

Newsletter Editor's Message

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My name is Rie Wakui. It is a great opportunity for me to get more involved in the LLL SIG as Publication Chair. I would like to thank our coordinator Mr. Ishida and the SIG officers for their kind invitation and assistance.

I completed my master's degree in TESOL this February, and currently, I teach at universities and a language school in Japan. I have taught students of various ages, ranging from kindergarteners to adults in their 90s. Although each group has presented its own unique challenges, it has all been remarkably enriching experience. I have been inspired and intrigued by their aspiration and interests as well as difficulties they were facing. Thus, I have been interested in what motivates learners in different contexts. Recently, my research interests have also included the role of English as an international language and how it may affect learners' attitude and motivation.

I would like to give special thanks to the contributors to this issue, Ms. Kathleen Yamane and Mr. Martin Pauly. Feedback on any article in the newsletters is truly appreciated at rie0302@gmail.com.

I look forward to meeting all of you SIG members at conferences and meetings, and thank you all for your continuing support and cooperation!