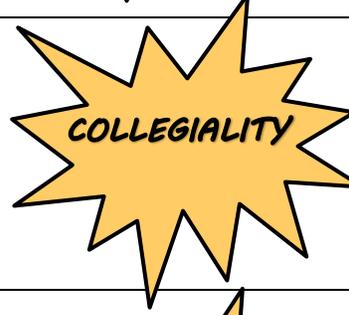


What are the benefits of conference* attendance?

<p><u>Excellent Professional Development</u></p> <p>The many sessions and workshops present a variety of teaching strategies, ways to integrate culture and content areas, methods of assessment, advocacy measures and much more.</p>	 <p>PROFESSIONALISM</p> <p>*a convenient means to keep up-to-date with our profession.</p>	<p><u>Language Practice</u></p> <p>Many sessions provide the opportunity to either hear the language we teach or view examples of TL use.</p> <p>Conversations with fellow attendees are a chance to use our language to communicate.</p>
<p>The <u>Exhibit Hall</u> is full of the latest products to examine, and the opportunity to speak directly with vendors and company representatives, or purchase new materials.</p>	 <p>CONNECTIONS</p>	<p>Also in the Hall are representatives of other language or language related organizations - a chance for a face-to-face chat with a National Geographic Explorer, for example.</p>
<p>There is no better way to feel valued than to experience the camaraderie of a conference and reflect on the job we do every day.</p>	 <p>COLLEGIALITY</p>	<p>Sharing ideas with fellow teachers, discussing solutions to problems or alternative ways to address a task, etc. is stimulating and personalized PD.</p>
<p>The <u>Extension & Leadership Workshops</u> are unique sessions to hone your talents. You then have new expertise to support language learning.</p> <p>Applications for this year are due on Dec. 1, 2017.</p>	 <p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p><u>Scholarships</u> are available for summer study programs in an immersion setting.</p> <p>CSCTFL participates in the ACTFL <u>Teacher of the Year</u> Program.</p>
<p>The CSCTFL conference offers an <u>exceptional learning experience</u> at a reasonable cost.</p>	 <p>VALUE</p>	<p>Your school district may award Continuing Education Credit for the conference and College Credit is available for a modest fee.</p>

<p>The Advisory Council meeting and reception is a good way to meet and interact with leaders of our community, or you might consider being a representative for your state at the Delegate Assembly.</p>		<p>Visiting the various booths in the Exhibits Hall, collaborating with fellow attendees in a session, chatting at the reception about a speaker's address - there are many ways to develop professional relationships.</p>
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Comments from 2017 Conference Attendees:

<p><i>“Excellent themes, practical ideas - every session had loads of information to share with (my) department.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Excellent quality and quantity, and (a) variety of interesting topics.”</i></p>
<p><i>“Great presenters - positive and engaging”</i></p>	<p><i>“I feel so excited about my job again.”</i></p>
<p><i>“Very useful tips for the classroom. (The sessions) gave me a lot of updates about the latest practices in teaching.”</i></p>	<p><i>“I loved the way the conference presenters reminded me to consider so many things that I am familiar with, but that too often take a backseat in my teaching. It is so valuable to get together with other language teachers.”</i></p>
<p><i>“Awesome opportunity to network with colleagues in different states and meet twitter folks in person”</i></p>	<p><i>“I’m thankful for this conference and all the great ideas.”</i></p>