

FRENCH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES COMMISSION UPDATE

The Commission on French for Specific Purposes proposes products, materials, or services that promote the teaching of French for Specific Purposes at all levels, encompassing business French, French for health and medicine, French for science and technology, diplomatic French, French for tourism, French for engineering, French for international relations, and so much more. The commission envisions expanding the definition and scope of what French for Specific Purposes is, sharing innovative ideas, and teaching creating materials that can serve to supplement units or provide entire courses from K-16. The @AATF_FSP Twitter is active and the AATF FSP Facebook is in progress.

We look forward to members contributing to sessions and / or workshops at conferences and are working toward a resource volume oriented to share teaching units and or approaches for French for Specific Purposes. Please contact the Chair if you are interested in participating in any related project or presentation.

This year has been one of busily highlighting the commission's goals, making connections

with national and international contacts, and exploring ways to expand the vision and scope of what is French for Specific Purposes by presenting a different conferences and working with may different entities. We hope to be able to present at conferences this year as well.

Currently, we are working on a new initiative, which is in the very initial stages of development.

With the help of Cynthia Jones of Weber State University, the commission is designing a National Concours for Français à Buts Spécifiques (FSP). Inclusive of all FSP, the goal is to have short student presentations which will be evaluated. In addition, we are considering adding the possibility of group presentations. At this point, we see this as university-level competition for exclusively French-speaking students and understand that some universities might wish to send groups to present.

I welcome all new members who are interested in promoting new ways of considering FSP, successful strategies to teach FSP, sharing

resources, collaborating with international FSP specialists (CCIP, Consulat, etc.), sharing ways of marketing it to administration, and designing a competition to reward successful student work. Please join us!

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AATF EXEMPLARY FRENCH PROGRAM

Would you like your French program to become a model for others? Would you like your department to be recognized in your school, in your city or town, and on the AATF Web site? Then you may be a candidate for the new Exemplary French Program sponsored by the AATF. Read the indicators and apply on the official form by **February 15, 2021**.

For complete instructions, go to the AATF Web site at [www.frenchteachers.org].

MEMBERS' NOTES

The Association of Departments of Foreign Languages (ADFL) of the Modern Language Association presented Executive Director **Jayne Abrate**, with the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession at the 2020 MLA Annual Convention in Seattle in January. This award is given to eminent scholar teachers who serve the profession in the larger community. The ADFL Executive Committee presents the award to honor contributions to teaching, scholarship, and service in foreign languages at the postsecondary level. The committee has sought to recognize the exceptional contributions of individuals among all ADFL members' languages, areas of specialization, and institutional divisions.

