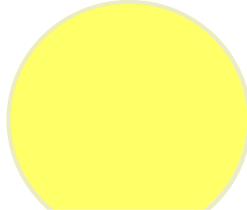


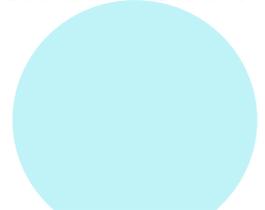
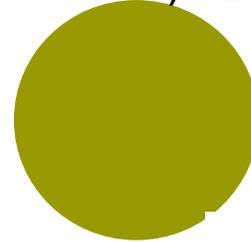


# IHLA NEWSLETTER

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## Special points of interest:

- February 21, 2004—  
INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY (see special insert)
- HELP US BECOME BIGGER  
help us spread the news about our association. Invite friends and colleagues to join in!
- LEARNING RESOURCES FUNDS— apply to receive \$1,000 coverage for learning resources costs.

## A Warm Wish for a Great 2004

Dear IHLA members and supporters, a Happy New Year to all!

IHLA is looking forward this year to working with its members towards reaching other successful milestones.

IHLA is an organization that has been promoting international and heritage languages education and professional development programs for its members for the past 25 years. To continue this tradition in 2004, we are pleased to be offering an exciting year of new activities, which include our first annual celebration of **International Mother Languages**, that we will host on **February 21, 2004**, at Edmonton's City Hall.

In addition to this we are pleased to offer once again **TOEFL** courses, and a new course offered by Dr. Wu from the University of Alberta on **Second Language Theories and Practice**. We intend to continue with the **Curriculum Framework project**, which started last year and sees IHLA working together with Alberta Learning representatives as well as our partners and friends to the South, SAHLA.

We continue to encourage all our member schools to apply for the **Learning Resources Grant** by submitting their applications to our office. If you require more information or have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 780-42805510. Our office is up and running and here to serve your needs. We encourage you to contact us at any time.

IHLA has existed for the last 25 years based on the passion and enthusiasm of its members for growing and promoting international languages and heritages in our community. This is indeed a special accomplishment and dream that we know will continue for many more years.

Yours truly,

Josephine Pallard, President

A Happy  
New  
Year!

## New Member Schools

Three new schools joined us in 2003 and we wish to welcome them aboard. They are:

- **HELLENIC LANGUAGES—GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF EDMONTON AND DISTRICT**—Contact: Nicholas Spillios @ 483-5294
- **EDMONTON KOREAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL**—Contact: Chin Bae Chu @ 988-0790
- **KURDISH HERITAGE SCHOOL**— Contact: Jalal Barzanti @ 457-5081

We hope to increase our membership numbers during the year 2004. We wish to continue to offer support and assistance to all our member schools and individuals.

**Help us gather more members!**

Simply tell everyone about us and invite them to contact us or visit our website:

[www.nahla.net](http://www.nahla.net)

# Courses at IHLA for the Winter term

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IHLA continues to offer courses for all its members. The **TOELF preparation course**, which was offered twice a week during the months of September to December with two classes, will continue once a week in this winter term. Both classes will be joined together in one group that will meet at the IHLA office every **Thursday evening**, beginning on **January 22, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.**

A new course is being offered for the first time to all our members. Dr. Joe Wu of the University of Alberta will instruct the course: **Second Languages Theories and Practice**. We have a full class of registrants and we are sure that all people in attendance will benefit from this very interesting course that looks into the theories of language acquisition while combining practical ideas to integrate such theories with the reality of second language instruction. This course will begin on **January 14, 2004** and run for eight consecutive **Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. until March 3, 2004.**

IHLA is going to offer more courses in the spring term. Visit our website and feel free to contact us to express your requests or register for our courses in the future.

A reminder to all our instructors and teachers: IHLA offers a **scholarship** for its members who are currently taking courses at post-secondary level in Second Language Education. Following the approval of the Board you could qualify for a scholarship to up to **60% of the cost of two or more courses**. For more information visit our website.

## Revitalizing Languages for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The International and Heritage Languages Association (IHLA) recently submitted a proposal for funding to the Department of Canadian Heritage for a project called **"Revitalizing Languages for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"**. If the proposal is approved, IHLA will work closely with the Southern Alberta Heritage Language Association (SAHLA) to involve more ethno-cultural communities across Alberta in developing their language and culture at the community level. The project will:

- help our youth and adults to develop a greater awareness and understanding of the benefits of language learning;
- identify best practices for building international and heritage language efforts within the family and the community;
- develop a resource guide for developing heritage language learning at the community level;
- train community members to revitalize heritage language learning in their families and communities; and
- encourage our youth and adults to use their languages as they participate fully in Canada's community, provincial and international activities.

## Learning Resource Grant

*We are inviting member schools to take advantage of this fund opportunity. Check our website for the application in the : "What's New" section. The deadline is March 1, 2004.*



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## More Updates



- IHLA will be sponsoring the **Teacher Certification Applications** of more than 10 of our school instructors with Alberta Learning. Each application funded by IHLA cost \$350.00
- IHLA principals, instructors and board members are continuing to meet for the **Curriculum Framework Project**, together with Alberta Learning and in partnership with SAHLA. Meetings are being held during the month of January and February. More information available on the website.
- Next **IHLA Board meetings** are scheduled for: January 12, 2004—February 2, 2004—March 1, 2004.