

## **Introduction to *the OLE at JALT 2010 Compendium***

### ***On this compendium***

OLE, the Other Languages Educators Special Interest Group in JALT, the Japanese Association for Language Teaching, may arguably claim to be the biggest organization and [have the most presentations of any Japanese institution concerned with the instruction of multiple foreign languages](#). This booklet offers all freely visible material that was presented in the OLE presentations at JALT 2010 on November 21-22 at WINC, Nagoya. The sheer amount and span of areas, approaches, languages and research topics covered at least in part make it a small “compendium” of presentations in cross-linguistic learning and teaching contexts in Japan.

### ***The role of OLE in JALT***

Note that OLE is not meant to interfere with individual language [teaching](#) organizations. They are [vital](#) to demonstrate that foreign languages [other than English](#) are strong enough [individually in Japan](#). OLE is meant to give these [organizations](#) additional clout as a second force in the large overarching language teacher association that is JALT with its over 2000 members.

### ***OLE at JALT 2010***

This introduction gives a brief overview of the events related to OLE at JALT 2010, all of whom are represented, in one way or other, in the following pages

### ***Numbers***

All in all we had 27 presentations by 24 presenters in 9 events:

- 4 presentations in the *multilingualism forum* by Profs. Mayer, Reichert, Tabata (Sunday) and Reinelt
- 2 presentations by Profs. Fortin and Szende in the *French forum*
- 3 presentations in the *Spanish workshop* by Profs. Silva, Letelier and Kasutani
- 5 presentations in the *OLE SIG forum* by Profs. Kasjan/Okada, Batten, Lee, and Hoshino (Sunday) and Reinelt
- 7 presentations in the *German workshop* by Profs. Krause-Ono, Voegel, Imig, Christ-Kagoshima, Hama, Schmidt (Saturday) and Reinelt
- 2 presentations in the *Embassy Panel: FL Teaching in the 21st century* by Mrs. Matta from the Peruvian General Consulate in Nagoya, and in absentia by the German consulate in Osaka-Kobe, who provided the interested teachers and learners with materials galore. All of these were directly organized by OLE.
- There were also three independent presentations by Profs. Zamborlin, Assigueta and Lassegard..
- From his Monday, Nov. 22 cross-linguistic presentation, Prof. Buthod also made his materials available to OLE. A big thank-you for this interesting contribution.

### ***The back side***

Admittedly, there were also for the first time a small number of cancellations, and this issue will have to be addressed in the future.

### *Still available materials*

For the last four years, OLE has been using one room **throughout the** conference almost exclusively for its presentations and networking. This year we also had a huge number of up-to-date materials, some of which are still available from the coordinator at [reinelt.rudolf.my@ehime-u.ac.jp](mailto:reinelt.rudolf.my@ehime-u.ac.jp) for free.

### *Elections*

OLE also held elections at its annual general meeting. All officers had to step down due to re-election restrictions. In the ensuing election, each of the former officers was proposed as **a** new candidate and **then** elected.

### *On issuing this compendium*

At the conference itself, we have been gathering the presenters' presentations and materials for the last three years, but this will be the first year the presentation materials are actually made **public**. Materials appear as they were made available by the presenters. As for copyright, all material is only free for information. If in doubt about using it for educational purposes or research, please contact the presenters directly or via this coordinator. As everything appears online, we gratefully acknowledge the support of the Education and Student Support Center's Education Department at Ehime University for OLE at JALT.

### **... and on to OLE in 2011**

This booklet also contains a brief schedule of OLE-related events in 2011. Most deadlines are (very) early, in February and April. More detailed information on the events will be made available in OLE NL 57, bound to be issued in the next few days, and subsequent issues. Please apply early as vacancies fill up fast. **We hope that** this compendium is another helpful service to everyone in OLE and beyond.

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