

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Netherlands Institute for Audio-Visual Media

**WHERE:** The Hague, Netherlands

**WHEN:** October 5-7, 1988

**WHAT:** International conferences with sessions and hardware/software exhibits, products, and services

**CONTACT:** Congress Secretariat, PFL Communications Ltd., P.O. Box 97734, 2509 GC, The Netherlands

**TELEPHONE:** (+31) 70-143559; Telex 32324 NIAM NL.

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium, MECC

**WHERE:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

**WHEN:** November 18, 1988

**WHAT:** Annual educational computing conference

**AGENDA:** Pre-conference workshops; exhibits, panels, speeches, presentations

**CONTACT:** MECC 1988, 3490 Lexington Avenue, North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55126

**TELEPHONE:** (612) 481-3500

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Florida Department of Education

**WHERE:** Orlando, Florida

**WHEN:** January 30-February 2, 1989

**WHAT:** Ninth Annual Instructional Computing Conference

**AGENDA:** Presenter applications are being

accepted through September 12, 1988, for the 1989 conference.

**NOTEWORTHY:** Presenters receive free conference registration and a minimal travel stipend.

**CONTACT:** Florida Department of Education, Office of Educational Technology, Knott Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**TELEPHONE:** (904) 488-0980

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Mid-South Association for Computing

**WHERE:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**WHEN:** February 3-4, 1989

**WHAT:** 1989 Mid-South ACE Conference

**AGENDA:** A call for presentations and panel discussions has been issued by the Mid-South Association for Computing. Proposals must be received by October 1, 1988.

**CONTACT:** Patricia Faser, Department of Computer Science, Southern University, P.O. Box 9221, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** ACTFL, East Central University, National Network of Early Language Learning

**WHERE:** Boston, Massachusetts

**WHEN:** November 16 & 17, 1989, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of ACTFL

**WHAT:** Call for Presentations for the 4th International Conference on Second/Foreign Language Acquisition by Children: Theoretical Aspects & Practical Applications

**AGENDA:** Abstract Requirements: 8 copies must be submitted by **January 10, 1989**; limited to two 8 1/2" x 11" pages; on the first page, include your

name, address, phone number (work and home), the title of your presentation, and a summary of the contents of the proposed presentation; double space the text of the proposal; your name should also appear on the second page.

**NOTEWORTHY:** Topics include current research on second/foreign language acquisition by children (up to and including pre-adolescents), rationales for programs for teaching a second/foreign language to children, successful existing programs for second/foreign language acquisition by children, specific suggestions on how to prepare and implement second/foreign language programs for children, available techniques, methods, texts, and materials for teaching a second/foreign language to children, and problems in implementing and coordinating second/foreign language programs for children as seen from an administrative point of view.

**CONTACT:** Dr. Rosemarie A. Benya, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.

**TELEPHONE:** (405) 332-8000

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Dartmouth College

**WHERE:** Hanover, New Hampshire

**WHEN:** October 21-23, 1988

**WHAT:** Rassias Method Workshop in Languages and Communications

**NOTEWORTHY:** There is a registration fee of \$250 per participant. It includes twenty-five hours of instruction, materials, all meals, a reception-dinner, and an optional tour of Dartmouth College campus. Workshop participants are expected to make their own lodging arrangements. Tax deduction is allowed for all expenses of Continuing Education undertaken to maintain and improve professional skills. Deadline for registration and payment in full is one week before start of workshop.

**CONTACT:** Dartmouth College, Language Outreach, Hanover, NH 03755

**TELEPHONE:** (603) 646-2922

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Sensible Software, Inc.

**WHERE:** Troy, Michigan

**WHEN:** Now available

**WHAT:** Sensible Grammar—a grammar checker and electronic proofreader that checks word processing files for common writing errors.

