 2017

As you are aware, the 21st AFMLTA international Languages Conference will be held at Bond University on the Gold Coast on 6-8 July 2017.

Register for the conference [here](#).

The registration fees are as follows (\$ AUD):

- Early bird MLTA member - \$575/Non-member - \$700  
\* Note: Early Bird rates end 30 April 2017
- Full registration MLTA member - \$675/ Non-member - \$800
- Student registration - \$475
- Day registration - \$330

Keynote speakers include:

- Professor Nina Spada (University of Toronto), leading international expert on the role of instruction in the teaching and learning of languages
- Worldwide authority on languages and linguistics and honorary professor of linguistics at the University of Wales, David Crystal who has published more than 100 books on aspects of languages
- Associate Professor Liz Ellis (University of New England), renowned teacher educator and bilingual speaker and translator of Spanish with expertise in multilingualism and the role of plurilingualism in education.

This year's Keith Horwood Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Professor John Hajek (The University of Melbourne) who is a long-time supporter of languages and languages education in Australia.

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – OPEN UNTIL 18 MAY 2017

Workshop proposals are now welcome. You are encouraged to consider submitting a proposal to present at the conference. Submit your proposal [here](#).

Strands for the program include:

- Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)/bilingual/immersion
- Technology
- Virtual connections
- Sister school relationships
- Inquiry
- Differentiation
- Early years language programmes
- New languages subjects in the Australian Curriculum (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, Arabic, Auslan, Classical Languages, Hindi, Modern Greek, Turkish, Vietnamese)
- Teacher/student in-country experiences (post Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships)
- Community language programmes

### CONFERENCE DINNER – SOFITEL, BROADBEACH

This year the conference dinner will be held at the beautiful Sofitel, Broadbeach on Friday 7 July 2017 at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm commencement. Places for this exclusive three-course dinner are limited, so [register](#) early to secure your place!

### AFMLTA AWARDS 2017

Nominations for the AFMLTA Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching and Certificate of Merit are now open. Nominations close on Friday 28 April 2017. Click [here](#) to see further information the Awards process and [download a nomination form](#).

### NOMINATIONS FOR AFMLTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations for the following positions opened on 18 April 2017:

- President Elect Vice President
- Secretary Babel Editor
- Promotions Officer

Information and nomination forms will be sent to MLTA members by their state/territory President. For further information, [email](#) the AFMLTA Secretary.



### OECD TO INCLUDE GLOBAL COMPETENCE ON 2018 PISA TESTS

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is including 'global competence' on the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) tests. This element of the test will give an overview of education systems' success in equipping young people to support the development of peaceful, diverse communities. Click [here](#) for more information.

### BABEL JOURNAL

The three issues of Babel (Volume 51) will be delivered to all 2016 and 2017 MLTA members prior to July 2017.

All issues of Volume 52 of Babel will be delivered to 2017 MLTA members prior to the end of 2017.

### MEMBERSHIP

To become a member of AFMLTA, join one of our member MLTAs in your state or territory. See MLTA contact at the bottom of the AFMLTA [home page](#).

### COMMUNICATION

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