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2004 Summer Seasons Programmes on BBC TWO Learning Zone

Here are details of two seasons which are going out over the summer related to foreign travel and culture – the schedule for the normal languages/travel slot every Tuesday was featured in the last e-mail club newsletter.

14th – 16th July: A week of programmes about France to mark National Day in France. The week starts on Tuesday with French language programmes, followed by 3 nights of programmes of general travel and cultural interest.

18th – 27th August: Two weeks of programmes about the Mediterranean, to mark the start of the Olympic Games in Greece. The week starts with a Greek night, including Talk Greek, first launched in May, followed by 3 nights of programmes of more general travel and culture interest.

Wednesday, 14th July

02.00 With Friends Like These: Affairs with the French
03.00 Living the Dream: Field of Dreams
04.00 Profile: Jose Bové (French Farmer & Peasant Activist)
04.30 Working With the French
05.00- Omnibus: Mad about Monet
06.00

Thursday, 15th July

02.00- A Cook's Tour of France: Part I
05.00 1: Atlantic Coast
2: Alsace
3: Brittany
4: Burgundy
5: Provence
6: Auvergne & Limousin
05.00- Living the Dream: French Holiday Heaven Revisited
06.00

Friday, 16th July

02.00- A Cook's Tour in France: Part II
05.00 1: La Loire
2: Normandy
3: Lyon & Savoie
4: The South West
5: Paris
6: Languedoc-Rousillion
05.00- The French Connection (documentary)
06.00

Wednesday, 18th August

02.00- Mediterranean Tales: In the Footsteps of Mark Twain
06.00 1: Gibraltar & Tangier
2: Marseille
3: Venice
4: Rome
5: Naples and Capri

- 6: Athens
- 7: Istanbul
- 8: Damascus

Thursday, 19th August

- 02.00- Mediterranean Tales: In the Footsteps of Mark Twain
- 03.00 9: Jerusalem
- 10: Cairo & Alexandria
- 03.00 Human Race: Morocco
- 03.30 Home Front: Islam Special
- 04.30 Rough Guide to the Islands: Mallorca & Ibiza
- 05.30- Rough Guide to the World: Barcelona
- 06.00

Friday, 20th August

- 02.00 Under the Sun: Marriage Egyptian Style
- 02.50 Under the Sun: A Time to Woo
- 03.40 Timewatch: In Search of Cleopatra
- 04.30 Mediterranean Cookery: Morocco
- 05.00- Oreste Pipolo – Wedding Photographer
- 06.00

Wednesday, 25th August

- 02.00- Sophie's Sunshine Food
- 05.00 1. Amalfi Coast
- 2. Andalusia
- 3. Provence
- 4. Marrakech
- 5. Tuscany
- 6. Crete
- 05.00- Brits Abroad: La Dolce Vita
- 06.00

Thursday, 26th August

- 02.00- In Search of the Trojan War (with Michael Wood)
- 06.00 1: Age of Heroes
- 2: The Legend Under Siege
- 3: The Singer of Tales
- 4: The Woman of Troy

Friday, 27th August

- 02.00- In Search of the Trojan War (with Michael Wood)
- 04.00 5: Empire of the Hittites
- 6: The Fall of Troy
- 04.00 Road to Riches: The Love of Money
- 05.00- Horizon: The Secret Treasures of Zeugma
- 06.00

What's New on www.bbc.co.uk/languages

Talk Greek

Get ready for your holiday or the Olympics 2004 in Greece with our new online beginner's course in Greek.

Talk Greek is a new interactive site based on the BBC's television beginner's Greek course. Learners can interact with the language online through a range of vibrant slideshows, games, roleplays, interactive language activities and video clips. Transcripts TV series are also available to download.

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/greek/

New German and Italian Steps

Our popular online beginners' courses in German and Italian have got new features!

The improved sites offer new interactive grammar tips, bilingual vocabulary lists, and a learning log to record student progress.

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/lj/ www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/lj/

Fancy yourself as a budding scriptwriter? Look out for the 'You finish the story' game in *Italian Steps*. Write your own ending to one of the slideshows, in Italian. The best ending will be published on our site.

