



Ohio Proudly Welcomes You to Columbus

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the great state of Ohio and specifically to the city of Columbus. Ohio, which is an ideal place to hold the “friendly conference” to discuss how languages can foster connections, empower communities and celebrate the world. Language and culture are integral parts of Ohio’s history and present.

The 2016 CSCTFL/OFLA (Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Ohio Foreign Language Association) Conference will provide attendees excellent opportunities to learn about the latest developments in language teaching and learning, discover ways to rejuvenate language teaching, as well as network with experienced and new language professionals. With a record number of proposals submitted, this is sure to be an excellent conference for all.

The Ohio state name means “Great River” and originated from the Iroquoian language, a Native American language family. Known as the Buckeye State for its buckeye trees and confections fashioned after the seed of the tree, the state of Ohio is the 7th most populous state in the nation. The Ohio River travels west, is located on the southern part of the state, and creates the border between Kentucky and West Virginia.

In addition to attending the conference, attendees can engage in many cultural community activities. As the capital of the state, Columbus boasts a plethora of activities for its visitors. "Attractions in the nation's 15th largest city in the nation include the world-famous Columbus Zoo, Franklin Park Conservatory, German Village, and a riverfront replica of the Santa Maria, to name a few. Within walking distance from the Convention Center and hotel, attendees can visit the North Market, the Fire Museum, the Arena District and the Short North Arts District. To learn more about Columbus and Ohio, visit the Columbus Visitor’s Center webpage: <http://www.experiencecolumbus.com/>

Be sure to join CSC/OFLA on Friday evening for the 2016 International Dance Party at the hotel for a wonderful evening full of music, dancing, and socializing the 2016 International Dance Party.

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