President's Message

The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers experienced another exciting year of growth. I look back on a very eventful year full of accomplishments by a talented, devoted and hardworking Board. We have three educators working for the Association and doing a superb job of marketing CASLT products, developing new products and services and updating, enhancing and invigorating our web site. We have had the opportunity to present at international conferences such as ACTFL and FIIPLV. I personally had the pleasure of meeting the president of AATF, Gladys Lipton, and the president of FIIPLV, Denis Cunningham and receiving an invitation for the Association to present at the AATF conference next summer in Denver. The most surprising event, as I look back, is that I am still President! This is due to an amendment to the CASLT constitution carried at the November 2000 annual general meeting.

We look forward to a very prosperous year filled with continuing collaboration with our sister associations: ACPI, SEVEC, and CPF; stronger ties with provincial language groups and on-going support from our friends at the Department of Canadian Heritage. Peering into the crystal ball I see a much higher profile for the Association and more promotional work being done with other associations. The Association is strong and growing in new and exciting directions. Spread the word - encourage your teacher colleagues to increase their professional growth with us and remember to visit the web site. Each accomplishment is ours, together!

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Farewell and Welcome

CASLT said a fond farewell to Past President Jim Howden who left the Board in November following the Annual General Meeting. We welcome Ann McLean, National Council Representative for British Columbia to the Board of Directors in the role of Director-at-Large. This leaves a vacancy for the province of Quebec on the National Council. We say good-bye to Tina Potvin of the Northwest Territories and Dyane Winsor-Meyers of Nova Scotia as they leave their positions as representatives on National Council. We extend a warm welcome to Lilly Borges Oldham, a CASLT Past President to the position of National Council Representative for the Northwest Territories and to Steven Gaudet as representative for Nova Scotia. We thank all of these educators for their continued support and commitment to quality education initiatives!

The CASLT Office and Beyond

CASLT Receives the SEVEC Award of Merit

"...We were delighted to be able to work so well, so closely and so often with CASLT and today, by awarding the SEVEC Award of Merit to CASLT we wish specifically to recognize the many contributions the association has made to SEVEC."

Excerpt from speech given by John Beatty, Chair of SEVEC Board of Directors / December 1st, 2000

Association Activities, Programs and Services

Educator Recognition Awards

Prix H.H. (David) Stern Award 2000 - Innovation in Second Languages Grant Program Winners, Kezia Stever and Janet Arseneau, South Bathurst Elementary School, Bathurst, New Brunswick
Project title: Integrated Language Curriculum Unit Based on a Multidimensional Approach - Dining Out and Ordering Pizza.

Prix Robert Roy Award 2000 awarded to Dr. Birgit Harley, OISE/UT
An outstanding researcher and second language educator during a long and productive career. Her areas of specialty include theory and methodology of second-language teaching, curriculum development and design and second language acquisition research.

Publication of Réflexions, the CASLT Journal

This year three regular issues and a special anniversary issue were published:
February/février Volume 19 No.1 - Portfolio: Teachers Take Charge of their Own Professional Growth
May/mai Volume 19 No.2 - Affect in the Second Language Classroom: How to Create an Emotional Climate
October/octobre Volume 19 No.3 - In Praise of Good Teaching... A Personal Reflection
November/novembre - Special Anniversary Issue: Three Decades! Quel anniversaire!
Spring CASLT Chez Vous in partnership with the Modern Languages Council of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association and the Department of Education (Language Programs), Battery Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland - June 2, 2000

Session Titles Included:
- CASLT Website Demonstration
- Current Brain Research and Its Implications for Second Language Learning and Teaching
- Les intelligences multiples dans une classe coopérative
- Elementary Core French: An Update
- L'immersion au niveau secondaire: quelques idées pratiques
- Les sciences humaines au niveau intermédiaire
- Projets et partage
- CASLT Classroom Based Evaluation Kits for Core French
- Modern Languages Council Showcase: A French Second Language Promotion Project for Schools

Fall CASLT Chez Vous in partnership with OISE/UT, Toronto, Ontario - November 10, 2000

Session Titles Included:
- Opening: Frank Braithwaite “In Praise of Good Teaching”
- Carolyn King: “Multiple Intelligences Practices for the L2 Classroom”
- Nicole Thibault/Gilles Côté: “Using Technology in the L2 Classroom”
- Jim Howden: “Cooperative Learning Strategies”

Second Language Teaching and Assessment Go Hand in Hand - CASLT Annual Colloquium jointly sponsored by CASLT/ACPLS and OISE/UT, University of Toronto Schools, Toronto, Ontario - Saturday, November 11, 2000

Session Titles Included:
- Good Second Language Teachers and Assessors are Good Listeners Too! Professor Merrill Swain, OISE/UT, Keynote Speaker
- Presentation of Prix Robert Roy Award 2000, Heike Sasaki, CASLT Past President and Past Winner
- “Make Friends and Influence People: Learn French!”, Avril Benoît, CBC Radio, Closing Plenary
- Intensive Core French in Newfoundland: An Interesting Model
- Learning to Write in Early French Immersion: A Developmental Perspective
- Testing Pre-Service Students' French Proficiency
- Development of Vocabulary Skills in Immersion and Core French
- Technology and Core French
- Classroom Research in Intensive ESL Programs in Québec
- Professional Development for Teachers of German as a Foreign Language
- Listening Strategies for Core French Students
- What Immersion Students Notice, Reflect Upon, and Learn from a Reformulation of their Text: Two Case Studies
- Immersion Students and Math
The remodeling of the CASLT website is underway with the goal of making it more informative and user friendly. It now has a more uniform appearance and includes links to useful second language sites, information on upcoming conferences and other resources available to second language teachers and researchers including links to online articles, and description of educational resources.

More exciting changes are on the way for this networking and information sharing tool!

**CASLT Attendance at Special Events and Conferences**

CASLT was pleased to be invited to attend, to display and to present workshop sessions at a variety of education related gatherings this year. CASLT was represented on the international scene expanding its borders for the first time.

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**Membership Development and Fundraising**

The momentum is continuing in order to build awareness of CASLT throughout the country and internationally. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Department of Canadian Heritage for its continued financial support of the association and its second language initiatives.

Plans to increase membership have included visits to Faculties of Education to introduce CASLT to student teachers; and providing free one year membership to student teachers while they attend a Faculty of Education. In the year 2000, membership has increased by 35%. In the near future, we will focus on revising and enhancing membership benefits, initiating a recruitment campaign, and in streamlining the membership invoicing process.