SEALLT joined with MAALLT this past Spring to hold a joint conference meeting in Sewanee, Tennessee at the University of the South. Hosted by Karl Fisher, the meeting’s theme was “A Mountain Summit for Foreign Language Technology Professionals.” This joint MAALLT and SEALLT meeting was held March 19-20, 2004.

Participants at the joint MAALLT/SEALLT 2004 conference. Read more inside.
A note from the SEALLT president 2004

The joint conference of SEALLT and MAALLT on March 19-20, 2004 at The University of the South in Swanee, Tennessee, was a success. The weather, the presentations, the food, the participants, the campus and most of all, the host, Karl Fisher, were all superb. Karl went out of his way to organize and prepare all aspects of the conference including preparing a delicious paella for Saturday night at the elegant French House on the grounds of the University. We were also treated to a campus walking tour before dinner. Great job Karl!

Small regional conferences have made it possible to meet all the participants on a much more personal level to exchange ideas and business cards. The participants at this conference had an opportunity to share a wide variety of information that was contributed during nine presentations. For example, the Language Resource Center at the College of Charleston has recently implemented Rachida Primov’s (University of Miami) software recommendation, WaspNest, for inventory control and My WebCT page is linked to Barbara Nelson’s (Colby College) prize-winning culture modules. In another presentation by Frank Kruger-Robbins, The Wireless Language Classroom and Beyond, our group was impressed by how well technology had been integrated at his school, Pine Crest Preparatory School in Florida. Jeff Samuels from Goucher College presented news on The IALLT Digital Exchange: A Work in Progress and a Progressive Work, which would save a lot of work for language labs throughout the country by allowing members access to already digitized audio files. Another timely topic, copyright issues, was addressed by Gamin Bartle (University of Alabama) in Copyright Made Easy.

This joint conference was so much fun and so informative that we, the members of SEALLT attending the conference, decided to do it all over again in 2006 in Charleston, S.C. at the College of Charleston. The theme may well be: From The Mountains to The Sea, Sharing Ideas for the Foreign Language Classroom of the 21st Century.

Because of the time and effort required to organize a conference, the SEALLT participants decided that it would be best to hold a 2005 business meeting at the IALLT Conference in Provo, Utah during the regional lunches where we need to elect new officers for 2006 as well as increase membership so we can continue to hold our Southeast conferences in other states of the region.

Hope to see you there!

Georgia Schlau
Presentations from the MAALLT/SEALLT Joint Conference

Friday, March 19 Events
Registration and welcome reception, Lab tour and demo of Sanako, Regional Business Meetings, Opening Dinner

Saturday, March 20
Frank Kruger-Robbins (Pine Crest Preparatory School)
   The Wireless Language Classroom and Beyond

Peter Janssens (Georgetown University)
   Supporting Research through Technology: Custom Application Design for Foreign Language Graduate Studies

Jeff Samuels (Goucher College)
   The IALLT Digital Exchange: A Work in Progress and a Progressive Work

Georgia Schlau (College of Charleston)
   Promoting Your Programs: The Language Lab in a New Role

Sharon Robinson (Lynchburg College)
   Bringing Literature to Life with Technology

Rachida Primov (University of Miami)
   Implementing a Scanning System for Inventory Control

Jun Da (Middle Tennessee State University)
   Using Microsoft Speech Technology for Voice-enabled Interactive Learning Materials Development

Gamin Bartle (University of Alabama)
   Copyright Made Easy

Barbara Nelson (Colby College)
   Digital Narrative: From Concept to Cultural Activity

For more information and a lot of nice photos of the conference, go to:
   http://www.clas.ufl.edu/llc/SEALL/conf04.html
Upcoming Conferences

FLEAT 5, August 5-10, 2005
The Fifth Foreign Language Education and Technology Conference
FLEAT 5, August 5-10, 2005
Provo, Utah Cosponsored by the International Association for Language
Learning Technology (IALLT), the Language Education and Technology
Association of Japan (LET), and Brigham Young University (BYU)
For more information: http://FLEAT5.byu.edu E-mail: cw136@byu.edu

MAALLT / SEALLT Joint Conference March 9-11, 2006
We will meet March 9-11, 2006 in Charleston, S.C. at the College of Charleston.
The theme may well be: From The Mountains to The Sea, Sharing Ideas for the
Foreign Language Classroom of the 21st Century. Stay tuned to the SEALLT
Web site for more information: http://www.clas.ufl.edu/llc/SEALL/