



International Federation of Language Teacher Associations  
Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes

Dear friends and colleagues,

## Conference News

This time I am writing with some important news on FIPLV conference-related issues. This update contains news on the following:

- FIPLV World Congress 2018, New Orleans, USA
- FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania
- Invitation to host World Congress 2021

Thank you for reading!

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## FIPLV World Congress 2018, New Orleans, USA

A promotional poster for the ACTFL 2018 New Orleans conference. The top left features a gold fleur-de-lis logo. Text includes "ACTFL 2018 NEW ORLEANS NOVEMBER 16-18" and "PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS NOVEMBER 15". A purple banner reads "SAVE THE DATE". The FIPLV logo is centered, with the text "Incorporating the FIPLV WORLD CONGRESS" below it. A circular inset photo shows a group of people in front of a building. The bottom half of the poster has a colorful city skyline and the phrase "Where Language Educators Meet" in a white script font. At the bottom, it says "Join thousands of your colleagues from around the world at the most comprehensive professional development event for language educators today. VISIT ACTFL.ORG for all convention information and updates." and "REGISTRATION AND HOUSING Now Open! | REGISTRATION CODE FIPLV18 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE July 11, 2018".

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**fiplv**  
Incorporating the  
FIPLV WORLD CONGRESS

**OPENING GENERAL SESSION**  
This exciting event is a must-see every year featuring a dynamic keynote speaker and the announcement of the ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year.

**WORLD LANGUAGES EXPO**  
The interactive expo showcases more than 250 premier products, services, hands-on exhibits, and various opportunities to connect with fellow attendees and learn in a variety of settings, including the Social Media Lounge, the Collab Zone, the Conversation Corner, the Career Café, and more than 60 exhibitor workshops.

**800+ EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**  
Benefit from outstanding professional development focused on innovative programs, new technologies, research-informed practices, global competencies, building communities, emerging trends in language teaching and learning, and effective advocacy initiatives.

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We are very excited about the next World Congress, which will be held in New Orleans, USA, 16-18 November of this year, as part of the ACTFL 2018 Annual Convention and World Languages Expo, this year appropriately called *Where Language Educators Meet*. As it says on the Convention & Expo webpage (<https://www.actfl.org/convention-expo>),

The ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo is where language educators from around the world come to meet!

This year will be even more international as it incorporates the FIPLV World Congress, which in 2015 saw participants from nearly 40 countries gathering in Niagara Falls, Canada for the wonderful WCML2015, hosted by CASLT/ACPLS, our Canadian member association. In November, over 8000 language educators are expected to descend on the exciting city of New Orleans in this lead up to Thanksgiving.

Registration and housing have now opened on the conference website. We are delighted to offer members of FIPLV member associations the same heavily discounted registration rate as ACTFL members. In order to access this, they will need the following registration code: **FIPLV18**. Members of ACTFL will, of course, not need this code, nor will any of the U.S. FIPLV affiliated associations who are members of **both ACTFL and IDV**, FIPF, Mapryal or any other of our international unilingual member associations (though of course these international unilingual associations are encouraged to share it amongst their other national member associations).

We would ask you to distribute this code amongst your members either by email or on the members-only part of your website. As this is a very special rate for members of our member associations, we would not like it to be distributed publicly on websites.

We really want to see our FIPLV colleagues from around the globe at the Congress and ACTFL is working hard to make the experience a very positive one. Please share the following information on how to register with your members. There is help on the Convention & Expo page, where registrants will click on the "Register Online" button, which will take them to the Online Registration page. When they scroll down the page, they will see Option #3 is for **FIPLV members**; they should click on the button that says "Register as FIPLV Member" and it will take them to the page to enter the code. From there the registrant will enter their registration information. If anyone has a problem, please let your members know that they can contact Julia Richardson (ACTFL's Director of Conventions and Marketing) at [jrichardson@actfl.org](mailto:jrichardson@actfl.org) as she has very kindly offered to assist. (Thank you, Julia!)

Please circulate this information as soon as you can to make sure people have access to Early Bird registration (11July), which offers an excellent deal. If they do miss that, there is another Advance rate until 24<sup>th</sup> October, after which the fee increases to its full rate.

Finally, you can have a glimpse of what to expect from the following quotes from previous attendees and the You Tube link below.

