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GREETINGS!

Dear Members,

It has been almost six months since the APACALL Web site was officially launched in March this year. APACALL has generated great interest among CALL specialists and practitioners in a very short time and its aims and roles have been appreciated by a number of language professionals and organisations. We now have more than 220 members from 29 countries and the membership is continuously growing. I am pleased that there is such enthusiasm for APACALL and we are making contributions to the development and use of CALL in the Asia-Pacific region.

Jeong-Bae Son
Founder

I am pleased to be able to say we are up and running. Things are happening! We are making this first newsletter short and to the point but don't forget to let us know anytime you would like to submit an item. There are many people waiting to hear about new initiatives in CALL, research plans and results and ways that they may be able to discuss and share ideas.

Shirley O'Neill
Newsletter Editor

I am glad to contribute something to the field of CALL. Japan is one of the countries which is advanced in Information Technology and language teachers are quite active in the field of CALL. I hope I will be able to be a good liaison between CALL researchers and practitioners in Japan and APACALL.

Kenji Kitao
Regional Group Leader

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS (March – September 2002)

► **Conference Presentations**

○ Debra Hoven
Developing a collaborative community
CALICO 2002, The University of California at Davis in the USA from 26 to 30 March.
http://calico.org/CALICO02/index.html

○ Andrew Lian
Practically Serious: Implementing technology-enhanced language learning (TELL) in an increasingly globalized world
Information Technology and Universities in Asia (ITUA) 2002, Bangkok in Thailand from 3 to 5 April.
http://www.kyongju.ac.kr/prof/chongld/callasia/conf.htm

○ Kenji Kitao
Making English language teaching more effective by using the Internet
JALTCALL 2002, Hiroshima in Japan from 18 to 19 May.
http://ilc2.doshisha.ac.jp/users/kkitao/library/handout/jaltcall/jaltcall2002.htm

○ Kenji Kitao & S. Kathleen Kitao
Helping students learn to find and evaluate Internet resources
JALTCALL 2002, Hiroshima in Japan from 18 to 19 May.
http://www2.dwc.doshisha.ac.jp/kkitao/resources.html

○ Shirley O'Neill
Asian Student Exchange Program (ASEP): Students' and teachers' perceptions of English language learning in the global collaborative context
ROCMELIA 2002, Kaohsiung in Taiwan from 19 to 21 July.
http://www.learn.org.tw/2002/call2002e.htm

○ Kenji Kitao
Studying English by making Web pages
The 42nd Annual Convention of the Japan Association for Language Education and Technology (LET), Tokyo in Japan from 31 July to 2 August. [in Japanese]
http://ilc2.doshisha.ac.jp/users/kkitao/japanese/library/handout/let/2002.htm

○ Jeong-Bae Son
Three main components of the CALL classroom: Do they work well as a team?
The 1st International Annual Conference of TEFL-CHINA, Tonghua in China from 12 to 14 August.
http://www.tefl-china.net/tefl/aboutus.htm

○ Xi Xiao & Roger Boston

Toward the integration of synchronous teaching and learning into on-demand delivery system
The 1st International Annual Conference of TEFL-CHINA, Tonghua in China from 12 to 14 August.
http://www.tefl-china.net/tefl/aboutus.htm

○ Debra Hoven
Spreading the net and netting students
EUROCALL 2002, Jyväskylä in Finland from 14 to 17 August.
http://www.solki.jyu.fi/eurocall2002/index.htm

○ Kenji Kitao
A trial of teaching extensive reading and English composition using the Internet – Constructing a database of graded readers
The 28th Annual Convention of the Japan Society of English Language Education, Kobe in Japan from 22 to 23 August. [in Japanese]
http://ilc2.doshisha.ac.jp/users/kkitao/japanese/library/handout/jasele/2002.htm

► **Publications**

□ Kenji Kitao
Reference materials on the World Wide Web
Doshisha Studies in Language and Culture, Vol. 4, No. 4 (March 2002)

□ Kenji Kitao
Web-based students' projects: Teaching awareness of culture and writing
Proceedings of the 6th Annual JALT CALL SIG Conference (May 2002)

► **Grants and Awards**

Δ Jeong-Bae Son
OPACS Research Grant: Developing a model for the evaluation of ESL/EFL Web sites, Office of Preparatory and Academic Support (OPACS), The University of Southern Queensland. http://www.usq.edu.au/opacs/research/index.htm

Δ Sylvia Li
Selected as one of the ten finalists for the Global SchoolNet (GSN) Online Shared Learning Award. http://ajet.nsysu.edu.tw/

► **Appointments and movements**

◊ None

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

♦ JALT Kyoto Chapter Annual Conference 2002:
   http://ilc2.doshisha.ac.jp/users/kkitao/organi/kyoto/Conference/

♦ The Fourth Pan-Asian Conference: http://mx.nthu.edu.tw/~katchen/pac4.htm

♦ AILA 2002 Singapore: http://www.aila2002.org/

♦ WolrdCALL 2003 Canada: http://worldcall.org/

CALL MATERIALS & WEB SITES OF INTEREST

▪ Have you tried DOKI?
Doki® claims to be at the forefront of the language training market because: "it is modular, and the language learned or 'acquired' is grouped according to locations or linguistic functions (like introducing yourself, going to a super market, checking into a hotel) much as it is in real life" [http://www.doki.tv/home.asp]. Test out this interactive site which contains a language matching and pen pal service and other community activities such that Doki learners worldwide can communicate with each other, and find friends who are either learning, or speak their target language. (Recommended by Shirley O'Neill)

NOTES

● Members are strongly encouraged to join the APACALL E-list that provides a communication channel for exchanging e-mail messages directly with other members. Please refer to the 'About APACALL' page of the APACALL Web site.

● Members are invited to send APACALL Webmaster < webmaster@apacall.org > their names and personal homepage addresses to be listed on the 'Members' page of the APACALL Web site.

● Your contributions to this Newsletter are always welcome. Please contact the Newsletter Editor, Shirley O'Neill < oneills@usq.edu.au >.