



News In Brief - June 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

With over 300 delegates already registered for the 21st AFMLTA international Languages Conference to be held at Bond University on the Gold Coast on 6-8 July, we are looking forward to an exciting opportunity for professional learning and networking. You can still register for the conference [here](#).

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.

If you are unable to attend the conference, keep an eye on the conference website following the conference for some recordings and copies of conference materials.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Ready, Set, Assess! Professional Learning program will be delivered across Australia in semester 2, 2017. This is part of the suite of Professional Learning programs developed by the AFMLTA to support teachers of Languages in implementing Australian Curriculum: Languages. More information will be available on the [AFMLTA website](#) once workshop details are confirmed.



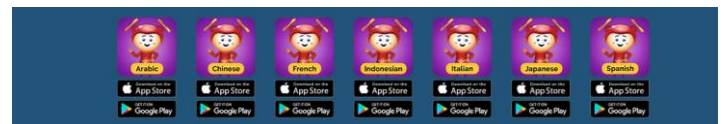
BABEL JOURNAL

Recently, issue 51.1 of Babel was distributed to all 2016 and 2017 MLTA members. Issues 51.2 and 51.3 will be delivered in the coming weeks.



EARLY LEARNING LANGUAGES AUSTRALIA (ELLA)

ELLA is a fun, digital, play-based language learning program for children in Australian preschools. The ELLA apps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. In 2017 Hindi and Modern Greek apps will be available. Nearly 1850 preschools are participating in the 2017 ELLA program. For more details about the program and to view a list of participating preschools go to www.ella.edu.au



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