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Lynn Fulton-Archer
SCFLTA President

Dear Colleagues,

At this point, we are all well into the school year and for most of us, we have settled back into the routine of daily classes and the summer seems like only a distant memory. I'd like to take some time, however, to revisit the summer and share with you some of the activities I've been involved in since I last spoke with you. In my last letter, I talked about the importance of us all being advocates for our programs and for the programs around us. This of course means that we must take action and "do battle" in our own backyards; but we must also look at the big picture of what is going on regionally and nationally with foreign language education.

In May, I attended the Delegate Assembly of the Joint National Council on Languages (<http://www.languagepolicy.org>) in Washington DC. JNCL is our "voice" in Washington and functions as a point of reference for the planning of national language policies and the identification of national needs in this area. The meeting was full of wonderful information about what is going on around the country with regards to foreign language education and what is coming our way. However, the sessions on Friday and Saturday were actually the second part of the meeting. The first part occurred on Thursday when JNCL took all the delegates to Capitol Hill for a briefing in the morning and then scheduled

afternoon meetings for us with our Senators and Representatives. I spent the early afternoon in the offices of Senator Fritz Hollings and Senator Lindsey Graham discussing the importance of foreign language instruction and early language learning with members of their staff. My last visit of the afternoon was to the office of Representative John Spratt. There, I met with his Education Liaison and with the Congressman himself and spent the better part of an hour discussing what is going on with foreign languages in South Carolina and what Congress can do to help increase and improve programs. After my visits, I received letters from their offices regarding the topics we had discussed and I have continued correspondence with them about the importance, especially since the events of 9/11, of language instruction for all students in this country. My visit to Capitol Hill was a very interesting experience and while my voice is only one voice, it was clearly evident that my voice was important to these Congressmen. Imagine what the voices of an entire organization or state could do to impact language policy in this country!

While we may not all be suited to face-to-face visits with our national policymakers, there are ways for us to work toward stronger programs on a more regional basis. In June, I participated in an "Advocacy Camp" sponsored by SCOLT (<http://www.valdosta.edu/scolt/>), the Southern Conference on Language Teaching, of which SCFLTA is a member. This meeting brought together state association presidents and advocacy chairs and focused more on what is going on in our region and how we can work together to improve foreign language programs throughout the south. While many issues were discussed at that three-day meeting, one of the most important was that of the role of parents in our advocacy efforts. Some of our most under-used resources we have are the parents of our students. As "outsiders" to the education profession, they have some of the strongest voices when it comes to the development, maintenance and continuation of strong, quality foreign language programs in our schools.

Perhaps you are not quite sure about how to get involved or what to do once you are involved? As an organization, we hope to be able to help you as the year progresses. Please keep checking the SCFLTA web site (<http://www.scflta.org>) for the creation of an "Advocacy" page that will give you updates about what is going on in the state, region and nation and also provide links to other organizations and their advocacy efforts. Also, be sure to check for advocacy workshops and sessions at the SCFLTA

conference to be held this coming February in Columbia. And last, but certainly not least, do all you can in your school community to create and maintain a strong foreign language program because a strong program is the foundation of strong advocacy efforts.

Regards,
Lynn Fulton-Archer

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Here's how to contact your state senators
and representatives:

- 1) Log on to <http://www.myscgov.com>
- 2) Click on the "government" button at the top of the screen.
- 3) Click on "senate information" and then choose "by district" to find out who your county/district senators are.
- 4) Go back to "government" page
- 5) Choose "senate members e-mail addresses"
- 6) Write your senators individually and express your concern about the lack of proper funding for k-12 education in sc. Give specific details about ideas you have for improvement.
- 7) Repeat the above process for representatives by returning to the "government" page and choosing "house of representatives information" to determine who is representing your county/district.
- 8) Return to "government" page; select "house members' email addresses."
- 9) Repeat step 6 above.

FROM THE SCFL CONSULTANT

Ruta Couet
SCFL Consultant

Dear Colleagues:

In an effort to communicate more effectively with foreign language teachers, the Office of Curriculum and Standards, in collaboration with the Office of Instructional Technology, will host four Foreign Language Town Meetings from 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. during the 2003 04 school year on ITV's Channel 318. The purpose of these meetings will be to provide professional development to foreign language educators and to facilitate networking throughout the state. Lynn Fulton-Archer, of SCETV Rock Hill, and I will host the meetings on the following dates: Wednesday, September 17, 2003, Wednesday, December 10, 2003, Wednesday, February 11, 2004, and Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

Please make a special effort to spread the word with fellow foreign language teachers. Despite the fact that this is the third year of the foreign language town meetings, many foreign language teachers are not familiar with or aware of this free professional development opportunity. Budget cuts have greatly reduced the Office of Curriculum and Standards' ability to do in-service on-site. You may use the tapes of these meetings for professional development as you see fit.

For teachers who have duties after 3:00 p.m., please make arrangements for media specialists to tape the first half of the broadcast and for your teachers to join us live as soon as they are available. We will schedule a topic presentation for the first part of the meeting and devote the second part of the program to answering questions and networking. If you need a tape of a missed broadcast, please contact your Distance Education Learning Center (DELIC). All DELICs are listed 2003 04 Instructional Television Resources Guide of ITV or at <www.itv.sctv.org>.

Each of the above-mentioned town meetings will be rebroadcast on Channel 318 from 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p. m. on: Wednesday, September 24 and Wednesday, December 17, 2003, and Wednesday, February 18 and Wednesday, April 28, 2004.

