



2015 Term 3 Newsletter

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SPECIAL





President's Report Term 3 2015

Dear teachers,

I hope Term 3 is going well for you. ☺

It was great to see so many SA teachers at the national conference held in Adelaide in the July holidays. There were many interstate and a few international guests so it was a wonderful opportunity to increase our professional networks and get some new ideas. We received a lot of positive feedback about the conference with teachers generally commenting that it was well organised and a very worthwhile professional development opportunity. It was also heartening to receive a lot of positive comments about our hard working and friendly committee members.

I took the opportunity to attend some very interesting workshops on immersion and Content and Language Integrated Learning. It was inspirational to watch videos of junior primary children learning about science and maths using Chinese. In one school the allocated time for Chinese is half an hour a day and another school it is around 7 hours per week. Given that Adelaide is set to have its first Chinese/English dual language program starting in an Adelaide primary school in 2017, this will be a very interesting and relevant new field for us in SA.

The CLTASA Term 3 PD event will be a film evening to be held on Friday the 4th of September. Our vice president Nhu Trinh is once again kindly making her house available for another thought provoking and relaxing evening. It is not often in our busy lives that we get the chance to sit down, chat with colleagues, watch a movie and share ideas about how we could use this in our classrooms. I would like to invite you all to join us for the evening. More details are in the flyer included in this newsletter.

As usual, I would also like to remind everyone to make sure they have renewed their CLTASA membership for this year. As a volunteer organisation and with government funding less available than before, we do rely on the support of colleagues to continue our work. Please renew your registration online here <http://www.cltasa.org.au/form.html> if you have not already done so.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Belinda

Belinda Dello-Iacovo

President

Chinese Language Teachers Association of South Australia

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Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia

21st National Conference Report

Adelaide 4th – 5th July 2015

The Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia National Conference was held on 4 – 5 July in Adelaide this year. The Chinese language Teacher's Association of South Australia Inc. proudly hosted the 21st national conference in the beautiful campus of the University of Adelaide. As important as a 21st birthday to a person, the 21st national conference was also a milestone of the Chinese Language Teachers' Federation, which could also be seen from the conference theme for this year, "Innovative Chinese Language Teaching and Practice". Over 200 participants came from around the country and overseas to present, share and discuss and their ideas, thoughts and methods of teaching the Chinese language.



The conference's opening ceremony was held in the Bonython Hall in the University of Adelaide in the morning of the 4th of July. Students from Trinity College, St Peters College and Salisbury High School started with a loin dance to welcome all the delegates of the conference. The welcome speech was given by Dr Fuxin Li from the Chinese Language Teachers' Federation and Mrs Belinda Dello-Iacovo, the president of the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of SA. At 9 AM His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, the Governor of South Australia arrived at the Bonython Hall to officially declare the conference open. Following the Governor's speech, Minister Councillor of Education Mr Xiao Xu from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Australia also made his speech to wish everyone a successful conference. The

conference keynote speaker Dr Mark Shum, from The University of Hong Kong presented his presentation “Using ‘Reading to Learn, Learning to Write’ Pedagogy to Teach Chinese as a Second Language” which started the academic study and discussion session of the conference.

After morning tea, the concurrent sessions were held in the Napier Building. There were 13 workshops in the two concurrent sessions in the morning and each of the presenters brought their practise experiences of teaching Chinese. The highlight of the first day’s program was when Dr Jane Orton, the Keynote speaker of the conference from the University of Melbourne presented her speech “The Potential for Radical Innovation in Chinese Language Teaching – three Australian examples”. In her speech, she provided case studies and pointed out the direction of innovation of Chinese teaching, which correlated the conference theme “Innovative Chinese Language Teaching and Practice. At 4 PM the third round concurrent session started and the first day’s program closed at 5 PM after the annual meeting of the Federation Council.



The conference dinner was held at Park Lok Restaurant in the heart of Adelaide CBD. All the delegates were delighted to see the Chinese dance performances from the students of Chinese Art School of SA. Together the conference organising committee, the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of SA committee members also stood up and performed a dance “Little Apple”. During the dinner, many talented delegates came up and sang. All the delegates enjoyed the dinner and the venue was full of laughter’s the entire evening.

The second day’s program of the conference started again in the Bonython Hall. A short ceremony was conducted by the newly elected president of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Federation of Australia Dr Fuxin Li to congratulate the former president Mrs Anita Chong OAM on her being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Then the keynote speaker Dr Danping Wang from Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong made her speech about “Understanding Learner Autonomy: What can successful learners of Chinese teach us?”. In the presentation, Dr Danping Wang pointed out the Chinese language teachers need to have an awareness of the power of autonomous Chinese learning and encourage new enriched Chinese teaching without boundaries. The conference keynote speaker Mr Andrew Scrimgeour, the lecturer in

Languages Education and Chinese at the University of South Australia, made his presentation after the fourth concurrent session of the conference. He explained why Chinese is so difficult to learn upon a reflection on 200 years of 'innovation' in Chinese foreign language learning. After lunch the fifth concurrent session started. There were 7 workshops, in which included Mr Joe Dale, a well-known language consultant from UK. At around 3:30 PM, the conference was officially closed.



Many delegates from different states in Australia and overseas commented during the conference how much they had learned during the sessions. The conference keynote speaker Dr Jane Orton remarked "This has been one of the best Chinese Language Teachers' Federation National Conference for many years". The conference was considered to be a well organised event and the delegates found it was efficient and productive. As the 21st national conference, it could certainly be considered as a very important event of the development of the Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia.

Jie Zhu

Committee Member

Chinese Language Teachers' Association of

South Australian

August 2015





Term 3 Professional Development **Movie Night** 4th September 2015

Part I: Visual Literacy Workshop

Roma Chiera-Garnelli will be presenting a short workshop about how she has used the movie *Mulan*, both in English and Chinese, in the Chinese languages classes to include visual literacy as part of language and learning. She will explore how she used the movie to teach key points about intercultural understanding, historical points, and target language use.

She will also talk about a unit of work she has taught which uses adverts from China, Italy and Australia to help explore the ideas of visual literacy, intercultural understanding and target language learning.

Part II: Chinese Movie Show

1. “西游记---大闹天宫” (M) with English subtitle, for primary and secondary school levels
2. “那些年，我们一起追过的女孩” (PG) with English subtitle, for Chinese Continuers level
3. “太平轮” (M) for Chinese backgrounds level



Program:

5:00pm-5:30pm

Part I: Visual Literacy Workshop

5:30pm- 6:15pm

Dinner

6:15pm- 7:45pm

Film show (3 movies shown at the same time)

7:45pm- 8:15pm

CLTASA Annual General Meeting

Venue:

6 Bolingbroke Ave. Devon Park

Registration:

For catering purpose you **MUST**

register your name with

Magdalene Kho by email

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Fee:

CLTASA members: \$10

Non- members: \$20