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/lj/breakfast/index.shtml

New intermediate section

We offer a monthly supplement in Spanish and French for people who already know some of the language.

Le Mensuel and *El Mensual* incorporate the reports from *Accents d'Europe* in French and *Semanario Internet* in Spanish plus other audio materials to help you keep your French and Spanish up to date.

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/index.shtml

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/news/index.shtml

CILT Adult Education Languages Show 2004

11 June 2004, Beaumanor Hall, Loughborough

As we reported in the last newsletter, this annual event is well known for stimulating debate, highlighting best practice, exploring new resources and last, but by no means least, an opportunity for networking. 2004 is no exception, with a full programme of keynote talks and workshops for both tutors and managers, including input from the BBC (BBC Languages will be exhibiting too), DfES, Open University, Goethe-Institut as well as the French and Spanish Embassies. Do come along and see us!

For more details visit www.cilt.org.uk/cpd or call 020 7379 5101 ext. 259.

Languages Tutor Workshops

The Get Talking project is offering a series of regional workshops for languages tutors in June. The purpose of these workshops is to raise awareness of BBC resources and explore ways of using them both inside and out of the classroom. There will also be discussion around blended learning; the debate will focus on what's happening already, the practical issues around delivery and next steps. The workshops are aimed at anyone involved in the teaching of languages to adults in FE colleges, Adult learning centres, the workplace or other organisations.

For further details please contact: Vanessa Norris, Project Manager, Get Talking, 020 8752 6922 vanessa.norris@bbc.co.uk

Belfast NICILT	Thursday 17 th June
Birmingham Comenius Centre	Wednesday 23 rd June
Bristol Comenius Centre	Tuesday 15 th June
Cambridge Homerton Comenius Centre	Wednesday 2 nd June

Cardiff CILT Cymru	Monday 21st June
Leicester Network Centre	Friday 18 th June
London BBC White City	Friday 4th June & Monday 28th June
Manchester Comenius Centre	Thursday 3rd June
Southampton Comenius Centre	Wednesday 30th June
Stirling Scottish CILT	Wednesday 16th June
Sunderland North East Comenius Centre	Friday 2nd July
York Yorkshire Rose Comenius Centre	Wednesday 9th June

Message from Chris Swaine about Apollo via www.aclearn.net:

In response to practitioner requests, we are setting up a series of featured months. In June, the theme of 'Languages' has been chosen, so that we can support a number of e-language practitioner events being run around the country both by NIACE, courtesy of Phil Hardcastle, and by the BBC. These events have been trailed previously on the Community Learning Resource and through the Apollo email discussion group.

As part of the month's activities, we will also be encouraging the use of Hot Potatoes. This is a free content creation tool which can be used offline and is a simple but effective mechanism for creating resources. We would, of course, welcome and encourage the sending of the created resources to us, for inclusion in our learning content resource exchange.

Throughout the month we will focus in on e-learning and its use within a languages context. We will:

- Set up a languages message board specifically for language tutors to post questions and comments on any language related issue and the use of ICT to support language teaching in ACL.
- Set up a language email discussion group just like Apollo, but again, specifically for ACL language practitioners. This will allow language practitioners to share information, advice and guidance and also offer a safe and secure environment to ask any awkward or burning questions - including HELP!
- We will set up a Hot Potatoes message board, specifically to support Hot Potatoes and experts will be around to offer help and support [if you haven't heard of Hot Potatoes, all will be revealed!].
- We will showcase a 'How to create IT' e-learning resource using Hot Potatoes each week during June. The easy to follow guides will allow tutors to quickly and easily create their own resources with a languages feel, which they can then send back to us for hosting in our

learning content resource exchange. The email discussion group and message boards will offer support for this.

- We will encourage and promote language stories and case studies on what is happening around the country, which will be available on the site as news stories or through the resource exchange as case studies. Got a story? Send it in!

