
Message from the Editor

Dear readers,

It was 2 years ago when CUE held its annual ESP Symposium. Leigh McDowell, Steven Taro Suzuki, and Ralph Rose were the co-chairs of the event, and it was a great success that set the bar higher than the previous two symposia. Thanks to all of you!

The one-day event crammed into its modest schedule three keynote speakers and two sessions of poster presentations, plus some audience group discussions. The entire program is accessible through links on the CUE homepage events calendar at this link: http://jaltcue.org/files/CUE_ESP/CueESP2014/jalt_cue_esp_symposium_kanto_2014_program.pdf . Don't sell yourself short, though. The program link shows the abstracts of all speakers and posters, but to see the actual posters you need to stay on the CUE homepage and view them as PDFs at http://jaltcue.org/cueesp_main .

Yasushi Ikebe (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation), **Michael Handford** (University of Tokyo), and **Brian Paltridge** (University of Sydney) delivered excellent keynote speeches. I found Ikebe's the most intriguing. Not only did he describe his less than enthusiastic English education experience, but he went on in what seemed a total reversal by talking about his vast experience working at such prestigious places as the Max Planck Institute and the Goddard Space Flight Center. It was there that his English matured amid a hectic work schedule in foreign lands, and that in itself is a testament to hard work and perseverance.

The program lists 20 posters, and the topics were quite varied in the ESP field. Here in the Special Issue of *OnCUE Journal*, we are proud to have 16 of them written up as "extended abstracts". They expand on the original points and

figures that attendees saw. In co-editing this issue, Steven Suzuki and I noticed that they seemed to have fallen into one of two categories: action research reports or descriptions of course design. We also asked the keynote speakers to draft something that readers could take home and enjoy, and we were pleased with the responses.

I want to thank Steven for his hard work in co-editing as well as being part of the organizing team. I also want to thank all authors and CUE members for their immense patience that was needed prior to getting this issue to print. It was the largest project I've been part of as OCJ chief editor, and despite the delays, mistakes, and difficulties, I feel we have done the symposium a good service in the form of this issue.

We will continue with the ESP symposium in 2017, and with help from CUE members, the officers will be able to pull it off again perhaps every other year.

On to the reading!

Glen Hill
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