

LE FRANÇAIS M'OUVRE LE MONDE

We are pleased to announce that each issue of the *National Bulletin* will feature a column entitled "Le français m'ouvre le monde." Although this slogan and the message it conveys are not new to the AATF, the slogan will serve as the title of a column that will provide information on the French-speaking countries of the world and not deal exclusively with the *métropole*.

This column will make available three types of information. Templates for events provided by our members will help the readers to plan their own. The *Bonnes adresses* listed in the column as well as the individuals who have offered to help will serve as resources. Finally, ready-made lessons provided by teachers will facilitate and enrich teachers' repertoire of classroom activities.

The addition of this column is motivated by the need to represent the mosaic of cultures that make up the French-speaking world. By exploiting the richness and variety that this perspective offers, we hope to attract more students to French and retain the ones we already have. Although this concept is not a novel idea since we have been celebrating our diversity united by one language for many years, we aim to make the task easier for those among you who are burdened with too many responsibilities and do not have the time to "reinvent the wheel."

We hope that the resources provided in this column will help us connect with the many countries that are united by the French language, advocate on behalf of French, and celebrate our diversity. We trust that Connecting, Advocating and Celebrating (CAC) will be an investment of assets that will yield appreciable results. Our assets will only grow, however, if you contribute to this investment of talents and resources. Help us achieve our goals by sending ideas, resources lessons pertaining to the French-speaking world to the address below:

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Templates for Events:

Francophone Day Celebration to recruit high school students to the university and to retain high school students. Contact: Stephanie Shechner: e-mail: [sas0004@mail.widener.edu]

Francophone activities in the classroom to help students connect French with their area of interest and professional goals. Contact: Donna Coulet Du Gard: e-mail: [dcdugard@udel.edu]

International Fest to recruit students within the school. Contact: Andea Lacombe: e-mail: [andealacombe@hotmail.co]

Web Addresses

The embassies of the various French-speaking countries as well as the addresses below:

[www.frenchteachers.org]

[www.frenchculture.org]

[www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/francophil13588/index/html]

[www.tv5.org/enseignants]

[www.francophonie.org]

[www.canada-ny.org]

[www.diplobel.us]