

ANNOUNCEMENT

VIDEO GROUP RECOGNIZED BY TESOL

At the Annual Convention of TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) the Executive Board voted to recognize the TESOL Video Group as an official unit of the international association. At a meeting of the TESOL Interest Section Council, delegates voted against giving full-fledged interest section status to the group at this time. However, at a later meeting in Chicago, the TESOL Executive Board awarded the videophiles official group status with responsibilities including a number of refereed presentations, directorship of the Video Theater, and a Video Hospitality Room at the TESOL '89 Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Video was very much in the convention picture at TESOL '88 in Chicago. Over 30 presentations either used video as part of their sessions or were specifically concerned with the production and use of the medium in English language teaching (ELT). Additionally, a video hospitality room made possible informal screenings of video materials and frequent small group meetings and discussions among video enthusiasts. A colloquium, "Video in Language Teaching: Is the Medium the Method?" sponsored in cooperation with the IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) Video Special Interest Group, brought users and producers together to provide an overview of the history of ELT video as well as a look at current research and pedagogical approaches.

At a business meeting of the TESOL Video Group in Chicago, members elected Susan Stempleski (Hunter College of the City University of New York) as Chair, and Paul Arcario (LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York) as Associate Chair. Important projects launched at the meeting include a data base of existing ELT video materials and a library of classroom and teacher-training videos to be made available on loan to TESOL members. The *Video Newsletter* will continue to be published under the editorship of Paul Arcario.

Membership in the TESOL Video Group is open to TESOL members who have signed the petition to form a Video Interest Section in TESOL. For further information and copies of the petition form, please contact:

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