



Summer Intensive French PD 2005

For the second year, the CASLT, in conjunction with Dr. Joan Netten and Dr. Claude Germain, presented professional development opportunities to teachers and interested administrators on Intensive French at UQAM in Montreal. There were three independent sessions - the symposium for new teachers of Intensive French, the colloquium for experienced teachers of Intensive French and an information session for administrators and consultants.

The interest and success of Intensive French continues to grow across the country. The program is now being offered in 9 provinces and territories. Manitoba, Yukon and the Northwest Territories have begun pilot classes in September 2005.

The CASLT has been fortunate to work with leading IF educators in the development of its professional development workshops. Each person sharing varied areas of expertise and geographic representation. Our development committee includes Bev Anderson of Saskatchewan Learning, Mary Ann Hiscock of Christ the Redeemer School Board, Okotoks, Alberta and Barry Snider, IF teacher in Hillsborough, New Brunswick as well as the founding researchers.

All the participants appreciated the opportunity to come together to learn the key underlying pedagogical principles as well as to ask questions and compare each person's experiences. The theoretical components were supported by presentations by practising IF teachers including Sid



Bev Anderson

Woolfrey of Hillgrade, Newfoundland at the symposium and Barry Snider with the colloquium participants. The CASLT



Participants: Teresa Welch, Josie Kirkpatrick, Jen DeWolf, Lise Gascon

would also like to thank Lise Gascon, IF teacher in Okotoks, Alberta who allowed us the opportunity to videotape lessons in her classroom. This visual support added an important component to model the various teaching strategies being discussed during the workshops.

The CASLT was also invited to contribute to the Intensive French Training Sessions offered by the Department of Education in Newfoundland and Labrador and hosted by the Eastern School District in St. John's. Nicole Thibault, CASLT Executive Director, presented an overview of the pedagogical principles of the Intensive (Core) French approach, an introduction to the interprovincial teacher guide and the key points related to oral communication, reading and writing. It was a pleasure to participate in the training session and to meet with many new and experienced IF teachers where the program has been running for the longest time. Educators in Newfoundland have much experience in the implementation of IF and the CASLT looks forward to working with them to benefit IF teachers in all provinces.

In August, the CASLT Board of Directors responded to the recommendations made in the report, *An Examination of Intensive French: A Pedagogical Strategy for the Improvement of French as a Second Language Outcomes in Canada*. The Board is committed to continuing its focus on providing professional development opportunities to teachers of Intensive French.

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Claude Germain



Joan Netten

Message de la présidente



Carolyn L.M. King,
CASLT/ACPLS
President

Since our May meeting in Winnipeg and the CASLT Chez Vous that accompanied this event, the Board of Directors has continued to spend many hours working on behalf of the association. There were meetings to discuss our new joint project with our partners. The survey undertaken to establish information on the working conditions of FSL teachers across Canada is a very useful and exciting project. The CASLT has taken the lead on this - a joint project with the l'Association canadienne des professeurs d'immersion (ACPI) and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF-FCE). The research team is led by Dr. Sharon Lapkin of OISE-UT. We are fortunate to have Dr. Larry Vandergrift and Dr. Alina MacFarlane involved. We hope all our members contacted will make it their responsibility to reply to the survey, which will provide valuable information for us all.

The August meetings of the Board were held in Charlottetown, PEI, where Dr. Miles Turnbull, our first Vice President, welcomed the team and arranged a reception to include our colleagues from the Ministry of Education, provincial teachers association and Canadian Parents for French - PEI.

The CASLT has been well represented at various events, held across the country this fall. Dr. Miles Turnbull was the



Ghassan Kassouf, Helen Lockerby, Monica Rafuse,
Debbie Pineau, Carolyn King, Miles Turnbull

Keynote speaker at the Saskatchewan Association of the Teachers of French; Carolyn King provided a CASLT Chez Vous at the University of Lethbridge for the students of Dr. Peter Heffernan. These student teachers will for the most part be teaching Blackfoot in the Lethbridge area.

In October there are many provincial language conferences: I will be bringing greetings from CASLT to the ISLC, Alberta, and the SAHLA Symposium and to the Alberta Canadian Parents for French conference, as well as to a special conference in Kananaskis, Alberta on the teaching of French as a Second Language. Susan Forward, CASLT Past President, will present at the Nova Scotia Language Teachers Association (NSLTA) annual conference at Bayer's Lake near Halifax. ISLC and NSLTA are our newest provincial partner associations. Welcome!

In November, we look forward to our AGM and Networking Day in Toronto, at which time we look forward to meeting many more of our members, as well as our National Council.

Executive Director Update

by Nicole Thibault



Nicole Thibault
Executive Director

From Strategic Planning to Implementation

Over the last three years, the CASLT Board of Directors worked hard to complete a Strategic Planning process. The CASLT Strategic Directions was released in March 2005. In the spring, it was circulated to selected individuals, either having served as past leaders

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of the organization or as advocate supporters of our growth to date, to provide us with feedback on the plans for the coming three years. We wish to express our appreciation to those who responded and who once again shared their expertise and insights with us.

As part of the Strategic Implementation process, committees have been formed to carry out specific tasks in the five priority areas identified. Each committee is chaired by a current Board of Director.

The National Council Capacity Building Committee has begun its work with a focus on updating and expanding the annual National Council Orientation Session delivered in conjunction with the AGM each year. The session will be based on information gathered during the National Council interview process undertaken last spring by Alina MacFarlane, CASLT Researcher.

CASLT 3rd Annual Networking Day

The CASLT continues its commitment to working with its national and provincial partners. This year, the CASLT is

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