*If you truly want to move our profession forward, be innovative, be committed and be informed--then you have to attend an ACTFL Convention.*

*The ACTFL Convention offers so many great sessions from around the world that focus on cultural issues, strategies and best practices. This is the place for language educators who want to know more about theories and practices that really work.*

*Here you truly find an international audience, and I would like to see more deep learning workshop presentations from jurisdictions outside of the USA.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAt4Ng8jpHE>

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## The FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR) Conference 2018

7 – 8 June, 2018 Vilnius, Lithuania

### “Teaching and Learning Languages in the 21st Century: Linguistic, Educational and Cultural Aspects”

It isn't too late to register for the FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region Conference, which this year will take place in the beautiful city of Vilnius, Lithuania, 7-8 June 2018. Indeed, the paper **submission deadline has been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> April**, so it isn't too late to send in a proposal.

Please see below for further information, visit the conference website – <http://www.conference.uki.vu.lt/>– or read through the [information to be found in this update](#).

You can also take a look at the latest Newsletter from the Nordic-Baltic Region, just [published here](#), where you will learn of other activities in that vibrant region.



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**The FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR),  
Language Teachers' Association of Lithuania (LKPA),  
Institute of Foreign Languages of Faculty of Philology,  
Vilnius University**

invite you to

**The FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)  
Conference 2018**  
*“Teaching and Learning Languages in the 21st Century:  
Linguistic, Educational and Cultural Aspects”*

7 – 8 June, 2018  
Vilnius, Lithuania

The conference will take place at:

On 7 June at the premises of  
Government of the Republic of Lithuania, 11 Gedimino Ave., LT-01103 Vilnius, Lithuania

On 8 June at the premises of  
Institute of Foreign Languages of Faculty of Philology  
Vilnius University, 5 Universiteto St., LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania

Conference webpage:  
<http://www.conference.ukl.vu.lt>

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## **Invitation to host the FIPLV World Congress 2021**

Finally, still on the topic of FIPLV conferences, as we prepare for our 2018 World Congress to be hosted by ACTFL, we would like to invite you to consider offering to host the 25th FIPLV World Congress in 2018. This will also be an opportunity to celebrate FIPLV's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Please find at the end of this conference update some **Guidelines** that we hope will be useful to you when making your decision. It would be useful if you could send me expressions of interest by the end of July if possible so that we will be able to discuss and announce the decision at the World Congress in November. Please also bear in mind that, though the 2015 and 2018 will have been very large conferences, you should not feel that your proposal needs to be on the same scale.

I very much look forward to hearing from you and am very happy for you to contact me to discuss this further.

If possible, please reply to my other email address: [T.Lamb1@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:T.Lamb1@westminster.ac.uk) as this is the one that I monitor regularly, I only send large email mailings from my gmail address as it is easier for me to insert the addresses.

With warm wishes

Terry  
Terry Lamb, FIPLV Secretary General

## **FIPLV WORLD CONGRESS 2021**

### **GUIDELINES**

#### **1 Introduction**

These guidelines are designed to enable FIPLV member associations to have a clear idea of the expectations of FIPLV for associations hosting the FIPLV World Congresses.

#### **2 Process**

The FIPLV Executive Committee invites all member associations to host a forthcoming FIPLV World Congress (around four years before the event). Offers are discussed by the FIPLV World Council or Executive Committee to make a decision. The member association is contacted to be informed of the decision. Future dates are 2018, 2021, 2024 etc.

#### **3 Contract**

FIPLV negotiates a contract with the host member association. Key items to be covered include:

- dates
- location and venue
- registration fees
- finances (including a negotiated percentage for FIPLV)

#### **4 Organisation**

The FIPLV World Congress can largely be accommodated within the usual framework and culture of the host association's national conferences. This includes its approaches to organisation (e.g. meetings, administration, information sharing and communication, etc). The host association should form an organising committee, with one member being allocated the responsibility of being convener. If a professional conference organiser is contracted, this cost must be factored into the budget. A member of The FIPLV Executive Committee would also be a (de facto) member of the organising committee and could attend strategic planning meetings, using technology where appropriate. The FIPLV Executive Committee member would make a clear contribution to the conference organisation, e.g. decisions about the conference theme and sub-themes, consultation on the timeline and call for proposals, support with reviewing proposals, logistics about registration of members of FIPLV member associations and conference fee concessions.

#### **5 Title and logo**

The fact that it is an FIPLV World Congress must be included in the conference publicity, which should also include the FIPLV logo.

## **6 Programme**

FIPLV should be consulted on the keynote speakers to ensure international interest. Submissions should be invited in a range of languages.

## **7 Budget**

Registration fees should be reasonable and accessible for participants from less wealthy countries, include an early bird and final rates, and differentiate between members of FIPLV member associations and those who are not.

Paolo Balboni, President of FIPLV (on behalf of FIPLV Executive Committee)