

From the Editor

It is summer and every day we are getting closer to another National Convention. This time we'll be getting together in Acapulco from October 12 to 15. Patrick H. Smith, Convention Chair, and his dedicated committee at the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla, have been working overtime to guarantee that this convention will be something special. Confirmed speakers include Jodi Crandall, Edward Finegan, Mary Ann Cristison, Fernando Castaños and Mary Lou McCloskey.

Hopefully, you will be able to attend the National Convention, but if you can't, remember that you can still participate in events organized by your local chapter. If you don't have a local chapter, contact the National MEXTESOL office for information on how to form one. It's easier than you think.

This issue contains two interesting articles. The first one by Margaret Lubbers Quesada from the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro is a very clear review of the development of ESL methodology in recent years. Our second article by Mary Anna C. Dimitrakopoulis of Indiana University, South Bend, includes very useful suggestions for using easily obtained magazines, especially the *National Geographic*, in the classroom. We also have a very special feature to offer you in this issue: Two of our more creative members have written a wonderful take-off on the famous story of *Alice in Wonderland* called, logically, *Alice in TESOL-Land*. This original work will have its world premiere at the National convention. Finally, we have an article reprinted from *TESOL Matters*. There is an old saying that it is always good to see yourself as others see you. In this brief article a teacher from the United States recounts a visit she made to a Mexican *secundaria*. It is just as interesting to see ourselves through her eyes as it is to see her unconsciously reflected in her own comments about what she sees.

Enjoy this issue and I hope to see you all in Acapulco.

The Editor