Please plan to go to your respective media centers on the assigned dates and ask media specialists to provide a phone so that you can participate with us on the air. The toll free number is

800-438-5671. Although we will take questions on the air, we prefer that teachers e-mail their questions at least a week before each broadcast so that we can provide as much information as possible during the meeting. Please e-mail me at <rcouet@sde.state.sc.us> with your questions and requests. I look forward to hearing from you on the air.

All information concerning foreign languages will be posted on the <www.myscschools.com> Web site throughout the year. Under Offices, click on Curriculum and Standards, then under Programs, click on Foreign Languages.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-734-8383 or at <rcouet@sde.state.sc.us>.

Best wishes for a successful school year!

FROM THE SCFLTA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Darrell Dernoshok
SCFLTA President-Elect

Dear Colleagues:

As we begin a new academic year, I wish to remind you of the important role that you as foreign language educators play in the academic growth and development of the students enrolled in the schools of the South Carolina. Undoubtedly, by equipping our students with the skills necessary to become proficient world language users, we are setting the stage for South Carolina to be at the forefront of a globalized society. Currently, there are more than 500 multinational companies doing business in the State and employing nearly 100,000 South Carolinians. Most of these companies require their employees to conduct daily affairs in languages other than English. South Carolina ranks second in the nation in the number of citizens employed by internationally owned companies, after Hawaii (http://www.teamsc.com/int_bus.html). German, Japanese, and French are the most widely represented languages in which business is conducted by these companies.

In consideration of the Communities goal area of the National

Standards for Foreign Language Learning, we must be cognizant of the importance of preparing our students to use world languages both within and beyond the school setting. By beginning language instruction at an early age and providing our students with the opportunity to continue in a well-articulated language program, a true advantage can be given to our students so that they can attain advanced levels of proficiency in language use by the time they complete their academic careers. Those who choose to remain in South Carolina after graduation may wish to secure positions with these international companies, putting to use the skills that you equipped them with, resulting in a better-trained and more productive workforce. In turn, through increased commerce, more revenues can be generated and residuals of these funds can be funneled into areas such as foreign language education. Thank you for your efforts in making foreign languages and education in South Carolina work.

I wish you well in the new school year and hope to see all of you at our spring conference.

COMING IN SUMMER 2004 FORL 510

In the Summer 2004 session, USC-Columbia will offer FORL 510 (Teaching Foreign Languages to Young Children). This graduate course will be available for those already teaching or thinking about teaching in a FLES or FLEX program. Practical in nature, FORL 510 will offer you the opportunity to discuss issues and share ideas with experienced FLES and FLEX teachers in the State and design curricula and activities for your own classes. For more information, please contact Dr. Darrell Dernoshek, University of South Carolina, DLLC-Spanish Program, Columbia, SC 29208; phone: 803-777-2640; e-mail: ddernoshek@sc.edu.

SCCOL
South Carolina Council on Languages

The newly formed South Carolina Council on Languages met on Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. at USC-Columbia. The group discussed the new directions for the group formally known as the South Carolina Council on Foreign Language Placement and

Curriculum. Information about the organization and minutes from the meeting are on line at: www.cofc.edu/languages/sccol/index.html
Meeting dates for 2003-2004 are: November 8,2003 and January 17,2004. All meetings are held in the fourth floor conference room of Gambrell Hall at USC-Columbia. Coffee and pastries are available at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.
All world language teachers K- post secondary are invited to join. The Council will be looking at three action areas: advocacy, articulation and assessment.

Officers for 2003-2004 are: Chair: Carolyn Jordan of Lancaster County Schools, Vice-Chair: Rick Rickerson College of Charleston , and Secretary: Elizabeth Panagiokopolis of Indian Land Schools. Margaret Young is the executive secretary for this group. Please invite your colleagues to meet with us as we bring together those interested in staying informed and planning for the best practices in foreign language education in South Carolina. Contact Margaret Young via e-mail at myoung@Barnwell45.k12.sc.us, phone 803.259.7768 or write to Box 922, Barnwell, SC, 29812 if you wish to join. Members are requested to send any changes in address to Margaret Young so that you will receive information from the South Carolina Council on Languages.

South Carolina Council on Languages
2003-2004 Membership Form

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Home Address _____

Home City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home E-mail _____ Home phone _____
Institution _____

Work Address _____

Work City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work E-mail _____ Work phone _____

Language(s) taught _____

Membership: ____ \$15 individual or ____ \$25 Institution

Make checks payable to SCCOL

Mail checks to: SCCOL/M.Young
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The Fulbright Memorial Fund (FMF) Teacher Program, which is fully funded by the Japanese Government, aims to increase understanding between Japan and the United States by exposing American teachers to the educational system and culture of Japan. The FMF program is designed to extend far beyond the educators who participate. Participants are asked to commit to sharing what they have learned about Japan and their intercultural encounters with their students, colleagues, and members of the community.

To date, 4,100 American primary and secondary school teachers and administrators have been selected to participate in a unique three-week study-visit to Japan sponsored by the FMF Teacher Program. This year, the program will identify a maximum of 600 teachers to participate in the 2004 programs who will return home and integrate their international experience in the classroom.

Primary and secondary school teachers and administrators from across the United States are encouraged to submit applications for the 2004 FMF study visits which will occur in June, October and November of 2004. Interested individuals may apply online at www.iie.org/pgms/fmf or may request a 2004 application packet by calling the Institute of International Education (IIE) at 1-888-527-2636.

The application deadline is Wednesday, December 10, 2003.

