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1. September Language Events

(Editor's Note: Dr. David Zorc, who was to have spoken in August, will speak on 25 September. We sincerely hope that those who showed up for his August session will indeed return this time. Thanks. [REDACTED])

(U) September Language Events

Distribution: Entire NSA Workforce

POC [REDACTED]

(U) Strengthen Our Nation: Discover Languages

(U) September 2008 Language Events

(U) This month, our theme "Language Perspectives – Up Close and Personal" continues to explore just what makes top-notch language specialists tick. What insight and advice can they share? The three events will offer the views of very different language professionals including some of our British partners from GCHQ, a panel of four highly seasoned [REDACTED] cryptologic language analysts, and a world-renowned applied linguist from outside of the Agency! Mark your calendars now.

1. (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] Language Doyens Discuss Language Mentoring

Monday, 15 September 2008
0930-1100 hours

(~~C//REL~~) With an average of almost 50 years of SIGINT language experience each, these are by far the most senior language analysts

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in the [] language community, representing []
 [] Join us as [] share their advice
 and experiences about giving and receiving language mentoring. You
 will not want to miss this if you are a language mentor or someone
 working with a language mentor.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) A Day in the Life of a [] Language Professional

Tuesday, 16 September 2008
 1330-1430 hours

(C//~~REL~~) Ever wonder what your language analyst counterparts
 across the pond are doing? Join us for a panel presentation
 by three language professionals from [] who will discuss
 a "day in the life" of [] linguist team leader, the

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available for your questions. This is a great opportunity to
 "compare notes" with our [] colleagues!

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3. (U//~~FOUO~~) Language and Culture

Thursday, 25 September 2008
 1200-1300 hours

(U) Dr. R. David Zorc's love for language research and immersion
 has thus far covered some eighty languages representing five
 different language families. The author of 22 books, seven
 monographs, 47 journal articles and countless presentations at
 international conferences, Dr. Zorc was awarded in February
 2005, "The Andrew Gonzalez Distinguished Professorial Chair in
 Linguistics and Language Education" by the Linguistic Society of
 the Philippines. Don't miss his remarkable stories documenting
 unwritten languages!

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(U//~~FOUO~~) For those unable to attend these events, they will be available for desktop viewing within a day or two at "go language" in your web browser (click on the right on EVENTS) and at "go cla" (click on the left under Navigation on CLA Wiki (Speaker Series).

(U//~~FOUO~~) POC: the Office of the Senior Language Authority,

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(U) AGENCY-SPONSORED EVENT: Employees attending this event, with supervisory approval, will be carried in a duty status. However, employees are not eligible to earn credit hours, compensatory time or overtime.

(U) FRAGRANCE NOTICE: The Agency is committed to being a model employer. To this end, be mindful of those employees whose sensitivity to fragrances may be heightened and refrain from wearing, or reduce their use of scented products (e.g. perfume, cologne, etc.).

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2. International Flag of Language Design Contest--Press Release

(Editor's note: This contest has already begun and we are already getting entries from other nations. It would be nice if we could get some LOCAL, i.e., children of Agency employees or their schools, to participate. Please read about this below. Thanks. [REDACTED])

There are flags for everything it seems—but not for languages.

The National Museum of Language (NML), a small museum that explores the transformative powers of language, opened to the public this May after more than ten years in the making. A trailblazer in the field - there are only a few museums in the world with a similar focus - the Museum examines the history, impact, and art of language.

As a trailblazer in the field, it is only fitting that the the NML take on the task of creating what it believes is the world's first language flag, the International Flag of Language (IFL). The NML is sponsoring a contest to design the IFL. This contest and the flag itself will be the NML's contribution to commemorate UNESCO's International Year of Languages. Experts from language and vexillology have been selected to administer the contest and to select the winning entry. The contest rules have been posted at <http://languageuseum.org/flag>. The contest itself will run from September 2 through November 28 and the winning entry will be announced before the end of the International Year of Languages in February, 2009.

The NML is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; first and third Sundays, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Its current exhibit, "Writing Language: Passing It On," shows how

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writing has developed over time. Attention is given to alphabetic and pictographic writing systems. For younger visitors, a hands-on activity room allows them to play a language game, practice calligraphy, see technological presentations, and touch artifacts.

For information on the flag contest, please see <http://languagemuseum.org/flag> (or [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] For information on the museum itself, contact the NML President, Dr. Amélia C. Murdoch, acmurdoch@languagemuseum.org.

3. Presidential Language Trivia

Which president had to take a membership oath in Sioux to join the "Singing Tribe of Wahoo"?

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. Gerald Ford
- C. Theodore Roosevelt
- D. Jimmy Carter
- E. Dwight Eisenhower

The answer is at the end of the issue

4. Call for Assistance

Agency language analyst [REDACTED] is planning to write an article for a children magazine on the loss of languages. She is contacting CLA (a good source) for information about the topic. Who can help her out? Please advise.

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5. Latest Conversation Group Schedule

(Editor's Note: You CAN get course credit for participation. Contact [REDACTED] (below) to find out how. Thanks. [REDACTED])

(U) Greetings,

(U//FOUO) Please find the most recent Conversation Groups schedule in the link below. You

[REDACTED] email [REDACTED] to receive a text version of the schedule.

(U//FOUO) Conversation Groups are sponsored by the Crypto-Linguistic Association (CLA), and participation in these activities is considered to be work-related, thus attendees are not required to take leave if they have supervisor approval. For more information about attending or starting a conversation group, visit the CLA website by entering "go cla" in your web browser or contact CLA Conversation Group Coordinator, [REDACTED]

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**For information on how to obtain language training credits for conversation groups, contact your group leader o



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6. Posted Comments

 were unable to attend the 21 August CLA presentation featuring past winners of CLA's Jaffe and Rochefort Awards. They did send their comments though. To read them, visit our homepage--"go CLA" and then "News and Announcements." This is the next best thing.

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ANSWER E. Dwight Eisenhower (34th President, 1953-1961)

The "Singing Tribe of Wahoo" was a bunch of Black Hills (South Dakota) promoters/boosters. Eisenhower joined in 1953 while in the Black Hills on vacation.

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