**NOTEWORTHY:** Program goes beyond checking the spelling of individual words. It checks writing to assure it is punctuated correctly; it compares writing to an extensive library of over 4000 phrases to identify pompous, informal, cliché, vague, wordy, repetitive, racist, sexist, and other faulty phraseology. Advanced features include checking for proper noun/verb, article/noun, and verb/modifier agreement. Cost: \$99.95. Runs on on Macintosh 512, 512E, Plus, SE, and Macintosh II computers.

**CONTACT:** Sensible Software Inc., 335 E. Big Beaver, Suite 207, Troy, Michigan 48083

**TELEPHONE:** (313) 528-1950

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers

**WHERE:** Concord Hotel, Lake Kiamesha

**WHEN:** October 9-12, 1988

**WHAT:** 71st Annual Meeting

**NOTEWORTHY:** This year's meeting is organized around the theme of Spotlight on Teaching; the keynote speaker will be Dr. Ervin Gerard of Ohio State University. Presentations will highlight the following: testing, classroom management, teacher improvement, advanced placement, curriculum development, technology, and high school-college articulation. Pre-conference workshops will feature "An Afternoon of Culture and Immersion."

**CONTACT:** John Webb, Hunter College High School, 71 East 94th Street, New York, New York 10128

**TELEPHONE:** (212) 860-1278

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Muriel Harris, Editor of *The Writing Lab Newsletter*

**WHERE:** Office of the Editor, *Writing Lab Newsletter*, Heavilon Hall, Department of English, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

**WHEN:** Now

**WHAT:** *The Writing Lab Newsletter* is an informal monthly publication for those who direct or tutor in writing labs and language skills centers. Articles, announcements, columns, and reviews of materials focus on topics in tutoring writing.

**NOTEWORTHY:** For those who wish to join the newsletter group, a yearly donation of \$7.50 (U.S.\$12.50/yr for Canadians) to defray printing and mailing costs would be appreciated. Please make checks payable to Purdue University.

**CONTACT:** Muriel Harris, Editor, *Writing Lab Newsletter*, Dept. of English, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** Bowker, A Division of Reed Publishing USA

**WHERE:** New York, New York

**WHEN:** Now available

**WHAT:** 16th Annual *Audio Video Market Place*, The Complete A/V Business Directory for 1988, completely reformatted and up-dated by 90%

**NOTEWORTHY:** Lists over 5,000 producers, distributors, and suppliers of audio, video, film, audiovisual and support services throughout the country. Over 13,000 addresses and phone numbers of the companies and people covered are listed in the directory. Cost: \$65.00, plus shipping/handling

**CONTACT:** Customer Service, R.R. Bowker Company, P.O. Box 766, New York, New York 10011

**TELEPHONE:** 1-800-521-8110; In New York, Alaska, and Hawaii, call collect 212-337-6934; in Canada, call Toll-free 1-800-537-8416

**Announcing...**

**WHO:** The National Foreign Language Center, Institute of Advanced Studies

**WHERE:** Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** Now accepting applications

**WHAT:** 1989-90 Research Fellowship Opportunities

**NOTEWORTHY:** The NFLC encourages empirical research in foreign language pedagogy and the study of related policy issues. Its aim is to improve the spoken and written use of foreign languages in the United States. Through support from the Andrew S. Mellon Foundation, the Institute of Advanced Studies provides a residential environment in which scholars, teachers and administrators interested in improving foreign language competence can pursue their research and share their findings with others concerned with similar foreign language issues. Research undertaken at the Institute is expected to have broad applicability from a national perspective focus on improving foreign language instructional systems and address related questions relatively unattended elsewhere.

**CLOSING DATE:** Fellowship awards will be made on an individual and/or collaborative basis. (See *J.E.T.T.* Feature in this issue for names/research of current NFLC Fellows). The closing date for applications is **November 1, 1988.**

**CONTACT:** For further information and application materials, please write to: Program Officer, National Foreign Language Center at The Johns Hopkins University, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington D.C. 20036.