

The LLL SIG Newsletter

Invitation to speak at the LLL-SIG's Forum at JALT 2012

It is that time of year again to polish up your proposal for a conference presentation to be delivered at an upcoming JALT national conference. In this case, it will be JALT 2012: the 38th Annual International Conference on Language Teaching and Learning & Educational Materials Exhibition, to be held at ACT City, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture, from 12 - 15 October 2012. Although it is too late to submit a vetted proposal as the deadline was 13 April, there is still time to submit a proposal for participation in a 15-20 minute section of the LLL-SIG's unvetted forum (90 minutes in total).

Last year our forum was on the topic "Teachers coping with disaster: the mornings after." Tamiko Hanaoka (a lecturer at Aoyama Gakuin University) introduced a classroom activity in which students compared articles on the Fukushima nuclear plant accident, and wrote reports based on an analysis of the differences, similarities and biases they uncovered; Tadashi Ishida (of NPO Grassroots Exchange Organization) reported on how badly the nuclear disaster hit his English classes in an international cultural exchange program and about the creative solutions he came up with to cope with those challenges; Jim Goddard (a professor at Kitasato University) described relief work he engaged in for people in one of the areas badly affected by the earthquake/ tsunami and discussed the influence of the disaster on the Sanriku (Iwate) Campus of Kitasato University; and Joseph Dias (a professor at Aoyama Gakuin University) reported on the role of the Tokyo English Life Line in the aftermath of the earthquake/tsunami and the psychological first aid courses they hosted to support those in the worse-affected areas.

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Tadashi Ishida's JALT 2011 presentation on international exchanges.

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Tamiko Hanaoka's presentation on critical thinking about current events.

This year, the forum will have the theme "Reading for Life: The Making of Lifelong Readers." If you would like to be a part of the forum, and can make a contribution on this theme, please inform the program chair, Joseph Dias, of your interest by contacting him through our SIG's Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/jaltLLL> . If you are a member of Facebook, sign in and send a private message by clicking on the "Message" button (under the large photo at the top of the page). In your message, state the proposed title of your talk, give a 75-word summary of it, and leave an email address so the program chair can get back to you about it. Alternatively, you can send your proposal to the Program Chair at this address: getumwhiletheylast@gmail.com . We hope to have, at least, four talks in the forum and each of them may feature multiple speakers. Your participation is warmly encouraged.

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▪ 2011: SIT, Spring Khmer course
▪ 2012: SIT, Spring Korean course
▪ Structure/ Principles/ Etc.:
- Focused thematic areas
- "Horizontal" vs. "Vertical" progression
- Modular, spiraling format
- Automatic recycling, expansion of content
- Fast-paced
- Short time frame (10-12 hrs x 8 weeks)

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90 minutes/study session
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Education
The name of the organization is "Shogai Gogaku Gakushu Kenkyubukai" in Japanese and "The Lifelong Language Learning Special Interest Group" in English

Click on "Message" and submit proposal.

Schedule for JALT LLL-SIG
Our mini-conferen will be held at Tok

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Joseph Dias

JALT LLL-SIG Program Chair