SOUTH CAROLINA FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, SCCOL and the SCFLES.NET

"Language Learning: Get Real!"

Saturday Session Proposal Form: DEADLINE for Receipt is November 7, 2003.
Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center February 20-21, 2004

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED

SESSION
TITLE _____

HOW ARE YOU
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES?
Community Service Recognition

Please let us know about your projects such as newsletters, brochures, magazines, news/ TV programming that you and your students produce in languages other than English, teaching FL to elementary school students, services that you and your students provide for speakers of language other than English, etc. This is a way for SCFLTA to let your principal or dean know how much you give to your community. Thanks for your participation. See you at SCFLTA 2004!

Deadline: Jan. 9th, 2004

Please complete the following form and return it to:

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E-mail information to: m422young@yahoo.com

Fax to Margaret Young at: 803 259 3985

Name of Project

Teacher(s)

Principal/Dean

School

Address

Phone

E-mail

Fax number

Please submit a typewritten description of your project on separate sheet of paper.

If you have photos please send copies that SCFLTA can keep.

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<<MEETINGS>>

2003 Events in South Carolina

SCCOL: 8 November, 2003 Gambrell Hall. USC-Columbia. 9:30 AM for coffee. Meeting begins at 10:00.
SCFLTA Board: 8 November, 2003. USC-Columbia, HUO 717. Following SCCOL. Conference planning.

2003 Events on the NATIONAL Level

ACTFL: 21-23 November. Philadelphia. Contact: ACTFL
6 Executive Plaza, Yonkers, NY 10701-6801; Tel: 914-963-8830; Fax: 914-963-1275.; actflhq@actfl.org.com
<http://www.actfl.org>.

2004 Events in South Carolina

SCFLTA: 20-21 February. Columbia, SC. Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center. Info: Carolyn L. Hansen, SCFLTA Executive Director. hansen-carolyn@sc.edu
www.scflta.org; www.cla.sc.edu/SIP/Activities/crescent.html

JOINT CONFERENCE
SCOLT/AAFLT
March 18-20, 2004
Mobile, AL

Assessment Practices in Foreign Language Education

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The Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference
October 9-11, 2003: Hosted by The College of Charleston

In October 2003 the College of Charleston will host MIFLIC, the conference for students and language professionals at colleges in the mid-Atlantic region. The conference focuses on all aspects of language, culture, literature, and technology applications in language.

South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers' Association
Executive Director and Editor of The Crescent Newsletter

Carolyn L. Hansen

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to another year of excitement and challenges. You helped make the 2003 conference a great success, and I know you will come through with flying colors for our February 20 -21, 2004 conference at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia. We are once again offering a two-day format with Friday workshop offerings, an evening reception, Saturday sessions, a Saturday luncheon and an exhibit area.

As I stated in the last issue of The Crescent, I have been a Spanish teacher here at USC since 1977, and have served as Executive Director of SCFLTA since 1994. Over this period of time, I have seen our organization grow and prosper, and I have seen our profession deal with a multitude of challenges. Those of us who have been active for the last twenty or more years are looking to the new, young professionals to step up and continue our work. There is a real concern about the future of our professional organizations as the "graying" of the profession becomes more and more evident. This is most striking when one looks at the majority of those

currently

serving in leadership positions for our local, state and national world language organizations. While financial shortfalls and political decisions have challenged everyone in our profession, regardless of the content area, and many new teachers may be questioning their choice of profession, we must not leave our organizations without capable leadership in the future. Please consider offering your help and skills to the organizations of which you are a member. It takes many people to bring a successful conference to fruition, and you can help. If you are interested in helping with the upcoming 2004 SCFLTA Joint Conference in any capacity, please feel free to contact me at hansen-carolyn@sc.edu.

Please share this newsletter with any of your colleagues who did not receive a copy, and also send their information to Ruta Couet at the SDE so that their names can be added to the state foreign language teacher database. You need to let us know if you change schools, as well as inform us of new language teachers in the state. The SCFLTA database only contains the names of those teachers who are SCFLTA members. Unfortunately, this number has yet to reach 15% of the available membership base in the state. We must do better if we are to expand our services and provide opportunities for all of you to grow professionally. A small membership severely limits not only our finances, but also our ability to draw well-known speakers and exhibitors to the annual conference. As a result of escalating costs, the SCFLTA Board has implemented a dues increase effective with the Jan-Dec 2004 membership year. We have kept the student and retired fees at the same levels. An increased membership would allow us to keep our dues stable for several years.

The SCFLTA Board is pleased to note our collaboration once again with both SCCOL and the SCFLES.NET. These organizations add immeasurable assets to our organization. This year's emphasis on using authentic materials in the teaching of foreign languages will allow us to offer a varied selection of workshops and sessions for your professional and personal growth and development as language professionals. Please use the Session Proposal form included on page 5 of this issue. The submission deadline is November 7, 2003, and must be met. I once again request that you urge your colleagues at all levels to submit proposals concerning topics related to the theme Language Learning: Get Real! SCFLTA is South Carolina's association for all foreign language teachers K-16, and provides you with an excellent opportunity to serve your profession by sharing your knowledge with your peers. Access to all necessary conference information will also be available at our web site: www.scflta.org.

Please read the letters from our state foreign language officers and representatives since they inform you of the new issues facing our

profession and provide updates on the effort being made by dedicated members of your profession to keep South Carolina foreign language teachers and students on the cutting edge of our discipline. You, your colleagues and your students hold the future in your hands and that future provides all of us with an opportunity to move forward, increase membership and plan for 2004 and beyond. Your membership and active participation in the state AAT chapters, SCCA, SCCOL, SCFLES.NET and SCFLTA are an important professional commitment for those of us involved in student and teacher foreign language education.

