



Dear Principal, World Language Department Chair, and/or Professional Development Chair,

I want to share one of the most valuable professional development events for language teachers in Indiana. The Indiana Foreign Language Teacher's Association will be hosting its yearly conference from November 1st - November 3rd at the Sheraton Hotel Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis. This conference is attended by more than 500 K-16 instructors of Japanese, Latin, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, German, and French. This year, IFLTA will be celebrating 50 years of support for Indiana language educators. In honor of the occasion, the conference will not only include presentations by talented colleagues from all over the state but also special presentations from many regionally and nationally renowned foreign language teachers and a keynote address by one of the premier scholars in language development and acquisition, Dr. Stephen Krashen.

Your world language students, school and school district benefit from having your department members attend the conference. With more than 80 language sessions that address curriculum, standards, immersion programs, heritage speakers, assessment, global citizenship, bi-literacy, differentiated learning, leadership, and many other pedagogical topics, teachers learn more about how to address topics that exist in their schools and classrooms. Educators in their first years have the option to attend pre-service/beginning teacher workshop, and all attendees can interact in language organization meetings, hands-on workshops and attend special language-related events. Your teachers will come away energized and with ideas they can implement in the classroom as soon as the following Monday. This will have a big impact on your students' success and advance your school and district goals.

I encourage you to offer your language teachers the opportunity to attend this event and, if it is possible, to support them with registration and/or hotel expenses. **Early-Bird Registration** (postmarked by Monday, October 1st, 2018) is \$95 dollars and **Full Registration** (postmarked **after** October 1st, 2018 and **on-site**) is \$115 dollars. To make the most of the conference experience, participants are encouraged to stay on-site at the conference hotel. The IFLTA rate at the Sheraton Hotel Keystone Crossing is \$139 dollars + taxes (single/double) before Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.

If you have questions or want to know more about the conference, please visit [www.iflta.org](http://www.iflta.org). For your convenience, I have attached a tentative session and workshop schedule. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in your decision-making.

Best,

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Chair, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IFLTA Conference  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, IFLTA  
2018 AATSP National Teacher of the Year  
2014 Indiana Educator of the Year

## 2018 TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Thursday, November 1

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Conference Registration Plaza Foyer, 2nd Floor

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pre-Service/Beginning WL Teachers Workshop Suites 8-9, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Meet and Greet Social Suites 4-5, 2nd Floor

### Friday, November 2

7:30 am - 5:00 pm Conference Registration Plaza Foyer, 2nd Floor

8:00 am - 5:30 pm Exhibits Open Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor

8:00 am - 9:00 am Coffee & Donuts Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor (Compliments of Exhibitors)

8:00 am - 8:50 am IN-NELL Swapshop Suites 8-9-10, 2nd Floor

9:00 am - 9:45 am Welcome / Keynote Address: Dr. Stephen Krashen, Clearwater Ballroom

9:45am - 10:15 am Exhibitor Break Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor

10:15 am - 11:45 am Constituent Organization Workshops

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Buffet\* / IFLTA Raffle\* Clearwater Ballroom, Ground Floor

Celebration of first 50 years of IFLTA / Honoring Past Presidents

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Exhibitor Break Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm Session A

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm Session B

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm Session C

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Exhibitor Wine Reception Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor, (complimentary drink ticket)

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tribute Session for Dr. Oscar Ozete Suites 8-9-10, 2nd Floor

**Saturday, November 3**

**7:30 am - 12:00 pm Conference Registration Plaza Foyer, 2nd Floor**

**8:00 am - 12:15 pm Exhibits Open Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor**

**8:00 am - 9:00 am Coffee (Compliments of Exhibitors) Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor**

**8:00 am - 9:45 am Workshop 1**

**\*\*Please note that the morning workshops will run concurrently with sessions D and E\*\***

**8:00 am - 8:45 am Session D**

**9:00 am - 9:45 am Session E**

**10:00 am - 11:15 am Constituent Organization Meetings (all are welcome)**

**11:15 am - 12:00 pm Exhibitor Break & Raffle Plaza ABC, 2nd Floor**

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Buffet\* / Awards Ceremony Clearwater Ballroom, Ground Floor**

**IFLTA Business Meeting Clearwater Ballroom, Ground Floor**

**1:15 pm - 2:00 pm Session F**

**2:15 pm - 4:00 pm Workshops 2, 3, 4**

**\*\*Please note that the afternoon workshops will run concurrently with sessions G and H\*\***

**2:15 pm - 3:00 pm Session G**

**3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Session H**

**(\*) Additional fee to attend: ticket required to attend these functions!**