
Message from the Editor

Dear readers,

The 3rd Annual JALT CUE ESP Symposium - Kanto 2014 was a major undertaking even with three co-chairs, Leigh McDowell, Ralph Rose, and me. However, its success exceeded our expectations thanks to the support of the ESP community in Japan.

With this letter, I remain the longest lasting participant in the organizing process. It all started when Leigh and I began formulating the idea of having the ESP Symposium in Kanto before the JALT International Conference in Kobe in 2013. Then, at the conference, we discussed it further and I was introduced to some key CUE players, including Glen Hill. I then presented the idea to Ralph Rose, and he agreed to help us set up the venue at Waseda University, Nishi-Waseda Campus.

Leigh, Ralph, and I worked as a great well-balanced team putting together the symposium. When all was said and done, 77 participants passed through the doors of this event. But, my work was not finished. I had agreed to being a guest editor for the special issue of *OnCue Journal*, so long after the symposium itself, I worked with half of the writers who provide the bulk of this issue. It was a first time for me, so Glen was a valuable resource and provided generous support.

Now, I would like to thank a few key people. First, I thank Glen for helping me through the editing process with unselfish support and wisdom. I also thank Wendy Gough, who helped us immensely with financial as well as other support from CUE. I thank Gavin Brooks for setting up the web page for our program and materials. A hearty thank you to Ralph Rose who dealt with all of the venue aspects of the symposium. A special thank you goes to Leigh McDowell. The whole ESP Symposium concept was his brainchild during a discussion at my

workshop at the JALT International Conference in 2011. In the end, I would not have taken such a workload if it were not for Leigh and his tireless enthusiasm. Finally, I would like to thank everyone that was involved with the symposium on any level.

There was no stand-alone ESP Symposium in 2015, and for 2016, the symposium will not be held, but its ESP theme is a component of a larger CUE conference in September of that year. However, the future prospects for ESP Symposium events are promising. Keep a look out for a resurgence, and let's all continue to support each other in this dynamic academic discourse community.

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