Please take time to read this Crescent, share it with your colleagues and urge those who are not members to join SCFLTA and to become active in their state professional association. Remember, SCFLTA is a non-profit organization, and as such, depends on your membership to help provide services to the language professionals in our state. DO YOUR PART to support your profession. The SCFLTA EIN is # 57-0709916.

Attention SCFLTA Members: NBPTS UPDATE

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) recently announced that a number of certificate areas are in jeopardy due to low registration numbers. In fact, the WLOE (World Languages Other Than English) Early and Middle Childhood certificate will not be offered "until further notice," and the same is true for the WLOE Early Adolescence to Young Adulthood certificate, except in the areas of French and Spanish. As a professional community, it is imperative that we come together now to urge the NBPTS to make the aforementioned certificates available. We must show the National Board that we consider NBPTS certification to be an important career goal for teachers of world languages and that many of us are committed to becoming certified. Here is how you can help:

Attend one of the FREE fall NBPTS workshops to learn about the process, show your interest, and find out what you can do NOW to prepare for National Board Certification. These workshops are for ALL world languages teachers, including Candidates, Advanced Candidates, and teachers who will be eligible in the future for NBPTS certification in WLOE.

To register, please contact Charli Kinard at ckinard@lexington1.net or (803) 429-1422. Please indicate which workshop you wish to attend and leave an email address and contact telephone number. You will receive

confirmation of your registration and directions to the site via email.

Saturday, October 25, 2003 9:30 - 3:30 Facility: TBD, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Facilitator: Cynthia Smith, NBPTS/WLOE/EMC Advanced Candidate (843) 724-7750

Saturday, October 25, 2003 9:30 - 3:30 Facility: TBD, Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Facilitator: Charli Kinard, NBPTS/WLOE/EMC Certified Teacher

Saturday, November 1, 2003 9:30 - 3:30

The Language House, located at: City Hall, Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina

Nardina Alongi, Executive Director of The Language House; Office Phone, (864) 275-4600.

Facilitator: Gloria Quave, NBPTS/WLOE/EMC Certified Teacher

SCFLES.NET

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Conference Registration Tips

Even though it is still the fall, it is already time to begin thinking about the SCFLTA 2004 Conference. We are proud that teachers in our state find the conference valuable and take the time to attend each spring, and we anticipate that the 2004 conference will offer wonderful workshops and session for participants.

As you begin to register, please keep the following things in mind:

- * Fill out all forms completely and accurately.
- * Do not wait until the last minute to register: workshops fill up fast and space is available on a first-come first-served basis.
- * If your district is paying your fees and sending your forms, be extremely vigilant about checking to ensure that all forms have been sent

and fees paid by your district.

- * Be sure to provide a working e-mail address on the registration form. Registration Confirmations are provided only through e-mail and usually within ten days of receipt of registration.
- * If you have not received e-mail confirmation of your registration by February 1st, contact the SCFLTA Executive Director immediately!
- * SCFLTA cannot be held responsible for lost paperwork or forms that never arrive. It is always a good idea to print a copy of your email confirmation and bring it with you to the conference just in case there is a problem.

We look forward to a wonderful conference this year with the theme "Language Learning: Get Real!" See you in February!

WORKSHOPS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 WORKSHOPS

All Workshops will be held at the Sheraton. Plan to arrive early and pick up your materials. Registration opens at 8:15 AM on Friday. You must pay BOTH the conference registration and the workshop fee to participate. WORKSHOPS MAY BE CLOSED ON SITE. REGISTER NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE.

WORKSHOP A

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM You must attend the entire workshop.

\$60.00 pre-registration \$75.00 on-site registration (only if available)

Get Real with Authentic Materials and Activities

Dr. Jean LeLoup, Professor of Spanish-State University New York-Cortland
By using Internet technology tools, world language teachers have extensive capabilities to tap authentic materials that can bring the target language and culture directly and easily to their classroom. With those capabilities is the need for new skills to find and create the most suitable materials to integrate into the WL curriculum in a pedagogically sound manner. Using the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning as an organizing principle, participants will: explore techniques for locating a wide variety of usable authentic materials that coordinate with their district curriculum; examine several interactive sites that contain ready-made materials and carefully designed standards-based lessons; and develop

their own instructional activities/assessments based on an interactive model for integrating authentic materials. Examples will be in French and Spanish. Workshop participants should bring authentic materials that align with their own curriculum to work with in planning activities.

WORKSHOP B

3:30 - 6:30 PM

\$30.00 pre-registration \$35.00 on-site registration (only if available)

Teaching the new AP Spanish Literature Curriculum in High School

Mar^oa Cristina Mabrey

DLLC - Spanish Program ; University of South Carolina, Columbia

The purpose of this workshop will be to introduce the AP Literature curriculum as implemented by the College Board and tested on the national exam. The new literary curriculum has brought about substantial changes to the former AP Literature List. These changes and the new list of authors will be discussed. Materials to teach AP literature will be presented together with sample essay questions and exams. Strategies for teaching narrative, poetry, and theater will be introduced. The connection between composition and literature will

be presented and discussed. Participants will learn about a variety of literary works from Spain and Spanish America suitable for the secondary classroom. Handouts and sample bibliographies will be available. Focus: Spanish Literature; Audience: Advanced Levels.

