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News In Brief - July 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

Over 320 delegates from across Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, New Zealand and the USA enjoyed an engaging and stimulating Professional Learning opportunity at the 21st AFMLTA international Languages Conference. Conference papers will be made available <u>here</u> over coming weeks.

#AFMLTA2019

We are pleased to announce that the 22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference will be held in Hobart, Tasmania - July 2019.

NZALT 2018 Conference

Exploring Other Worlds through Languages



The New Zealand Association of Language Teachers conference will be held in Auckland 8- 11 July, 2018.AFMLTA members are invited to attend at member rates. More details: http://nzalt2018.org.nz/

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

The AFMLTA was pleased to be able to recognise the contributions of two of our colleagues at the AFMLTA Conference Dinner. The AFMLTA Certificate of Merit was presented to Melissa Gould- Drakeley and the AFMLTA Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching was presented to Jane Orton (PhD) in recognition of her exceptional and outstanding contributions to language teaching in Australia over an extended period.



More details are available <u>here</u>. **BABEL JOURNAL**

Issue 51.2 of Babel was recently distributed to all 2016 and 2017 MLTA members. Issue 51.3 will be delivered in the coming weeks. Any teachers or academics engaged in research in the field of languages education are invited to contact the Babel <u>editor</u> about possible publication of a paper in the AFMLTA journal.

SBS National Languages Competition

24 July - 1 September 2017

♥#SBSRadioNLC17

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING The Ready, Set, Assess! Professional Learning program will be delivered across Australia in semester 2, 2017. This is an opportunity for teachers across the country to engage with the suite of Professional Learning resources developed by the



AFMLTA to support teachers of Languages in implementing Australian Curriculum: Languages and the relevant state/territory curricula. The focus of Ready?Set?Assess! will be on engaging with quality assessment practices and analysing a range of assessment tasks and student work samples.

PROGRAM:

Day 1:Ready? Set? Go! and Ready? Set? Plan! workshop (optional)Day 2:Ready? Set? Assess!

Term 4: Language specific webinars for workshop participants to engage in collegiate moderation conversations

More information and online registration will be available on the <u>AFMLTA website</u> once workshop details are confirmed.

AFMLTA EXECUTIVE

The AFMLTA executive and a member of each MLTA's executive meet annually in July to reflect on progress and plan strategically for the year ahead. We would like to thank Fulvia Valvasori for her many years of contributions to the AFMLTA executive and are pleased to be able to inform members of the newly elected AFMLTA executive team:

President:	Anne-Marie Morgan
President-Elect:	Amanda Pentti
Vice President:	Andrew Scrimgeour
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