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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This Newsletter gives us again an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved this year and what is ahead for the next year. One of the most remarkable events in 2013 was the GLoCALL 2013 Conference, which was held in Da Nang, Vietnam. It was a great success and has now been added to the history of APACALL with lots of good memories. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in APACALL activities actively. I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you again in the coming year.

Jeong-Bae Son
President

NEWS FROM MEMBERS (January – December 2013)

► **Publications**

□ Atai, MR. & Dashtestani, R. (2013). Iranian English for academic purposes (EAP) stakeholders' attitudes toward using the Internet in EAP courses for civil engineering students: promises and challenges. *Computer Assisted Language Learning, 26*(1), 21-38.

□ Dashtestani, R. (2013). Students' acceptance and perspectives of PowerPoint presentations as learning tools in the Iranian English for academic purposes (EAP) context. *Taiwan International ESP Journal, 5*(1), 1-18.

□ Dashtestani, R. (2013). Implementing mobile-assisted language learning (MALL) in an EFL context: Iranian EFL teachers' perspectives on challenges and affordances. *The JALT CALL Journal, 9* (2), 149-168.

□ Dashtestani, R. (2013). English as a foreign language (EFL) teachers' and students' perspectives on EFL students' use of electronic dictionaries for learning English. *CALL-EJ, 14* (2), 51-65.

□ McCarty, S., Acar, A., & Kimura, N. (2013). An exploratory study of Japanese EFL learners' Twitter usage. In A. Nawale & P. Mothe (Eds.), *Role of ICT in English Language Teaching and Learning* (pp. 247-264). New Delhi, India: Access - an Academic Consortium.

□ McCarty, S. (2013). *How bilingualism informs language teaching*. Tokyo: Child Research Net - Language Development and Education.

□ McCarty, S. (2013). *Bilingualism as the goal of language learning*. Tokyo: Child Research Net - Language Development and Education.

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□ McCarty, S. (2013). Web presence and higher education rankings. *Online Education Insights, 5*(1).

□ Saqlain, N. & Mahmood, Z. (2013). English language instructors' perceptions about technology based language learning at Northern Border University, Saudi Arabia. *The Turkish Online Journal of Educational Technology, 12*(2), 106-110. Available: http://www.tojet.net/articles/v12i2/12210.pdf

□ Son, J.-B. (in press). Reading online and offline: Language teachers' perspectives. *International Journal of Computer-Assisted Language Learning and Teaching, 3*(4).

□ Son, J.-B., & Rossade, K.-D. (in press). Finding gems in computer-assisted language learning: Clues from GLoCALL 2011 and 2012 papers. *International Journal of Computer-Assisted Language Learning and Teaching, 3*(4).

► **Conference Presentations**

○ Crawford, M. (2013, November). Educational and administrative benefits of using a learning management system in a large EFL program in Japan. Paper presented at the GLoCALL 2013 Conference, University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang, Da Nang, Vietnam.

○ Kitao, K., & Kitao, S. K. (2013, November). Apologies, apology strategies, and apology expressions used for non-apologies: A corpus-based study. Paper presented at the GLoCALL 2013 Conference, University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang, Da Nang, Vietnam.

○ McCarty, S. (2013, April). Bilingualism for language teachers and parents in Japan. Japan Association for Language Teaching (JALT) Osaka Chapter Back to School Mini-Conference. Osaka Gakuin University, Japan.

○ McCarty, S. (2013, September). We could be heroes: Optimize your university for global rankings. JALT Osaka and Kobe Chapters Tech Day Plus 2013 conference. Otemae University, Japan.

○ McCarty, S. (2013, October). Raising your academic profile with Google Scholar. JALT 2013 International Conference. Kobe Convention Center, Japan.

○ Nozawa, K. (2013, March). An approach to enhance intercultural communication proficiency utilizing a CMS and blended learning. A 'show &

tell' presentation for Language Expo 2013 on March 17, 2013 at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.

