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Vitality and Sustainability of the JACET Kansai Chapter

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The world is changing and progressing, as is the range and depth of our research and practice. *JACET Kansai Newsletter* No. 46 described the changes we have had, especially in the genres of conference presentation types and submissions to the *JACET Kansai Journal*.

JACET Kansai Chapter conferences cover a wide variety of research areas, as can be seen from the presentations at two recent annual conferences. The Study Planning Committee has always worked toward selecting topics and contents expected to be of interest to Kansai Chapter members. In planning a new conference, we reflect on the previous conferences and events. We have been guided by the ideas and opinions expressed in the responses to questionnaires from the participants and attendees. Feedback via the questionnaires has been very important for the planners. The table summarizes the questionnaire responses, collected at the 2008 Autumn and 2009 Spring Conferences (an average response rates of 30 and 80%, respectively). The comments included write-ins about the sites, time allotments, sessions, suggestions for conference themes and publishers' displays. We appreciate this feedback. We would also like to express our gratitude for the ample feedback in response to the lecture given at the 2009 Spring Conference by Professor Yasuteru Ohtani.

Table: Questionnaire Results (4:excellent; 3:good; 2:fair; 1:poor) (Max=4)

Q items	09 Spring Ave.	08 Autumn Ave.
Conference Theme	3.4	3.3
Site	3.7	2.8
Paper/Report pres	3.4	3.0
Colloquia	3.3	N/A
Poster	N/A	N/A
Lecture	3.6	N/A
Publishers' displays	3.2	2.8
Workshop	N/A	3.3
Symposium	N/A	3.4

A wider range of presentation genres has been offered from the 2009 Spring Conference. In previous conferences, 'workshop' included two types: a practical workshop and a kind of symposium. In order to

separate the discussion type of presentation from the practical 'workshop,' we decided to have a new genre, the 'Colloquium'; the term 'symposium' has already been used for the Plenary Symposium. Another newly added genre is that of the 'Poster' presentation.

All submissions, regardless of presentation type, are fairly and equally evaluated at the time of screening, which means all types are screened on a content-based scheme.

The up-coming Autumn Conference on the conference theme, "What English Teachers Can Learn from Relevant Disciplines: Cognitive linguistics, psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics," will be held on November 28, 2009 at Kinki University. We trust that JACET members will find much to interest them and many rewarding opportunities to think about theoretical and practical issues related to teaching English in Japan. The conference features a plenary symposium on the conference theme at which Professor Ken-ichi Seto of Osaka City University, Professor Hirokazu Yokokawa of Kobe University and Professor Nobuyuki Hino of Osaka University will discuss their views. There will also be stimulating presentations selected from the submissions for the Autumn Conference (six research papers, four practical reports, a poster, two colloquia and two workshops). We thank everyone who contributed an abstract for consideration and all those who will be participating in the conferences. For further details, please check the Kansai Chapter Web page (www.jacet-kansai.org). We are also looking forward to the dinner party at the end of the conference, to be held by special arrangement with the English Village (e-cube) at Kinki University. We hope to see old friends and make new ones. Let us enjoy this opportunity to network with those who have similar interests and experience in English teaching and research.

Last but not least, we would like to mention that the Kansai Chapter is the only chapter that holds two conferences annually. This is something of which Kansai Chapter members should be proud. The average number of participants and attendees is around 100, with 121 recorded for the 2009 Spring Conference. Such active and stimulating conferences can only be possible because of contributions from Kansai JACET

members based on their active, theoretical and practical research and efforts to bring these ideas and thoughts to practice. This prosperity is supported by the vitality, sustainability and energy of JACET Kansai members. We hope that the annual conferences will continue to provide opportunities to discuss and share ideas and research, and that the JACET Kansai Chapter will be as powerful and lively as ever.

■ 第2回講演会の報告 ■

2009年度関西支部第2回講演会が、10月3日（土）に神戸国際会館で開催されました。英語力指標研究会企画シンポジウム「小学校外国語活動と大学教育との接点を求めて～教員養成の現状と展望～」において、小学校英語活動、教育実習、学級担任の英語活動、小学校教員の英語研修の現状と展望、そして近隣諸国に見る小学校英語教員養成の現状と課題が議論されました。

■ 2009年度秋季大会のお知らせ ■

2009年度JACET関西支部秋季大会が、11月28日（土）に近畿大学にて開催されます。大会テーマは「英語教育を学際的視野からとらえる－認知・心理・社会言語学からのアプローチ－」です（秋季大会の発表要旨集は、当日受付で配布します。または支部ホームページからダウンロードしてください）。大会後には懇親会が行われます。会員の皆様の積極的なご参加をお待ちしております。

The JACET Kansai Chapter Fall Conference will be held on November 28th at Kinki University under the theme of “What English Teachers Can Learn from Relevant Disciplines: Cognitive linguistics, psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics.” There will be workshops, colloquia, research reports, application reports and posters.

■ 『JACET関西紀要』投稿募集 ■

紀要編集委員会では、『JACET 関西紀要』第12号への投稿論文を募集いたします。投稿原稿は、大学における英語教育およびその関連分野に資する内容のものとします。今号より支部大会および全国大会での発表済み論文枠も設けられます（紀要刊行1年前までのいずれかの大会での発表が対象）。会員の皆様には奮ってご投稿くださるようお願い申し上げます。

投稿期限：2009年11月15日（日）午後11:59まで

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JACET Kansai Journal Call for Papers

Kansai Chapter members are welcome to submit manuscripts for consideration for publication in Vol. 12. Papers should be related to research on college English language education or related areas. From this volume, the JACET Kansai Journal will have a new section for papers that have been presented at JACET chapter or national conferences within the past year.

Submit manuscripts to:

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Prepare your manuscript according to the Journal instructions using Word software. Send it as an attached file with an email message to Dr. Mizumoto, Secretariat, JACET Kansai Journal.

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