



## JNCL-NCLIS Update

June 2014

### *Message from the Executive Director*

Dear Colleagues,

Let me begin by expressing my personal thanks to everyone who participated in our 2014 Delegate Assembly and Legislative Day. We had 83 attendees from 26 states, representing 52 of our 91 member organizations. Over our two days of work, we had 105 meetings on Capitol Hill, four at the White House, and one at the US Department of Education. Our legislative priorities, included in this update and available on our [website](#), were well received, especially as we are advancing proposals beyond our requests to restore funding to FLAP and Title VI - although these were certainly emphasized! The idea of a FL & STEM partnership program was well received on the Hill, as was the initial request for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to report on the economic impact of language. A highlight of the Delegate Assembly was our reception at the University Club, where Representative Rush Holt of New Jersey was presented with the Inaugural Rush D. Holt Award for Language Service to the Nation. The citation for the award is below. And, in organizational news, since the Delegate Assembly, we've had three new organizations join, bringing our total to 94 members.

Our other initiatives are progressing as well. At the end of this month, I will have the honor of participating in a series of forums in London on the Humanities and Languages, sponsored by The Guardian, the British Academy, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. JNCL-NCLIS will be well represented at these forums, with participation from JNCL-NCLIS President-Elect Marty Abbott (ACTFL), former Presidents Dan Davidson (American Councils for International Education/ACTR/ACCELS) and Dick Brecht (now representing a new member, Global Professional Search). We expect that the Languages for All Initiative will be announced in London at this event.

The GALA Global Talent Program, where I have the privilege of serving on the Board of Advisors, has completed its pilot survey on the Global Talent Gap, and is working with major employment surveys in the US and UK on including questions on global talent in two significant surveys later this year. If this goes well, we will have data from more than 10,000 worldwide employers on their needs for global talent.

In closing, let me wish everyone a productive and enjoyable summer, as we continue to work together to advance language and international studies in the US.

With Best Regards,

Bill Rivers  
Executive Director

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## [JNCL-NCLIS Delegate Assembly, Bigger and Better in 2014](#)

"This is was the best meeting JNCL-NCLIS has had for at least, I don't know, the last 15 years," was one among many compliments poured out by delegates, new and old, at the close of the 2014 JNCL-NCLIS Legislative Day & Delegate Assembly. We will let our delegates speak to the quality of the meeting, but we can confirm that this year's meeting was certainly the best-attended in many years. The JNCL-NCLIS staff, and members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors were delighted to count themselves among 83 attendees from 26 states, representing 52 of our 91 member organizations. [Read more](#).



You can also see a small photo gallery, the Executive Director's 2014 Report, and links to all of the advocacy documents on the [Delegate Assembly webpage](#).

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## **Congressman Rush Holt Receives Award**

### **Plaque Inscription:**

Inaugural Rush D. Holt Award for Language Service to the Nation  
For Exceptional Public Service in Advancing the National Interest Through Language  
and International Education, Research and Development, and Practice

Awarded May 8, 2014  
Washington, DC

**Proclamation Text:**

Inaugural Rush D. Holt Award for Language Service to the Nation

Bestowed on outstanding leaders on an occasional basis by the Joint National Committee for Languages and the National Council for Languages and International Studies, the Rush D. Holt Award honors exceptional public service in advancing the national interest through language and international education, research and development, and practice. JNCL-NCLIS presents the Inaugural Award to Representative Holt, recognizing his essential contributions to furthering national security, economic growth, international and science education, and social justice through his work in sponsoring significant language programs in the United States Congress. These include the National Language Service Corps, the Language Flagship, the Foreign Language Assistance Act of 2001, Title VI of the Higher Education Act, and many other initiatives. His thoughtful leadership in the Congress and as a staunch public advocate for language and international education provides an example of visionary and unselfish public service, advancing American education to meet the challenges facing the public and private sectors in the 21st Century.

Awarded May 8, 2014, Washington, DC

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## Executive Director's Report 2014

[Read or download](#) the Executive Director's Report distributed at the Delegate Assembly in May.

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## JNCL-NCLIS [address and phone number](#)

On March 1, 2014 JNCL-NCLIS took over a new location in Garrett Park, MD.

**Mailing Address:**

JNCL-NCLIS  
P.O. Box 386  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

**Telephone:**

[\(202\)580-8684](tel:(202)580-8684)

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

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## SCOLA trial membership for JNCL-NCLIS affiliates!

JNCL-NCLIS is proud to announce that our latest member, SCOLA ([www.scola.org](http://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](mailto:rhanson@languagepolicy.org)) for your access credentials. For organizational membership, contact Bill Rivers ([writers@languagepolicy.org](mailto:writers@languagepolicy.org)).

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## Social Media

We have *335 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.

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## Website

We are here to serve you, our members, and we want our 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](mailto:rhanson(at)languagepolicy.org)

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## 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?

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