WORKSHOP C

3:30 - 6:30 PM

\$30.00 pre-registration \$35.00 on-site registration
(only if available)

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Your Roadmap to Success

Cynthia Smith - Buist Academy for Advanced Studies

If you are already a candidate or are planning to apply soon, this workshop will help you learn more about the NBPTS certification process. We will go over portfolio requirements, give some tips on how portfolios are scored and talk about how to study for the tests.

You will meet other candidates who will read and edit your portfolios and together you can form study groups. The determining factor in achieving National Board certification is a support system. Focus: All Languages; Audience: Middle School/ Secondary

WORKSHOP D

3:30 - 6:30 PM

\$30.00 pre-registration \$35.00 on-site registration (only if available)

Recycle, Reuse, Renew: Putting a Fresh Spin on Old Material

Pamela Gerth

DLLC-Spanish Program ; University of South Carolina, Columbia

With classes growing and resources shrinking, things have gotten real - real fast!! Reinvigorate yourself and your classes with some great standards-based ideas for cooperative learning activities, improving conversation skills, and dealing with classroom management. Primary focus: first two years of Spanish. Participants will receive a Teacher's Resource Guide. Teachers of all languages will benefit from the techniques and strategies discussed, so feel free to sign up.

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SHERATON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
2004 JOINT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
COLUMBIA, SC

Please complete the entire form and return it by mail POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN January 21, 2004 in order to qualify for Early Registration. After January 21 you must register on-site and pay additional fees. Food events can only be registered for through the mail. All registrations MUST be accompanied by full payment by check or money order. Make checks payable to SCFLTA. Cancellations will be handled for a \$10 cancellation fee until February 1, 2004, after which date there can be no refund of fees of any kind. Refunds will be given for the food events if the necessary numbers do not register. Payments by school systems must accompany registration forms.

Please PRINT or TYPE. This form may be photocopied. General conference registration is required of all conference and workshop participants. Workshop registrants must be general conference registrants. PLEASE PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION TO ENSURE PROPER REGISTRATION. Please remember to make a copy of this form for your records. SCFLTA's EIN is # 57-070991 MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO SCFLTA TO: Carolyn L. Hansen, SCFLTA Executive Director; DLLC-Spanish Program; USC, Columbia, SC 29208

NAME: _____

_____ First Year

Teachers

Please circle

PRINT or TYPE your name as you wish it to appear on your Name

Tag

MAILING

ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

E-MAIL:

_____ (REGISTRATION
CONFIRMATION BY E-MAIL ONLY.)

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ WORK

PHONE: (____) _____

SCHOOL/INSTITUTION NAME:

Languages you teach: FR GER SPA LAT JPN CHN RUS ARB

Other _____

Level: FLES/FLEX Middle School Jr. High Sr. High 2yr/Tech

University Administration

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

OF ALL WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS, SESSION ATTENDEES AND PRESENTERS.
PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED AND MAKE A COPY OF THE FORM FOR
YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE DEADLINES

Early conference registration (2004 dues of \$25 included)

Postmarked by January 21st , 2004.

\$65.00

Early conference registration (2004 dues already paid)

Postmarked by January 21st , 2004)

\$40.00

LATE/ ON-SITE REGISTRATION (2004 dues included)

No mail submissions postmarked after January 21st, 2004t will be accepted.

\$75.00

Full time student registration (2004 dues included)
Any time with proof of student status (ID, faculty letter, etc.)
\$20.00

FRIDAY, February 20 WORKSHOPS: Indicate your choices clearly. Register NOW since we cannot guarantee workshop availability on site.
You WILL be notified of your workshop placement by E-MAIL.

WORKSHOP A: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Lunch on your own.
\$60.00

WORKSHOP B C D 3:30 - 6:30 circle
choice
\$30.00

FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION: Punch and hors d'oeuvres 6:30-8:00 PM
SCFLTA member \$ 5.00 Guest \$10.00
Cash Bar available. Ticket purchase by mail
only.

Ticket required for admittance.
Member \$5.00

Guest \$ 10.00

SATURDAY LUNCHEON / LANGUAGE TABLES
TICKET PURCHASE BY MAIL ONLY / Chicken or Vegetarian
JANUARY 21st DEADLINE for receipt of registration/lunch orders.

Chicken \$22.50

Vegetarian \$22.50

Your canceled check is your receipt.

TOTAL DUE

JNCL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2003 - SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Not all the items discussed at the 2003 Delegate Assembly of the Joint National Council on Languages could be included in this issue's "Letter from the President". Please take a few minutes to learn more about what is going on nationally regarding foreign languages and language education.

NATIONAL CONCERNS

ERIC Clearinghouses Despite thousands of letters and e-mails sent last spring opposed to the consolidation of all 16 clearinghouses into one, it looks as though the specific clearinghouses will indeed be replaced with one general clearinghouse on education.

FLAP funding Foreign Language Assistance Program Grants should be awarded in September. These three-year grants provided funds to begin new programs and strengthen existing programs, especially at the elementary school level. Several schools and districts in South Carolina applied for grants this year. There is always a need to contact congressmen about support of funding and the importance of early language learning.

NATIONAL INITIATIVES

NASBE National Association of State Boards of Education is finishing a study on the "Lost Curriculum" of arts and foreign languages. A national report is due out in the winter of 2003/2004 with recommendations about programming in these areas based on panel findings and input from leaders in the arts and foreign languages.

