FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to Volume 10, Number 2 of Language Learning & Technology, a special issue on electronic literacy. We are very grateful to Carla Meskill who has done an outstanding job of guest editing this issue, under the expert guidance of Associate Editor Rick Kern. Please see the From the Special Issue Editor column for a description of the content of this special issue.

In "On the Net," Jean LeLoup and Robert Ponterio critically examine Wikipedia, a multilingual, open source encyclopedia and provide excellent advice about using it judiciously in the EFL classroom. In the "Emerging Technologies" column, Bob Godwin-Jones provides yet another brilliant piece "Tag Clouds in the Blogosphere: Electronic Literacy and Social Networking," in which he discusses new social networking phenomena on the Web, such as community tagging, shared bookmarking, and blogs, and how they have created convergences between L2 consumers and creators.

This issue includes two book reviews related to electronic literacy superbly edited by Sigrun Biesenbach-Lucas. Bethany Gray reviews Literate Lives in the Information Age: Narratives of Literacy from the United States, a thought-provoking array of "technological literacy autobiographies," edited by Cynthia Selfe and Gail Hawisher. Donald Weasenforth reviews Literacy in the New Media Age by Gunther Kress, an engaging examination of how the conceptualization of textuality is changing in today’s views of literacy. Finally, Tiffany Shao reviews textbooks with accompanying CDs for Beginning and Intermediate Chinese.

Please note the Call for Papers for an upcoming special issue on Technology and Learning to Write.

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Lastly, we are pleased to announce a new feature: the Related Work link at the bottom of the page takes you to a list of relevant dissertations in the field of language learning and technology since the year 2000. We wish to thank Evelyn Reder Wade for her exceptional work in compiling this list.

Sincerely,

Irene Thompson and Dorothy Chun
Editors