CLTA Annual Conference Call for Papers

November 17-19, 2006
Nashville, Tennessee

The 2006 annual meeting of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association (CLTA) will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in Nashville, Tennessee from Friday November 17 through Sunday, November 19, 2006. You are invited to submit proposals for individual papers, poster sessions, and panel presentations. The deadline for proposal submissions will be midnight, Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

In resonance with the theme of the ACTFL 2006 Annual Meeting Discover the Future . . . Discover Languages, the CLTA 2006 annual meeting will feature the theme "Chinese Language Education: Agendas for an Expanding Field."

As one of five cosponsors of the ACTFL 2006 Annual Meeting and Exposition, CLTA encourages Chinese language educators from all areas of the profession to submit proposals to its Program Committee. Our Program Committee welcomes submissions on such topics as applied linguistics, assessment, culture, curriculum/program design, film, heritage learners, learner variables, literature, materials, multimedia, pedagogy/methods, policy/advocacy, professional development, research, second language acquisition, technology and other related topics. However, preference will be given to those submissions addressing the conference theme.

Sessions are 75 minutes long. Each panel will be limited to four fifteen-minute presentations -- including the presentation by a formal discussant (optional), with 15 minutes left for questions and answers. A paper presenter may also serve as panel chair but not as panel discussant. Accepted individual presentations will be grouped into panels by theme. The Program Committee will consider and review proposals in accordance with the following guidelines.

• Only proposals from CURRENT CLTA members will be considered.
• Only one proposal from each person will be considered.
• All proposals will be reviewed anonymously.
• Proposals will be reviewed in terms of relevancy to the conference theme and significance of topics to the concerns of the field, originality and innovation of perspectives, presentation of theoretical framework and arguments, clarity and rigor of analysis and critical thinking, and overall understanding of the topics proposed for presentation.

How to Submit
• Submit proposals in English or Chinese online at http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/ealc/clta/. PDF files are prefered.
• Each panel must submit a panel abstract, and each panelist must submit an individual abstract.
• The abstract should be 300-400 words.
• Indicate clearly on the proposal submission form the equipment you will need for your presentation(s). CLTA will charge a nominal fee for the use of an LCD projector: $10 for an individual paper presentation, and $25 for a panel.

Proposals submitted after the deadline, not in the correct format, or by those who are not current CLTA members will not be considered.

If you are not currently a CLTA member, please contact Professor Cyndy Ning (cyndy@hawaii.edu), Executive Director of the CLTA, or visit the CLTA's web site: http://clta.osu.edu.

First-time CLTA presenters are eligible to compete for the Walton Presentation Prize. This award (formerly known as the Ron Walton Young Scholar Travel Award) is given to recognize the best first_time presentation at the CLTA Annual Meeting. Preference will be given to teachers at the pre-college level, graduate students and junior scholars who have their paper proposals accepted for the annual meeting. The recipient of the prize will receive an award of $250 and an invitation to submit his/her paper to the Journal of the CLTA for possible publication. If you wish to be considered for the prize, please indicate so on the proposal submission form.

Please send your inquiries to:
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