SESAME WORKSHOP The creators and distributors of the popular "Sesame Street" series are retooling and repackaging international "Sesame Street" materials for use by language teachers in the US. This initiative will

begin with revised versions of Spanish language materials from the "Sesame Street"

counterparts in Spain and Mexico for use in Spanish classrooms in the US. Sesame Workshop will create and provide "Language Toolkits" for teachers that give information and ideas about how to use the new materials.

HEA The Higher Education Act provides funding for international studies programs and foreign language study at the post-secondary level. It sponsors

conferences on International Studies such as the conference at Duke University, which former SCFLTA president Pam Martin attended in January 2003.

This act also provides support for the National Foreign Language Resource Centers as well.

NEW VISIONS The New Visions in Action Project is in the final year of funding. While subcommittees have already been established (Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Professional Development; Teacher Recruitment and Retention; Research), there is still time for teachers to become involved

with this national initiative.

YEAR OF LANGUAGES This ACTFL sponsored initiative hopes to bring national attention to foreign language study. ACTFL hopes that more than 20,000 events will be sponsored across the country by national, regional, state and local organizations in the course of 04-05 to celebrate languages in the

US. A resolution proclaiming 2004 and 2005 "Years of Foreign Language Study" has already been introduced in the US Senate.

NATIONAL LANGUAGE POLICY In conjunction with the "Year of Languages", both JNCL and ACTFL are addressing the need for a National Language Policy through talks with legislators sponsoring a plenary session at the ACTFL 2003 conference,

NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN BRANDING OF FL ACTFL is working with an advertising agency in Virginia to create a "logo / brand" for foreign languages and foreign language study. It hopes to begin a national advertising campaign (initially aimed at parents and grandparents) about the

importance of early language learning / foreign language learning within the near future.

*** ADVOCACY ALERT *** ADVOCACY ALERT *** ADVOCACY ALERT ***

Dear Colleagues,

A full-page advertisement for Holland America Cruises currently appears in the latest issue of the gourmet magazine Bon Appetit. The primary text, superimposed on images of a couple enjoying idyllic sea and landscapes, reads:

WHY LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE WHEN YOU'LL JUST SPEND THE WHOLE TRIP
SPEECHLESS

Small text at the bottom of the page encourages tourists to discover the world "as interpreted by Holland America," and reassures prospective customers that "you may just find all your needs answered, without uttering so much as a word."

I strongly urge all members of SCFLTA to take action! Put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard) and express your concerns about this ad campaign!

We must let Holland America and Bon Appetit know that this ad campaign is unacceptable in the eyes of the foreign language education community. Contact them with letters, e-mails, and telephone calls and pass this information on to other foreign language teachers in your school and district!

Especially now, the LAST thing Americans need is further justification for the notion that languages other than English are unnecessary, even trivial!!

One would think that a cruise line with an international staff speaking many languages would recognize the value of speaking another language.

I have listed some contact information below to make "action" easier! Please make your voice heard! I can't imagine that any of you who read this will be pleased so make sure you voice your opinions and concerns over this! Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have!

Sincerely,
Lynn Fulton-Archer
President (2003-2004)
South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers' Association

Holland America : "Contact" Web Page : <http://www.hollandamerica.com/contact/contact.htm>
Public Relations Phone: 1-800-637-5029

Corporate Headquarters
Holland America
300 Elliott Ave. West
Seattle, WA 98119
Phone: 1-206-281-3535
Fax: 1-206-281-7110

Bon Appetit

Street Address (for Conde Nast - Publishers)
Bon Appétit
4 Times Square
New York, NY 10036

Home Page
<http://eat.epicurious.com/bonappetit/>
Additional Street Address for Bon Appétit
6300 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90048
323-965-3600

"Contact Editors" Web Page
<http://eat.epicurious.com/bonappetit/contact/index.ssf/?/bonappetit/contact/contact.html>

"Online Feedback" Form
http://eat.epicurious.com/bonappetit/magnet_ata/editors/index.ssf
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SC AATG-Johannes Schmidt

After being informed of major cuts for the Rock Hill German programs (as well as French), Deron Hablutzel resigned as chapter president. President-elect Johannes Schmidt and secretary Nardina Alongi are organizing a Fall immersion day hosted by The Language House in Greenville. (For more information, contact Johannes Schmidt at schmidj@clemson.edu.) After a successful Upstate meeting for AATG-SC, Johannes is planning additional small meetings for various regions in the state to improve communication, support and exchange of ideas among its members. Deron has found a new teaching position in North Carolina and we wish him the best.

SCAATF - Cathy Walters

Welcome to a new school year! I hope your year has begun well and that this will be a successful, productive year for each of you. Please make it your goal to become an active participant in professional organizations. You will find a wealth of information and support through each of them. You can access membership

applications, information about upcoming conferences and workshops, resources, opportunities for scholarships and grants - in short a lot of valuable and useful information at their web sites.

Speaking of National French Week, lots of great ideas and a suggested outline of events are offered at the web site for AATF www.frenchteachers.org. At the chapter meeting (Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m. following the workshop) promotional items and order forms for promotional items were made available.

At the end of this year, Kay Hewitt will leave her position as Secretary/Treasurer of the SCAATF. Kay has worked tirelessly for our chapter, and we want to thank her for all she has done both for the organization and for the promotion of foreign language study. Kay, you are one of a kind! Many thanks for all you do - and a special thank you from me, for guiding me so diligently and patiently. At the business meeting in the spring, we will need to fill the positions of Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President (Kathleen Mirin will assume the role of President). Please think about possible nominations --- why not you? If not you, then who?

