

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEAMEO Regional Language Centre in Singapore will hold its 25th Regional Seminar on Language Testing and Language Programme Evaluation April 9–12, 1990 in the RELC Building, 30 Orange Grove Rd., Singapore 1025, Republic of Singapore. The theme: "Language Testing and Language Programme Evaluation." **Deadline** for a 200-word abstract plus a 50-word bio-data: **November 30, 1989**. Contact: Director (Att. Seminar Secretariat), SEAMEO Regional Language Centre (address above).

The East Central Writing Centers Association (formerly Writing Centers Association: East Central) will hold its Twelfth Annual Conference **April 20–21, 1990** at Indiana State U in Terre Haute. Proposals: standard concerns of writing centers, their special mission to help students, also the position of centers within schools. Of prime interest are proposals formulated as interactive workshops. **Deadline** for one-page submissions: **December 15, 1989**. Contact: Corky Dahl or Brenda Ameter, The Writing Center, Indiana State U, Terre Haute, IN 70809.

The New York College Learning Skills Association will hold its **Thirteenth Annual Symposium on Developmental Education April 22–24, 1990** at the Nevele Hotel, Ellenville, NY. Proposal topics: all aspects of college level developmental education and learning support services. **Deadline: October 27, 1989**. Contact: Dr. Kathleen Schatzberg-Smith, Ass't. Dean of Instruction, Rockland Community College, 145 College Rd., Suffern, NY 10901; (914) 356–4650 Ext. 261 or 210.

NCTE Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, the first sponsored by NCTE Affiliates in the region, will be held **April 26–28, 1990** at Greentree Marriot, Pittsburgh, PA. The theme: "Styles of Learning: Ways of Teaching." Proposals for **Pre-Conference Workshops** (full-day presentations on a topic) should address concerns of teachers, K-16: computers, whole language instruction, strategies for working with mainstreamed students, collaborative learning. Proposals for **Conference Sessions**: panel discussions, workshops, demonstrations, or single presentations to appeal to English and Language Arts teachers, K-16. **Deadline: November 1, 1989**. Contact:

Regional Conference Proposal, WPCTE, 611 Field Club Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

The 1990 Kellogg Institute for the Training and Certification of Developmental Educators will be held **June 10-July 27, 1990** at Appalachian State U, Boone, NC. Focus is on the use of learning styles and their implications for instruction, the process of developmental evaluation activities, use of academic intervention and counseling techniques, management of programs and classes, as well as the use of computers for management, data collection, and instructional purposes. The summer session will be followed by a fall term practicum project. Graduate credits are available. **Applications deadline: April 1, 1990.** Contact: Elaini Bingham, Director, Kellogg Institute, or Margaret Mock, Administrative Ass't., National Center for Developmental Education, both at Appalachian State U, Boone, NC 28608; (704) 262-3057.

Western Ohio Journal for 1990 will feature original poetry, articles, and reviews. Teachers at all levels may submit classroom narratives (with student samples) for an idea exchange section. Multiple submissions, previously published material, black-and-white drawings and cartoons are eligible. **Deadline: January 20, 1990.** Contact: *WOJ*, c/o James Brooks, Sinclair Community College, 444 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402.

The Council of Writing Program Administrators, a national professional organization, evaluates institutions' writing programs by providing two trained consultant/evaluators to work with faculty and staff. This service is funded in part by an Exxon grant, and by modest fees plus travel expenses (grant support available). Contact: Dr. Edward M. White, Dept. of English, California State U, San Bernardino, CA 92407.

Indiana Writing Project runs a public electronic bulletin board for writing teachers. A set of assignments for downloading is available. Access the board by calling (317) 285-8414 with modems set to 8 data bits, even parity, and one stop bit. (Almost any default modem setting will do.) Calls can be accepted at 300 bps, 1200 bps, or 2400 bps. First-time callers are automatically registered. Callers' time online is limited to 30 minutes. The IWP service aims at free

exchange of information among writing teachers, e.g., the exchange of assignments and public domain software, and ongoing professional dialogues. The bulletin board operates 20 hrs. per weekday, 24 hrs. per weekend day. Scheduled down times: Weekdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Suggestions? Leave message for the sysop.

WPA Research Grants

The Council of Writing Program Administrators is currently accepting proposals for its 1990 research grants. The council will award several small grants (up to \$500) for research relating specifically to the concerns of writing program administrators. Proposals should not exceed four single-spaced typed pages and should describe (1) the research problem and objectives, (2) the procedures for conducting the research (including sample, design, instrumentation, and personnel), (3) a time-line, and (4) a budget. Researchers planning to conduct surveys may include in their proposal the free use of the WPA mailing list. All WPA grant recipients will be asked to submit their research report to the Council's journal, *WPA: Writing Program Administration*, for possible publication before submitting it to other journals. Please include your name, affiliation, address, and telephone number on your proposal. The **deadline** for submission is **December 20, 1989**. Please send the proposal **and two copies** to: **Prof. Karen Greenberg, Chair, WPA Grant Committee, Department of English, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.**