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## TIEP's Moya Awarded TextESOLer of the Year

Estherlene Moya, TIEP Instructor, received the "TextESOLer of the Year" award for 2003 at the TextESOL III Regional Conference at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

This award is given to outstanding teachers who raise the standards for professional achievement within the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.



Estherlene Moya, TIEP Instructor

To be eligible for the award, a teacher must be nominated by at least two colleagues indicating that he/she promotes ESL student involvement in the school and community, demonstrates continued professional growth, shows commitment to students, and exhibits a commitment to excellence in teaching.

All ESL or bilingual teachers in grades K-12, all college and intensive programs, and all ESL adult education teachers are eligible. The letters of nomination and a personal statement from the applicant are submitted to the TextESOL III Board of Directors who vote on a recipient. One award is offered per year for each of the five TextESOL regions.

As an award recipient, Ms. Moya received ESL material, a year's membership to TextESOL III, a waiver of the conference registration, and an awards luncheon.

## New Saudi University Project Is Fully Under Way As TIEC Consulting Teams Begin Work

Consulting operations at TIEC to assist with the establishment of Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) in Saudi Arabia moved into high gear in December with the completion of three key steps: approval of the TIEC report on the institution's defining characteristics, hiring of the TIEC PMU Project Manager, and appointment of university experts to conduct the next phases of the project.

Working closely together, TIEC consultants and PMU officials have defined distinguishing features of the PMU such as the use of a core curriculum to ensure competencies for all students in areas including communication and leadership and the use of information technology to provide state-of-the-art resources and instructional techniques.

In the position of PMU Project Manager, Ernest H. Wood will manage day-to-day consulting operations, including coordination, assembly and editing of reports for each team. Mr. Wood brings to the project more than 30 years of experience as a manager, editor and writer combined with college teaching experience, marketing expertise and a

background in architectural studies.

Named to head the TIEC consulting team on Information Technology Services was Dr. Maurice Leatherbury, Executive Director of Information Technology and Academic Computing at the University of North Texas.

Leading the consulting team on Organizational Structure will be Kyle J. Cavanaugh, Associate Vice President, Human Resources at The University of Texas at Austin.

A fact-finding delegation from these two consulting teams will visit the PMU location in Saudi Arabia in January.

Selection of members for other consulting teams is continuing.

## Dr. Simon Named to National Language Commission

Dr. Terry Simon, Director of the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP), has been elected to serve on the national Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) for a three-year term, beginning in January 2004.

"I believe very strongly in CEA's mission and am proud that TIEP was among the early programs accredited by CEA," stated Dr. Simon.

"Serving on the commission," he added, "will enable me to contribute more directly to furthering CEA's mission and success."

CEA is a national accrediting agency for English programs in the U.S. that offer at least 18 hours per week of language training.

CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a reliable authority concerning the quality of education or training offered by the English language institutions and programs it accredits.



Dr. Terry Simon, Director, TIEP