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Welcome!

Hello everyone and welcome to our very first newsletter! This year we've moved closer to becoming a fully-fledged SIG and have continued to grow - 132 members as of December! We've also participated in several events and look forward to collaborating at different events next year.

Annual General Meeting

Our second AGM was held during JALT 2019 in Nagoya on Sunday, November 3. The current officers are:

Coordinator: Roxana Sandu
Membership: Neil J. Talbert
Treasurer: John Patrick Owatari-Dorgan
Co-treasurer: Maria Gabriela Schmidt
Program chair: Valerie Hansford
Co-program chair: Prateek Sharma
Webmaster: John Appleby
Publicity chair: Vikki Williams
Publications chair: Javier Salazar
Co-publications chair: Nivedita Kumari
Co-publications chair: Gaby Benthien

If anyone is interested in joining the team, please feel free to drop us a line:
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Our Facebook page is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1925615070835509/>

For our website, click on the link below:
<https://sites.google.com/view/jalt-icle-sig/home?authuser=0>

2019 Events

MAY 2019 – PanSIG Conference

May saw us at PanSIG 2019, in Nishinomiya. Our forum *Bringing Culture into the Foreign Language Classroom* was very well received, and we thank our presenters: Prateek Sharma, Valerie Hansford, Avril Haye Matsui and Jonathan Scott for their insightful presentations.

JUNE 2019 – JALT Tokyo Chapter

Along with JALT Tokyo Chapter, we co-sponsored an intercultural evening at Rikkyo University on June 28. Again, thanks to our presenters: Roxana Sandu, Valerie Hansford and Javier Salazar.

NOVEMBER 2019

Our forum at JALT 2019 Conference, *Maximize the Intercultural Learning Process*, attracted participants interested in ways to encourage teacher efficacy and increase learner agency in the intercultural classroom. We thank our presenters: Gaby Benthien, Mei Ouma, and Javier Salazar.

We are also proud to be a supporter and co-sponsor of the *1st International Communication and Community Development Conference*, held at Notre Dame Seishin University in Okayama, on 16-17 November. We'd like to thank the conference chair, Rob Waring and our SIG liaison for this event, Stephen Shrader, for offering us the opportunity to be part of the team. We'd also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Professor Joseph Shaules for representing ICLE SIG as our featured speaker. Thank you all and looking forward to future collaborations!

2019 Publications

The ICLE BOX

Our first “ice cube”, *Simulating OZ moments in the classroom*, and “popsicle”, *BARNGA, a co-cultural simulation game* were submitted by Bruno Jactat. Check it out on our website! More to come...

If you have an intercultural activity you'd like to share with us, please contact our publications chair at: iclesigpublicationschair@gmail.com. We're accepting submissions all year-round!

THINK TANK (April issue)

We are proud to announce our first collaboration with the Mind, Brain and Education SIG. We've co-published the April issue on *Culture, the Brain, and the Language Classroom*. You can download it for free at: [ThinkTank](#)

Upcoming in 2020

MAY 2020

For next year's PanSIG conference forum, we've teamed up with the Study Abroad SIG. We are currently seeking proposals for the topic *Intercultural Communication and Mobility*. Abstracts are due January 15th, 17:00 (Japan time). More information can be found here: [Call for proposals - ICLE SIG & SA SIG Forum at JALT PanSIG 2020](#)

SEPTEMBER 2020

We are happy to announce a possible collaboration with the Study Abroad SIG for their annual conference. Stay tuned!

OCTOBER 2020

The dates are yet to be decided, but we're happy to continue our involvement co-sponsoring the 2nd *International Communication and Community Development Conference*.

NOVEMBER 2020

We'll definitely be at JALT 2020. We'll put out a call for submissions soon and hope to see many of you in Tsukuba next year!

Finally, we'd like to wish you all a very happy New Year. Enjoy the winter break. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

