



JNCL-NCLIS Update

January 2013

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues,

As we begin the New Year, we have a modicum of good news to report. As many of you saw from our earlier news alert, the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations bill includes a small increase of \$2m for the US Department of Education's Title VI/Fulbright-Hays programs. In 2013, Congress appropriated \$70,164,000 (counting the automatic cut from sequestration). In 2014, the amount appropriated is \$72,164,000, which is, as noted above, a \$2m increase. While the Department had requested \$80,938,000, the overall departmental budget was cut by \$739 million; the fact that an increase was secured for Title VI/Fulbright-Hays is promising in light of the Department's overall situation. As in the past three years, however, no money was appropriated for the FLAP program.

We continue to analyze the appropriations for the Departments of Defense and State. Exchange programs in the Department of State received \$568,628,000, which is about \$6m more than had been requested, but is still \$30m below 2013 levels. The Department of State has also been given authority to use Economic Support Funds for the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, also known as Title VIII. As you may recall, the Department of State chose not to make such a transfer in 2013. We will continue to work with partner organizations to advocate that the Department make this transfer in 2014.

We have yet to receive the detailed breakouts of the Department of Defense appropriations for language programs (the National Security Education Program, the Defense Language and National Security Education Office, and the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center). These will be updated as soon as we receive the information.

Overall, the removal of the "sequester" - the automatic 5% cuts to all Federal programs - and the willingness of the Congress to make small investments in Title VI and in the Department of State (recall that the Congress allocated more money than the administration requested) are positive signs for the next round of appropriations.

In other policy work, JNCL-NCLIS, the Globalization and Localization Association, the Association of Language Companies, and JNCL member, The American Translators Association, worked over the past year to help the Bureau of Labor Statistics update its "Occupational Outlook Handbook" entry for Translators and Interpreters. The collaborative worked along two lines to do this - first, we co-sponsored a Facebook-driven photo contest for a new picture to represent the translation and interpreting professions on the Bureau's website (we did this with GALA, ATA, and ALC). One of the winning pictures was chosen for [the profile](#)! Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, JNCL-NCLIS, GALA, ALC, and ATA, along with many JNCL-NCLIS members involved in translation and interpreting, worked to provide updated, accurate information to the Bureau for the content of the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

While this might not sound as glamorous as our August hikes to Capitol Hill, or our hour-long waits in the frigid January air outside of the White House, the work with the Bureau of Labor Statistics is vitally important, as the Handbook is widely used by news media, career development counselors, researchers, and industry. Many thanks to all of the JNCL-NCLIS members who helped on this significant project.

In JNCL-NCLIS news, we will be changing some of our infrastructure to better serve our members. First, we expect to move the physical location of JNCL-NCLIS to Garrett Park, Maryland, just outside of DC. The new office is located at a MARC Train stop, with a ten-minute ride to Capitol Hill. The new office is more closely aligned to our staff size, and is much less expensive than our current space. You will receive updated contact information as the move progresses; our email addresses and website will stay the same.

Finally, preparations are underway for the 2014 Delegate Assembly! We will hold the assembly on May 8-9 (the Thursday and Friday before Mother's Day) at the Embassy Row Hotel in Washington, DC. This is the same hotel as last year, but we will make an important change to the program, as we will hold all of our meetings in the hotel. An exciting program is planned, and you will receive a survey next week to solicit your input for this year's Delegate Assembly.

As always, do contact Rachel or me at any time with your ideas and concerns.

With Best Wishes,

Bill Rivers
Executive Director

[JNCL-NCLIS has a new phone number](#)

In conjunction with our upcoming move, JNCL-NCLIS has decided to change our phone service. We now have a new phone number:

(202) 580 - 8684

Please update your records. We have also updated the listing on our website, so you can always check there!

2014 Appropriations

(in thousands)	FY13 CR	2014 Omnibus Bill	Change FY13 to FY14
State Department			
<i>Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs</i>	586,769	560,000	(26,769)
Academic Programs	326,569	307,776	(18,793)
Dept. of Education			
<i>Elementary and Secondary Education</i>	20,819,000		
<i>Higher Education</i>	2,178,033	1,925,408	(252,625)
Title VI - International Ed & FL Studies	70,164	72,164	2,000
Defense Department			
<i>Operations & Maintenance, defense-wide</i>	31,820,931	31,450,068	(370,863)
Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA)	766,091	742,408	(23,683)
<i>Operations & Maintenance, Army</i>	35,367,901	32,369,249	(2,998,652)

[Click here](#) to see a more elaborate table that includes more specific program appropriations as well as requests and appropriations from years past for comparison. We will continue to update this table with more information as it becomes available to us.

