

41 Annual IATEFL Conference, Aberdeen, 19-22 April 2007

English for Specific Purposes: Diversity of Coverage

Pre-Conference Event (PCE) of IATEFL's English for Specific Purposes (ESP) SIG (Special Interest Group)

10 am – 6 pm, 18 April 2007, Aberdeen, Scotland,

The purpose of the 2007 Pre-Conference Event for ESP SIG is to demonstrate and discuss the exceptionally diverse range of sub-areas that ESP covers, and how these sub-branches are delivered in further, adult, private and university sectors in English native-speaking countries, in countries where English is a lingua franca (and is used as a second language) and in countries where English is used as a foreign language. Given the multi-stranded nature of ESP, a number of talks will inevitably focus on materials design as well as teacher training. A number of distinguished ESP and EAP practitioners from across all the continents will present papers devoted to teaching ESP and EAP, be it to students or teachers.

The papers to be presented on 18th April 2007 during the ESP SIG PCE include:

- Positive Impact of ESP Programmes on Rural Communities in Central Asia (Aigul Abdylbaeva, University of Central Asia)
- Interview Skills in the Context of India (Prof. Dr. V. Prakash, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) India)
- Collaborating with professionals while delivering ESP courses: Media, Journalism, Graphic Design (M Maureen Franks, GOTEVOT / British Council , Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- English Radio Programs: Towards achieving education for all by 2015 (Wale Ewedemi, 96.9 Cool FM Radio Station, Abuja, Nigeria)
- Challenges in implementing vocational change programmes in Saudi Arabia – 'the good, the great and the difficult' (Phil Dexter , British Council/GOTEVOT, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- Theatre in Language Learning (Annie Kuriachan, Dr. Francis Peter S.J., Loyola College, India)
- Specialized Bilingual Dictionaries of Tourism as Tools for Improving the Parallel Use of English and one's Native Language (the Estonian Case) [Dr Heli Tooman & Dr Enn Veldi, University of Tartu, Estonia]
- An Application of Linguistics Research to ESP (A Japanese Perspective) [Junko Kono, Ryukoku University, Japan]
- Pedagogical Construction of Literacy: Cartoons and the Challenges of English Language Teaching in Nigeria (Ayo AYODELE , Lagos State University, Nigeria)
- English in Globalised India, Prof. Panchanan Mohanty (University of Hyderabad, India)
- Teaching ' The Other English ' for communication In Nigeria (Dr Sunday DURUOHA , Rivers State University of Science and Technology , Port Harcourt, Nigeria)
- ESP-Diversity of Coverage in the U.S. (Debra S. Lee, Asst. Professor, Nashville State Community College, Tennessee, US & Past Chair, ESP Interest Section, TESOL)

- Francophone or Anglophone: The Dilemma of Language Choice for Further Education and the Workplace in Cameroon (Genevoix Nana, The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK)
- English for international students at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa – from the general to the specific (Dr Francois du Toit, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa)
- Shifting EAP pedagogy to prepare Thai students to study in UK higher education (Singhanat Kenny Nomnian , School of Education, University of Leicester, UK)
- English in the Nigerian Tie-and-Dye Electronic Classroom (Obododimma Oha , University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria)
- The Teaching of English for Specific Purpose in Cuba (Eduardo Garbey Savigne, Havana Medical Sciences University , Cuba ; GELI [English Language Specialists Association] Board Member)

Special ESP announcements will include updates on **ESP projects at the British Council worldwide (Mark Crossey)** and on **new EAP books (Garnet Education: Chris Shakespeare and Olly Twist)**. We will do our best to ensure that the final selection of the approved papers is officially published for the benefit of all EAP and ESP practitioners worldwide.

Thank you - Mark Krzanowski (IATEFL ESP Co-ordinator)
<http://www.dudenev.com/iatefl/espsig/events/index.asp>

To register for the event (and there are still some places available), please contact Craig Dennett at IATEFL on craig@iatefl.org

ESP Day: 20 April 2007

<http://www.iatefl.org/content/conferences/2007/programme.php>

Last year was particularly successful for the ESP SIG at IATEFL since around 60 ESP/EAP/EOP proposals were submitted for the competitive process of final selection. Some of the talks feature on the ESP Day which reflects the best ESP/EAP practice from various educational sectors across all the continents. Some of the talks are also integrated into thematic symposia (e.g. there is one on Academic Writing which will be led by Ruth Breeze). The other talks have been integrated into the successive days of the Conference so that each and every day of this global event has a selection of stimulating and though-provoking ESP / EAP papers.

Here is the provisional program of the ESP Day (*subject to confirmation):

- ❖ Anne Pallant (University of Reading, UK): 'Academic Writing Skills: an Integrated Approach to Successful Acquisition'
- ❖ Prof. Raman MEENAKSHI (Birla Institute of Technology and Science [BITS], India) 'Activity-Based Approach for Teaching Scientific and Technical Writing in English'
- ❖ Dr Abdulkarim AL-NUJAIDI & Phil DEXTER (GOTEVT & the British Council, Saudi Arabia) 'Wants, Needs and Perceptions – ESP Teacher Training in Saudi Arabia'
- ❖ Dr Duruoha SOTARIUS (Rivers State University of Science and Technology , Port Harcourt, Nigeria) 'Teaching Reading Comprehension to Large Classes Using African Literature in English'
- ❖ Ulke TURK (University of Tartu, Estonia) 'Higher Level Learners and Vocabulary Acquisition'

❖ Jin-ping Chang (PLA General Hospital, Beijing, China) 'The Role of Teacher in Teaching English for Academic Purposes'

The ESP Day will also feature the Open Forum which will be hosted by Mark Krzanowski, Ruth Breeze and Aysha Iqbal Vishumohan. As ESP SIG Committee members they will lead this session which will be attended by existing members present and the conference and those IATEFL members who are interested in what the ESP offers and who may join the ESP SIG during or after the Conference. Finally, on the last day of the Conference, Ruth Breeze will also chair one ESP Symposium devoted specifically to Academic Writing.

We are grateful to all past, current and prospective colleagues and ESP SIG members who have been making continuous efforts to make our activity a success. This is reflected in steady growth from strength to strength across the world.

On behalf of all Committee Members,

Mark Krzanowski
ESP SIG Co-ordinator