○ Nozawa, K. (2013, June). An eclectic approach to technology assisted language learning. A keynote presentation for IEEE Professional Communication Society Japan Chapter Meeting 2013 on June 29, 2013 at Mitsue Links Head Office, Nishi-Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan.

○ Nozawa, K. (2013, August). A new challenge in CALL classes? - Teaching writing in English using WordPress. A 'show & tell' presentation for LET National Conference 2013 on August 8 at Bunkyo Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan.

○ Nozawa, K. (2013, August). Rikokeigakubu ni okeru guroobaru IT jinzai ikusei no torikumi (A challenge to create global IT competence at the Faculty of Information Science and Engineering). Poster presented at JACET National Conference 2013 on August 30 - September 1 at Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

○ Nozawa, K. (2013, September). An international collaborative research project on critical incidents using Moodle: Pleasant and unpleasant experiences with foreigners. Poster presented at EuroCALL 2013, University of Evora, Portugal.

○ Nozawa, K. (2013, November). Enhancing ESP skills for business communication in English via e-learning - Developing video-based materials focusing on Indian English. Paper presented at the GLoCALL 2013 Conference, University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang, Da Nang, Vietnam.

○ Obari, H. (2013, November). Mobile assisted language learning in improving TOEIC scores in Japan. Paper presented at the GLoCALL 2013 Conference, University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang, Da Nang, Vietnam.

○ Saqlain, N., Al-Qarni, F., & Ghadi, N. (2013, May). Are English teachers in Saudi Arabia ready to integrate technology? Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Educational Technology Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

○ Son, J.-B. (2013, May). From CALL coursework to classroom practice and professional development. Paper presented at the Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO) 2013 Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

○ Son, J.-B. (2013, November). Learning about computer-assisted language learning: Online tools and professional development. Paper presented at the GLoCALL 2013 Conference, University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang, Da Nang, Vietnam.

WEBSITE OF INTEREST

Language Software Reviews (http://www.languagesoftware.net/)

On this website you can compare features of language learning software and online courses, read reviews, and vote for your favourite programs. You can vote only once, which is critical. Also, there are reviews of current learning programs, and various free language learning tips can be found on the blog. -- Laurianne Sumerset

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JOURNAL OF INTEREST

CALL-EJ (http://callej.org/)

In 2013, CALL-EJ published two issues (Vol. 14, No. 1 in February and Vol. 14, No. 2 in August). The first one contained three articles while the second one contained four articles, including three special articles selected from GLoCALL 2011 & 2012 conference papers. CALL-EJ was also officially indexed in Scopus in August. All APACALL members are kindly invited to submit well-written manuscripts to CALL-EJ. The deadline for the next issue is 31 May 2014. -- Kazunori Nozawa

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CONFERENCE REPORT

GLoCALL 2013
http://glocall.org/
28-30 November 2013
University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang, Da Nang, Vietnam

The Globalization and Localization in Computer-Assisted Language Learning (GLoCALL) 2013 Conference was the seventh joint conference of the Asia-Pacific Association for Computer-Assisted Language Learning (APACALL) and the Pacific Association for Computer Assisted Language Learning (PacCALL). It was held in collaboration with the University of Foreign Language Studies at the University of Danang in Da Nang, Vietnam and attracted over 200 delegates from Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Oman, The Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Thailand, UK, USA and Vietnam. Overall, the conference was a great success and provided participants with various opportunities for communication and discussion.

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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

♦ AILA World Congress 2014: 10-15 August 2014. Brisbane, Australia.
http://www.aila2014.com/

♦ GLoCALL 2014: 9-11 October 2014. Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. http://glocall.org/

FORTHCOMING BOOK

♦ APACALL Book Series Volume 3
Computer-assisted language learning: Learners, teachers and tools will be published
by Cambridge Scholars Publishing in 2014.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

● Members are invited to send the APACALL Webmaster their names and personal
homepage addresses to be listed on the 'Resources' page of the APACALL website.

● Your contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. Please send your news
items to Webmaster@apacall.org.