
Message from the Coordinators

Dear CUE members,

Greetings from two CUE veterans who have joined forces to serve as your new coordinating team. We hope you are all enjoying the freshness and excitement of spring and the start of the academic year. As coordinators, we are looking forward to the challenges of helping CUE to inspire and support you in achieving your professional goals, especially as we prepare for 2013, CUE's twentieth anniversary.

Over the last twenty years, one of the ways by which CUE has best served its members is its journal. *OnCUE Journal* is now in its sixth year under this title, but it has evolved over the past two decades from a simple A4 size photocopied newsletter with the title *OnCUE* to the professionally designed and edited academic journal you hold in your hand. With this issue we welcome the new cover design and CUE logo, both of which we hope meet with your approval. As our journal continues to evolve in the capable hands of editor **Glen Hill** and the rest of the *OCJ* team, we hope it continues to serve as a forum for sharing practical, theoretical, and research ideas amongst CUE members and the wider tertiary educators' community within Japan and beyond.

Another way that CUE has strived to inspire and support its members is through its regular conferences. The independent conference we held in June last year, "Foreign Language Motivation in Japan" at Toyo University, was a great success with an attendance of nearly 200. We also co-sponsored the 2011 PanSIG conference, the Peace as a Global Language conference and the Nakasendo conference. We continue the sponsorship of conferences this year, with the PanSIG conference on June 16 and 17 at Hiroshima University; and a *free* "CUE ESP Symposium – Kansai" on September 8 at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology; and a 2000-yen one-day workshop "Qualitative Research: Getting Started" on December 1 with **Naoko Aoki** and **Robert Croker** at Chukyo University in Nagoya. At the JALT International

Conference on October 12–15 in Hamamatsu, CUE is sponsoring **Garold Murray**'s Featured Speaker Workshop "Identity and Motivation: Imagining a Difference", and organizing a forum with the TED SIG titled "What makes the difference: Stories from the field". For those interested in presenting at the forum, please see our website for more information and how to apply.

One of our main goals for the coming year is to further enhance communication amongst officers and members through our improved website, Facebook group and Twitter. In order to promote this communication, we want to be sure CUE is addressing topics of interest to our members; we want to know what you want from CUE as it enters its third decade. In order to find this out, we've made a short survey to collect members' opinions. It will take you less than three minutes to complete, but the information you give us will be extremely helpful as we make decisions about where CUE should be headed, so if you haven't already, please take a moment and visit the CUE website and click on the link to the survey. We are eager for input from members: your ideas for events and invited speakers, and people to contribute ideas, time, photographs, skills in proofreading and editing and any other skill that can help enhance communication and collaboration among members within our dynamic group.

There is a lot happening in CUE, and this is going to be an exciting year of redirection for our SIG. We look forward to working to improve CUE together.

Regards,
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