Presenters are still needed for the conference in February. Please share your wonderful expertise and successful strategies with your colleagues. Begin by submitting your proposed topic using the form on page 5. You can reach me at Buist Academy - 103 Calhoun St. Charleston, SC 20401 (843-724-7750) or by email at cbwalters0902@cs.com (home phone 843-795-6838).

Best wishes for a great year! Stay active, stay positive, stay informed.

SC AATSP - Margaret Young

The 2003-2004 officers for the South Carolina Chapter of the AATSP are President: Cynthia Smith from Buist Academy in Charleston, South Carolina; Vice President: Charli Kinard from Lexington Middle School in Lexington SC, and Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret Young from Barnwell High School in Barnwell, SC. Cynthia is a FLES teacher and is working on her national board certification. Charli was one of the first foreign

language teachers in South Carolina to receive her national board certificate. The South Carolina Chapter of the AATSP had a business meeting on Saturday, September 27 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. following the SCFLTA fall workshop at the State museum.

Membership forms are also on line at www.aatsp.org.

Joining the national organization includes membership dues for the AATSP- SC. At this time you must join the national organization in order to become a member of the state association. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas for our local chapter please contact Margaret Young via e-mail at myoung@Barnwell45.k12.sc.us, phone 803.259.7768 or write to Box 922, Barnwell, SC, 29812. Please send any changes in address to Margaret Young so that you will receive information from the South Carolina chapter of the AATSP.

SCAATSP - Cynthia Smith, President 2003 - 2004

As I begin another year of teaching Spanish, I wonder if I am up to the challenge. I am excited as I look at the fresh new faces, eager to learn and grow. Then there are the others, with eyes cast down, hoping I won't call on them. Somehow I need to reach them all. I could not do it without the support of my colleagues.

(Almost) everything I need to know, I learned at SCFLTA. I learned to dance. I learned TPR Storytelling. I learned to play games lots of games. I learned to sing songs. I learned to videotape my students. I learned to use computers and the Internet. I learned to use centers. I learned to laugh and have fun.

I encourage every Foreign Language teacher to not only attend SCFLTA, but also to present a session. This year's theme focuses on the use of authentic materials. I know you are all great teachers and we would love to learn from you. If you are interested in presenting a session, please follow the directions on the form in this issue of the Crescent. If you are interested in presenting a short (15-minute) idea during our AATSP session, please contact me ASAP. cyndavsmith@comcast.net or cynthia_smith@charleston.k12.sc.us.

Classics in South Carolina - Kathleen Ross

South Carolina Classical Association

Check out the new website for South Carolina Classical Association at <http://www.rnh.richland2.org/~tseiler/SCCA.htm>.

SCCA will be holding a fall workshop on Saturday, September 27 in Columbia. Place: home of Kathleen Ross. Time: 10:00-2:30. Dr. Catherine Castner will present a lecture on "The Island of Healing in Rome." We will have lunch and then another presentation, followed by general discussion with members present. Cost will be minimal (\$5-\$10).

If you are interested in attending, please email Tracy Seiler at tseiler@rnh.richland2.org or Kathleen Ross at rossk@sc.edu.

SHERATON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST
SCFLTA - SCCOL -SCFLES.NET
February 20-21, 2004

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION CALL THE SHERATON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

1- 803 -731-0300 and ask for RESERVATIONS.
Identify yourself with the South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers' Association. Guarantee your room by Credit Card number or send one night's deposit. You may also complete the form and MAIL IT TO THE SHERATON HOTEL AND
CONFERENCE CENTER.

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY:
DEADLINE IS WHEN ROOM BLOCK HAS BEEN FILLED OR JANUARY 20, 2004,

WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

Special conference rates are based on the reservation deadline. After this date, all subsequent reservations will be subject to availability and current hotel rack rates. Taxes and city fees may change from those quoted.

CONFERENCE RATE: SINGLE/DOUBLE (one or two people) \$91.00 + tax

RESERVATION FOR:
NAME _____ # IN
ROOM: _____
DATES:

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE (_____
) _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SMOKING _____ NON-SMOKING _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED BY EITHER:

1) ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT

ENCLOSED _____

2) CREDIT CARD - CARD

NAME _____ # _____ EXP _____
Date _____

CHECK IN TIME IS AFTER 3:00 P.M. CHECK OUT
TIME IS BY NOON.

SHERATON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
2100 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29210
803-731-0300

Conference registrants:

Please send your request for hotel reservations directly to the
SHERATON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER.

DO NOT include it in the conference/workshop registration fees.

Please retain a copy of this document for your records.

2004 SCFLTA OUTSTANDING FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION FORM

The recipient of this award will receive \$100 and a plaque. The following criteria must be met:

The nominee has taught a foreign language for a minimum of five years, with the last three years, including the current year, at the same institution. The nominee has been a member of SCFLTA for five years. The SCFLTA database will serve to verify each nominee's membership status.

Responses to the questions below may either be typewritten on this form or on a separate sheet. The letter of recommendation should explain in as much detail as possible why the nominee is an outstanding member of the profession. Return the completed nomination form and your letter(s) of recommendation to: Carolyn L. Hansen, SCFLTA Executive Director, DLLC-Spanish Program; University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. To be eligible, nominations must be received by JANUARY 9, 2004.

