

## From the Editor

This year's MEXTESOL convention in Acapulco was a success, as always, thanks to the hard-work and dedication of a small group of members. As an attendee, I would like to thank them for a wonderful convention. I'm sure that they remember the problems and the small crises that dominated their days, but we only saw the triumphs.

Much came of the convention. Besides some articles that you will be reading in the near future, there have been some serious changes in your Journal. As part of the *professionalization* process, the Journal is to clear up a lot of bureaucratic details that have been ignored for many years. The Journal will soon be copyrighted and have an ISSN registry. We also are planning to initiate a three-tiered system of publication. We will be receiving articles that are refereed, unrefereed and solicited. Refereed articles will be read by members of a new Editorial Board which is being formed from interested professionals throughout Mexico, unrefereed articles will go directly to the Style Editor as they have in the past, and solicited articles will include those we request from plenary speakers, etc. We hope this new system will advance our movement towards becoming a more professional Journal, and will be able to offer you, our readers, a superior Journal. More details of these changes will be published in our Winter Issue.

This issue has some very interesting articles for you. Peter Hubbard has investigated working conditions at some Mexican schools and offers us three case studies. See if you can see your school represented. M. Martha Lengeling of the Universidad de Guanajuato has written an engaging article on cognates and false cognates, *True Friends and False Friends*. We also have an article which was sent to us from Japan. You might think that there can't be that much in common between Mexico and Japan, but you will be surprised when you read Randall S. Davis' article, *Reaching Out and Beyond: Establishing Relationships with Pen Friends*. We also have an interesting interview with Dr. Kenneth "Mike" Jensen, the English Language Program Office from the U.S. Embassy. There are book reviews and *Teaching Tips*. Enjoy reading. Remember, we would like to hear from you.

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