

## Conference Announcements

The next SIETAR annual conference will be held March 11 to 15, 1981, at the Sheraton Landmark, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The theme of the conference is "Understanding People and Ideas: Approaches to Effective Intercultural Interaction." The conference offers an opportunity to explore each of the themes and sub-themes through workshops, roundtables, case studies, concurrent sessions, special-interest groups, and a new concept, "poster sessions." Films that are integrated with the various topics will be shown in the evenings. This year, for the first time, each activity will include participants from Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Latin America, and the USA. The key events of the conference will be the four roundtables in creative multi-ethnic interaction, management of cultural differences, cultural services to migrating peoples, and cultural dimensions of the North-South dialogue. For registration forms and more information, write to: SIETAR, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057, USA.

The fifteenth annual convention of TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of other Languages) will be held March 3-8, 1981 in Detroit Michigan. For registration forms write to the TESOL Central Office, 202 D.C. Transit Building, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057.

The Association of British Columbia Teachers of English as an Additional Language (TEAL) in conjunction with its fifteenth annual convention, is hosting the national meeting of TESL Canada. TEAL '81—TESL Canada will be held at the Hotel Vancouver on March 12, 13, and 14, 1981. Thomas Scovel (Pittsburgh), Bernie Mohan (Vancouver), and two as-yet-unnamed British educators will be plenary speakers. They and the fifty or more workshop presenters will be addressing the concerns that arise in almost all classrooms at all levels of education where there are ESL students. For further information contact Earl D. Wyman, Chairman, TESL '81—TESL Canada, 2684 Eagleridge Drive, Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3E 1A6.

On April 1, 1982 (April Fool's Day), the Western Humor and Irony Membership (WHIM) will hold its first annual conference at Arizona State University. The conference theme will be "The Language of Humor and the Humor of Language." Proposals for papers conforming to the general theme of the conference from such fields as psychology, anthropology, sociology, education, literature, linguistics, bilingualism, etc., are encouraged. Send your one page abstract to Don L.F. Nilsen, WHIM Conference, English Department, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85281 by July 4, 1981.

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