Name of
Nominator: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Title/Position: _____

Degree(s) and College(s)
attended: _____

Name of
Nominee: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Degree(s) and College(s)
Attended: _____

Current Teaching Position: (Title and
Location) _____

Number of Year at Current
Position: _____

Title/
Position: _____

_____ (If the nominee is a business, please include name
of President, Manager, CEO, etc.)

Additional
Information: _____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY
9, 2004.

APPLICATION FOR THE
2004 SCFLTA
FOREIGN STUDY AWARD

The \$1000 award is available only to a current SCFLTA member with three years membership in SCFLTA and four years of teaching experience. Current SCFLTA Board members are not eligible.

The following documents are required:

This completed application in typewritten form.

A letter of recommendation from your principal or supervisor.

A two to three page typewritten document in which you clearly articulate your proposed goals and objectives. You must provide specific information.

A letter of acceptance into the program will be required before the award funds are disbursed, but one is not necessary for the application process.

(A self-designed program will be viewed less favorably than a program sponsored by a degree-granting institution.)

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Degree(s) and College(s) Attended: _____

Current Teaching Position (Title and Location): _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience: _____

Years Member of SCFLTA: _____

The SCFLTA membership database will verify membership status.

Previous Study Abroad Experience: (Place/Date/Duration) _____

Place and Program of Your 2004 Study Abroad Plan: _____

The recipient agrees to present a session or workshop at the SCFLTA Conference

in the year following receipt of this award.

Return to:

Carolyn L. Hansen, Executive Director SCFLTA

DLLC-Spanish Program
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

Application must be received by January 9, 2004.

Professional Development / Summer Study

Are you interested in taking some time this summer to learn about ...

Learners?	Action Research?	Heritage
Education?	Communicative Activities?	Immersion
Classroom?	Creating Performance Assessments?	Technology in the FL
Assessment?	LCTL Language Courses?	Oral Proficiency
the Language Classroom?	Maximizing Study Abroad?	Culture in
Learning Scenarios?	Materials Development?	Developing

Then check out the programs available in the summer of 2004 at the
National Foreign Language Resource Centers!!

With fourteen centers nationally, you have many choices! Program fees
begin at \$75;
travel expenses are often lessened by stipends, and you get the opportunity
to work with teachers

from across the country!

CALPER
Center for Advanced Language Proficiency
Education & Research
<http://calper.la.psu.edu/>

CARLA

Center for Advanced Research in Language Acquisition
<http://carla.acad.umn.edu/summerinst.html>

CASLS

Center for Applied Second Language Studies
<http://www.casls.uoregon.edu>

CeLCAR

Center for Language of the Central Asian Region
<http://www.indiana.edu/~celcar/summer.html>

CLEAR

Center for Language Education And Research
<http://clear.msu.edu/training/index.html>

K12FLRC

National K-12 Foreign Language
Resource Center
<http://www.educ.iastate.edu/nflrc/inst.htm>

LARC

Language Acquisition and Resource Center
<http://larcnet.sdsu.edu/register.php>

NALRC

National African Language Resource Center
<http://african.lss.wisc.edu/nalrc/home.html>

NCLRC

The National Capital Language
Resource Center
<http://www.nclrc.org/Suin03main.htm>

NEALRC

National East Asian Language Resource Center
<http://nealrc.osu.edu/firstpage.htm>

NFLRC

National Foreign Language Resource Center
<http://www.nflrc.hawaii.edu/>

NMELRC

National Middle East Language Resource Center
<http://nmelrc.byu.edu/>

SALRC
South Asia Language
Resource Center
<http://salrc.uchicago.edu/>

SEELRC
Slavic/ East European Language Resource Center
<http://seelrc.org/summer/>

Start planning for Summer 2004 now and be sure to apply for one of the
4 SCFLTA Professional Development Grants before January 9th!!

APPLICATION FOR THE 2004 SCFLTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY GRANT
The \$250 award is available only to current SCFLTA members. Up to four
grants will be awarded. One grant will be
open to first-year teachers. Three grants will be awarded to applicants
with at least three years membership in
SCFLTA and four years teaching experience. Institute topics will be
available through each center's web sites by mid-
November 2003.

The following documents are required:

This completed application.

A letter of recommendation from your principal or supervisor.

A one-page letter in which you provide your goals and objectives
regarding this professional
experience.

A letter of acceptance into the program will be required before the
award funds are disbursed,

but one is not necessary for the application process.

Name of
Applicant: _____

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Mailing
Address: _____

—
E-
mail: _____

Degree(s) and College(s) Attended:

Current Teaching Position (Title and

Location):_____

Years Member of SCFLTA:_____ Total Years Teaching
Experience: _____

(SCFLTA database will verify membership status.)

Previous Professional Development
Experience:_____

Place and Program of Your 2004 Summer Institute (check location and
provide institute title):

_____ CALPER Institute:

_____ CARLA Institute:

_____ CASLS Institute:

_____ CeLCAR Institute:

_____ CLEAR Institute:

_____ K12FLRC Institute:

_____ LARC Institute:

_____ NALRC Institute:

_____ NCLRC Institute:

_____ NEALRC Institute:

_____ NFLRC Institute:

_____ NMELRC Institute:

_____ SALRC Institute:

_____ SEELRC Institute:

Your Goals in Participating in the program are to be presented in the one-
page typewritten document. The recipient agrees to present a session or
workshop at the SCFLTA Conference in the year following receipt of this
award. Deadline for Application is JANUARY 9, 2004.

Return to: Carolyn L. Hansen, Executive Director SCFLTA

DLLC - Spanish Program

Columbia, SC 29208

University of South Carolina