

LANGS – 1 June 2018 – updates from the Institut français d'Écosse

1. Concours de la francophonie 2018

73 winners of Maisondieu PS and Doune PS celebrated la journée mondiale de la francophonie on Friday 23 March at the Institut français d'Écosse with their teachers, the Consul general of France, partners of the competition and all staff of the IFE.

I will visit Mid Yell Junior High School to give their award to the winners of S1/S3 category on 18 June. I will take the opportunity of this visit to the Shetland to meet primary and secondary colleagues and offer CLPL workshops.

Second prize winners from Dunning PS, Kirn PS, Aberlemno PS and Mary Erskine School have received a selection of French books.

This third edition was a truly national celebration of French language in Scotland. Participation has been exceptional, with entries from the Councils of Aberdeen City, Angus, Argyll and Bute, Dundee City, East Lothian, Edinburgh City, Glasgow City, North Ayrshire, Perth and Kinross, Shetland Islands, Stirling, West Lothian and from various independent schools.

Thank you all for taking part and for organising local semi-finals. We hope you will encourage primary and secondary colleagues to take part again next year. We would be happy to support the organisation of your semi-finals in your local authority or your RICs and we hope you will take this opportunity to celebrate your local champions, learners and teachers!

Calendar for 2019 competition:

- Local Semi-finals in December 2018 or January 2019, as suitable for you;
- Selection of winners in early February 2019;
- Award ceremony and celebration of la francophonie: around 20 March 2019, TBD.

2. Summer course in France for ML DOs and 1+2 leaders:

The IFE offers this year again 6 grants to DOs and language leaders for a one-week course in CAVILAM, an international centre of excellence for French teachers and teachers' trainers' professional development.

The course will take place on 30 July to 3 August 2018 in Vichy. It has been designed for DOs and 1+2 leaders who want to discover new techniques and resources to support their colleagues. The course will include language learning and pedagogy. The course will be in French.

The grant includes only the course fee. All other expenses (international and national travel, accommodation, food and additional cultural activities) are of the sole responsibility of the Council or of the candidate.

Applicants will be notified before 27 May.

3. Summer intensive courses at the Institut français d'Ecosse

The Institut français offers intensive French courses in July.

This 15-hour course will take place from 10am to 4pm from Tuesday to Thursday.

Concession fee for GTCS teachers: £105

Details: http://www.ifecosse.org.uk/IMG/pdf/Brochure_ete_2018.pdf

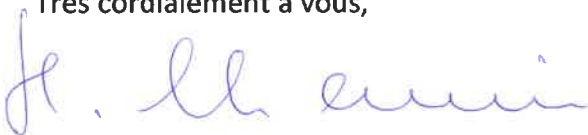
A1	3 to 5 July	17 to 19 July
A2	3 to 5 July	17 to 19 July
B1	3 to 5 July	17 to 19 July
B2	10 to 12 July	24 to 26 July
C1	10 to 12 July	24 to 26 July

4. Announcement

As you may know, my contract will come to an end on 31 August. It has been a great pleasure to work with you over these past four years. The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs has appointed a new Attaché de coopération pour le français to continue supporting French teaching and learning in Scotland and education co-operation between the two nations. Philippe Sibeaud will take his post in September, you will have the opportunity to meet him at SLF and at the next LaNGS meeting.

Un grand merci à vous tous, I'm looking forward to seeing you on 1st June.

Très cordialement à vous,



Thomas Chaurin
Attaché de coopération pour le français