

**SIG Coordinator**

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First of all, I'd like to apologize for the delay in our August and December 2018 issues of the *JALT CALL Journal*. There were several problems that prevented us from publishing them in a timely manner, but with this issue we are now back on schedule. Thank you for your patience. Apart from publishing the *JALT CALL Journal* every four months, our special interest group (SIG) holds an international conference every year at the beginning of June. This year, JALTCALL2019 will be held at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo from May 31 to June 2 with the theme of "AI and Machine Learning in Language Education." The Keynote speaker is Evgeny Chukharev-Hulainev, winner of the CALICO 2016 best article, who will be talking about computational linguistics and AI. We will also have two plenary speakers. Makimi Kano of Kyoto Sangyo University will talk about corpus linguistics for teachers, and Hiroaki Ogata of Kyoto University will discuss learning analytics. The CALL SIG welcomes people who are interested in all types of educational technology and would like to get more involved in the field. Join us at the CALL SIG Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, June 2, at the JALTCALL2019 conference, or contact me via email at SIG-coordinator@jaltcall.org to find out more.

**Membership Chair**

*Maki Ho*

I am pleased to report that our membership has been steadily growing, and currently we have slightly over 300 members. We are one of most active SIGs in JALT. I regularly email our members to remind them of their membership expiration, which seems to help steadily increase the number of members. Also, I update the mailing list, so that our current members can receive important notification we send out. Because of the change to the JALT website system, we have received more inquiries regarding membership than before. I try to respond as much as possible. I hope I can continue the current position and am hoping for more active involvement in the new year.

**Publicity Officer**

*Louise Ohashi*

After wrapping up the JALTCALL Forum at JALT2018, our SIG is now preparing for a forum at JALT's PanSIG Conference and for our SIG's annual conference, JALTCALL2019. We hope that many of you will be able to make it to these events and that you will help us promote them by encouraging others to attend.

PanSIG: <http://pansig.org> May 18-19, 2019, Konan University, Nishinomiya.

JALTCALL2019: <https://conference2019.jaltcall.org> May 31–June 2, 2019, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo.

We currently have 655 Twitter followers (@jaltcall) and 559 members in our Facebook group (search for JALTCALL to join). Some members help us to share Tweets and Facebook posts about our events and journal; and we look forward to your continued support with this. The Facebook group has also become an active place for asking questions and sharing knowledge and ideas. Join us there if you would like to be part of the on-going conversation. Note: *The JALT CALL Journal* is open access. Copies of all issues are available at <https://jcj.jaltcall.org/index.php?journal=JALTCALL>

As part of the overall strategy for improving the website for the conference, we have rebuilt the conference registration and submission system from scratch for better ease of use and improved performance on mobile devices. The new system will be used as a foundation for the conference site being a central repository for all past conferences and their associated submissions, as well as providing information during the conference itself. Ultimately, the WordPress-based information side and the registration side will be combined into a single custom site.

#### Webmaster

Gary Ross

I am pleased to report that the technical problem that caused our first-ever delay in publishing our journal last autumn has been rectified, and the journal is back on track to publish on its traditional schedule this year. A huge thank you goes out to the Journal Co-Editors-in-Chief, Glenn Stockwell and Nobue Tanaka-Ellis, as well as to our Webmaster, Gary Ross. Without their dedication and hard work, our Journal's superb reputation might have been tarnished.

#### Publications Chair

Edo Forsythe

Some changes are being discussed among the SIG officers regarding our post-conference publication. Several years ago, the SIG decided to move from a conference proceedings to a post-conference special edition of our *JALT CALL Journal*. This move was made to increase the professional impact of the papers produced by our conference presenters. However, in recent years, there have been few papers that have been appropriate for publication in our journal's special edition. In an effort to better serve our members' needs for professional growth through publication of their research, the SIG officers are discussing the possibility of returning to a separate, post-conference publication. More

information will be shared with the members as decisions are made. Any questions or comments can be sent to me at [sig-publications@jaltdcall.org](mailto:sig-publications@jaltdcall.org). Thank you.