Save the Date: JNCL-NCLIS Delegate Assembly 2014

The 2014 Delegate Assembly will take place in Washington, DC on **May 8-9**. The meeting will include one or two half days of visits to congressional offices to advocate for language education, presentations from the field and about developments in foreign language around the country, and updates from the JNCL-NCLIS leadership. New to this year's agenda will be an evening "introduction to advocacy" session on May 7th.

In the coming weeks we'll be launching a page on our website with more information and a registration form. Stay tuned!

Delegate Assembly Sponsorship Opportunities

Preparations for the Delegate assembly are underway and we are eager to provide you with an informative, illuminating, and impactful line up of workshops and advocacy opportunities.

Our organization's membership and reach have grown since last year's assembly and we are excited to be offering sponsorship opportunities that will allow participating members to connect with our growing network and to make our advocacy efforts more effective. We have a range of opportunities at different price levels to suit the diversity of our member organizations. You can learn more about them in the attached document.

We already have several sponsorship commitments (you'll see these crossed off the list) and we are eager to expand this opportunity to all interested members.

[Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

Social Media

We have *210 followers* on Twitter and are eager for more! Please follow us @JNCLInfo We invite you to interact and share with JNCL-NCLIS and fellow members on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn!

- You can find us on Facebook at "JNCL-NCLIS." Please like our page on Facebook and please leave a note on our **Facebook** wall!
- Follow us on Twitter with the handle "@JNCLInfo"
- Follow us on LinkedIn at "Joint National Committee for Languages-National Council for Languages and International Studies."

More importantly, if your association has news to share with your colleagues, please do let us know - we are always more than happy to share news (good and bad), job announcements, upcoming events, and advocacy requests from all of our members.

Website

You will recall that last month we launched our newly overhauled website. We hope you've had a chance to browse through it and find the exciting resources we have available. www.languagepolicy.org

As always, we are here to serve you, our members, and we want this site to be an extension of that purpose. So if you have suggestions of how it could be improved, or if your organization has publications that would be useful to all our members and would corroborate our case for language, we invite you to share them with us. You can

contact Rachel Hanson, rhanson(at)languagepolicy.org

Capitol Hill Visit Procedures:

A reminder on our procedures for visiting Capitol Hill:

- Whenever possible, the Staff will alert the membership and Board that a visit has been planned;
- For each visit, the Staff will ask the membership to respond to the following requests:
 - What community-wide issues might resonate with this office?
 - What issues might be important for the voters in that district?
 - Would someone representing your organization be available to accompany and contribute to discussions in either of those areas?

SCOLA trial membership for JNCL-NCLIS affiliates!

JNCL-NCLIS is proud to announce that our latest member, SCOLA (www.scola.org) is offering free access to SCOLA's wide range of services and materials for all JNCL-NCLIS member organizations for the first six months and at a reduced rate thereafter. SCOLA provides on-line and mobile device access to foreign language broadcasting from more than 150 countries in more than 175 languages as well as an array of unique educational resources based on this authentic foreign content. These services include: Learning/Assessment Objects, specially produced programming, foreign text (periodicals, text books, etc.), hard to find radio programs, archived content and many more services designed for communicative language teaching and learning, specializing in the less commonly taught languages. SCOLA also secures broad-spectrum educational use permissions that allow SCOLA users to archive the content and to build their own learning tools with the content.

This service has been announced since January. Just last month several individual members noticed the offer and we have received many emails asking for access to SCOLA. SCOLA has kindly renewed this service again until July 2014. Please notify your members of this service before it expires again.

This introductory offer is open to any member or employee of a JNCL-NCLIS member organization. For individual access, contact Rachel Hanson (rhanson@languagepolicy.org) for your access credentials. For organizational membership, contact Bill Rivers (writers@languagepolicy.org).

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