

The Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, the Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region, and the African Studies Program at **Indiana University** are pleased to announce a

## **WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS OF LESS COMMONLY TAUGHT LANGUAGES**

**“Assessing our students: why does HOW we assess matter?”**

**March 31-April 1, 2006**

The workshop, led by Ursula Lentz, Minnesota Department of Education World Language Coordinator at the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition at the University of Minnesota, will consist of three ninety minute sessions on the theory of language assessment and two ninety minute sessions on practical applications of language assessment.

The first Friday session (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm) will focus on different types of and reasons for assessments and how to match the type of assessment to the desired information. The second Friday session (4:45 pm – 6:15 pm) will treat the development of standards and scales. Saturday’s first session (9:00 am – 10:30 am) will build on Friday’s sessions, as participants meet in groups to develop rating criteria for assessing speaking and writing. The fourth session (10:45 am – 12:15 pm) will compare assessments for the different aspects of language acquisition: reading, listening, writing, and speaking. In the final session (1:30 pm – 3 pm) participants will concentrate on particular lessons or units they bring in, using group input to either develop or refine assessments for them.

The workshop will take place in the **Indiana Memorial Union of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.**

The workshop is free for participants. Coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers. We will also have a reception after the last session on Friday.

Please let us know by **MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004** of your intention to participate (e-mail us at: [iaunrc@indiana.edu](mailto:iaunrc@indiana.edu) or call:(812)-856-5263. Let us know what language you teach and at what institution. Participants from out of town will be provided with information about accommodations in Bloomington, shuttle schedules, and driving directions.

A limited number of travel grants will be available. The grants are sponsored by the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center for teachers of Azeri, Finnish, Estonian, Hungarian, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Pashto, Persian/Tajik, Tibetan, Turkish, Turkmen, Uyghur, and Uzbek, and by the African Studies Program for teachers of African languages.