

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Empirical Research Workshop for CLTA Members November 2008

Finding Research Topics and Designing Empirical Studies on CFL

The Jiede Committee is pleased to offer a brand new workshop by Professor Xiaohong (Sharon) Wen during the ACTFL/CLTA Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL this year. To meet the increasing need of our CLTA members who are interested in empirical research but do not have specific ideas where to start with, this workshop is designed to help participants, particularly junior faculty members who will be up for tenure review, engage in meaningful and feasible research on Teaching/Learning Chinese as a Foreign Language (CFL). The workshop will first review research studies conducted in teaching or learning Chinese as a foreign language in the United States. Drawing upon the findings of previous studies, potential topics will be identified and discussed. Feasibility and requirements of prospective projects will be analyzed. Considerations and concerns on designing the study, collecting data, and carrying out the project will be examined. Participants are encouraged to share their current research topics, and discuss their approaches in conducting their studies. This is hands-on experience, a time and a place to exchange our thoughts and viewpoints on research in learning and teaching Chinese as a foreign language.

The workshop will be offered Saturday 7:00-9:00pm, Nov.22, 2008. Please submit the registration to Professor Sharon Xiaohong Wen in the Department of MCL, CLASS, University of Houston (xwen@uh.edu). There is a charge for \$50 per person to cover the organizational expenses. The deadline for submitting the workshop registration and fee is October 20th, 2008. You can download the registration

form from the CLTA website (http://clta-us.org/meeting/2008_Emp_Research_Workshop.doc).

The First Annual International Conference on Translation Studies, Cross-cultural Communication and Chinese Pedagogy October 24-25, 2008

The Confucius Institute at PSU is hosting the first annual International Conference on Translation Studies, Cross-cultural Communication and Chinese Pedagogy this Autumn on October 24-25, 2008.

There is no registration fee for people presenting papers at the conference. In fact, the costs for two nights lodging, the inaugural reception, closing banquet, and food and beverage during the conference will be covered for presenters. The requirement for presenting is to submit a 400-500 word abstract of the paper and have it accepted, present the paper during the conference, and then follow up with a final draft of the paper after the conference to be published in the conference proceedings by the deadlines posted.

The deadline for submitting paper abstracts is May 31, 2008. The final notification date regarding acceptance of the abstract is June 30, 2008. The eight primary themes for papers are:

1. Translation Studies
2. Translation and Chinese Language Acquisition
3. Translation and Cross Cultural Studies
4. Translation in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language
5. Translation in Teaching Chinese for Business Purposes
6. Translation in Teaching Chinese Literature
7. Translation in Chinese Language Teaching and Practice
8. Interpretation