

NEWS IN BRIEF



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Providing vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of language

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We hope you have all had a restful break and wish you well as Term 2 begins!

The AFMLTA Executive Committee continues to be busy planning for the 24th AFMLTA International Languages Conference to be held in Perth on 7-9 July. You still have time to take advantage of the early bird registration rate which has been extended until 30 April. It's also not too late to submit a proposal to present a session at the conference. The due date for submissions is also 30 April.

We are excited to announce some of our invited speakers for the Conference:

- Professor [Kathleen Heugh](#) (Professor of Language Education and Multilingualism at University of South Australia) will deliver the 2023 Keith Horwood Memorial Lecture at the opening reception on the evening of 7 July.
- Louka Parry (CEO and Founder of The Learning Future) has been confirmed as the speaker at the conference dinner on 8 July.
- Joanna McPake (reader in languages education at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland) will deliver a keynote presentation.
- Catherine Travis (Professor of Modern European Languages in the [School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics](#) at the Australian National University) will act as rapporteur at the close of the conference.

These speakers will provide us with stimulating and thought-provoking ideas, as well as interesting perspectives on languages education. You can read more about these presenters [here](#).

We remind you that nominations are invited for the following positions on the AFMLTA Executive Committee 2023/24: President Elect, Vice President, Promotions Officer and Secretary. Nominations are invited before 7 June 2023. Please visit the what's new page of our [website](#) for more information.

We also remind you about the approaching deadlines for submission of nominations for awards recognising outstanding contributions in the field of Languages education. Nominations for the Patji Dawes Award are due by 28 April. The deadline for submission of nominations for the AFMLTA Medal and Certificate of Merit is 22 May. You can read more about these awards and the nomination processes below.

[See more about awards](#)

Online Registrations **NOW OPEN**



Register now!

Date: 7-9 July 2023

Venue: Mt Lawley Campus, Edith Cowan University, Perth, WA

Registrations: Open now! Follow the link below

Program: See information about [confirmed speakers](#)

Partnerships: Visit our [conference website](#) for information

Queries: conference@afmlta.asn.au

Suggestions for accommodation whilst in Perth are included on our website.

[Register here](#)

A graphic with a blue and red gradient background. A large white speech bubble shape is on the right, containing the text 'Call for Papers' and 'Now Open' in a dark grey sans-serif font. 'Now Open' is highlighted with a light blue brushstroke. In the bottom left, there are four speech bubble icons in dark blue, light blue, and white. To their right, the text 'AFMLTA 2023' and 'International Languages Conference' is written in white sans-serif font.

Call for Papers
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Interested in presenting?

Thanks to the educators who have already submitted a proposal to present at our 2023 Conference.

Educators and academics interested in presenting a paper on classroom based practice or research, or innovations in language teaching are invited to submit a proposal via the Submissions page on the AFMLTA website.

Please note carefully the submission guidelines. Submissions close on 30 April 2023.

We look forward to receiving your submission!

[Submit your proposal here](#)

AFMLTA Awards 2023

Nominations are now open for the AFMLTA Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching and the AFMLTA Certificate of Merit.

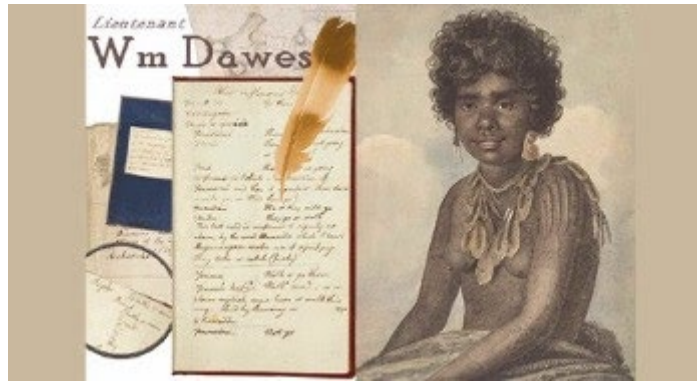
The nomination form and criteria for each of the awards can be downloaded from the AFMLTA website.

Previous award recipients are listed on the website. A review of this list, and the criteria, is recommended prior to submitting a nomination.

Please email nominations to secretary@afmlta.asn.au by Monday 22 May 2023.

[Find out more here](#)

Patji-Dawes Award 2023



Nominations are also now open for the Patji-Dawes Award. The award was an initiative of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language (CoEDL), developed as part of the Outreach program, which included a commitment to improving levels of multilingualism and accomplishment of additional languages in Australia, through understanding and public debate on how we learn and teach languages effectively.

Throughout the years of CoEDL, the award was supported and sponsored by the AFMLTA and the Languages and Cultures Network for Australian Universities (LCNAU). With CoEDL now concluded, the AFMLTA and LCNAU have proudly assumed responsibility for continuing the award, to recognise teachers of languages.

Please visit our website for more information about the award.

Nominations are invited before 28 April 2023.

[Find out more here](#)

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