- Each week we will offer information on other resources, which could be useful to language practitioners, with some guidance on how to use them. It is very likely that these will be existing resources. This is an ideal opportunity for you tell us what resources you use within your language teaching sessions. Why not use our "suggest a site" in the content exchange to highlight any good websites out there that you find useful and to send us any resources that you have created, so that we can feature those as well! All resources will still be available after the month has finished in our resource exchange. Remember - the more resources you send in, the easier it will be for language practitioners to find resources to meet their needs.

- And, finally, we will run a range of [and sometimes snap] prize draws throughout the month, which will be advertised through the languages email discussion group to add a little excitement to the month. These draws will often be linked to the resources created and submitted by practitioners throughout the month, which gives you an extra incentive to get creating and sharing!

Further announcements will be made through the Apollo email discussion group - so make sure your language tutors are signed up!

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Information from the Consejería de Educación

Cantabria

The Consejería de Educación has just published a new issue of the España series: *Cantabria*, which offers a general overview of this "Autonomous Community". The document includes interesting detailed sections on geography, art, culture, economy, cuisine, sports and festivals in Cantabria. The España series has proved to be especially popular with teachers and students preparing their AS or A2 exams. To get a copy, please get in touch with recursos.uk@correo.mec.es

National Centre Launches New Campaign to Promote Languages

CILT, the National Centre for Languages is taking advantage of Europe Day to launch the European Day of Languages campaign 2004. The Europe-wide initiative promotes the benefits of language skills at all levels.

In the context of the National Languages Strategy, the National Centre is aware that there

has never been a more important time to promote the advantages of speaking another language.

It is hoped that more people than ever before will take part, by organising events and awareness-raising activities.

'We are encouraging people to mark the Day in their own contexts, whether in press and media, schools and workplaces or local Government', said Peter Boaks, Acting Director. On 27 September 2004 CILT will be launching its *Languages work* campaign, which addresses two important misconceptions:

- ➔ That everyone speaks English
- ➔ That the only jobs with languages are in translating/interpreting or teaching

In fact only 75% of the world's population speak any English at all and the need for languages is greater than ever, throughout the UK workforce.

CILT, the National Centre for Languages is organising a major event in conjunction with the Department for Education and Skills and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to launch *Languages work* and to present the European Awards for Languages 2004. Details will be released shortly.

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Black Country Pathfinder: 14-19 Networks for Excellence

This Pathfinder, now in its second year, is one of 39 Pathfinders 14-19 nationally designed to design and test innovative approaches to the design and delivery of the 14-19 curriculum. The Black Country Pathfinder is for this purpose solely concerned with the curriculum area of languages. The clue to the wider aims of this Pathfinder is in the title: 14-19 Networks for Excellence. The team are trying to develop curriculum opportunities for young people through cross-organisational collaboration. Key to the success of this Pathfinder is collaboration with a diverse range of partners from the educational, training and employment sectors. Led by the Black Country LSC the Pathfinder is working closely with educational providers as well as work-based learning providers and training providers who might not previously have considered the role of languages in their generic vocational training packages. Numerous projects around the introduction of an alternative, more relevant, curriculum at key stage 4, regionally coordinated WEXP opportunities expressly capitalising on language skills and competences, a regional programme of CPD for teachers led by language colleges and a diverse range of resources (many of which are ICT based) are just some examples of good, collaborative practice evolving from the Pathfinder. For more information the website might be a good starting point: www.bcsip.org/pathfinder. Alternatively you can speak to someone from the team on 01902-824413.

Standard Grade Bitesize Interactive Television Quiz

If you have digital Cable TV, you can see how your revision is going by taking part in the new daily Standard Grade Bitesize Interactive television quiz. As well as helping you through your revision you could win a £15 music voucher. To access the quiz simply take the following steps: Press red on your tv remote whenever you are watching a BBC programme, select main menu from the list of options, then select Bitesize Revision. This runs till 11th June.

That's All For Now

We hope that the above information will be of real use to you. Remember that we want the E-Mail Club to provide you with the opportunity to let us know what you think about anything to do with us or language learning in general - and we look forward to hearing from you.