



# SPELT ebulletin

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Teachers

## FROM THE SPELT DESK

Thank you SPELTers for receiving the SPELT ebulletin with such enthusiasm; it is sure a way to consolidate your links with SPELT and other teachers and educationists across a vast spectrum of the ELT world. Now the hot news is the upcoming SPELT's 34<sup>th</sup> International Travelling Conference, scheduled for 3-4<sup>th</sup> Nov'18, in Karachi and 10-11<sup>th</sup> November'18 in Lahore, Islamabad and Abbottabad on the theme "Engaging the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner". Every year SPELT provides this excellent forum for networking and for Continuous Professional Development (CPD) opportunities. It is a win-win situation for the presenters as well as the conference attendees--- especially those presenters from other countries who present in at least 3 cities of Pakistan. It is a novel experience for them to travel across the country from the tip of the Arabian Sea to the foothills of Himalayas, journeying through Lahore to visit the historic city and the spectacular Mughal monuments, the lush green plains of Punjab and the mountainous regions beyond. What makes it even more attractive for them is the home

hospitality provided by SPELTers, with its proverbial warmth and colour. Our presenters are also impressed by SPELT's spirit of volunteerism, and their keenness to learn and absorb fresh ideas and new concepts to hone their professional skills. For the conference attendees, the conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet with English language experts from around the world. In this global world of today, by attending the conference, very often academic careers are nurtured and advanced, lifelong friendships are built, and teachers in Pakistan get connected to the ELT community around the world. In fact, the sky is the limit to what they can achieve! Some of this year's highly distinguished presenters are Dr John Liontas, Dr Judy Sharkey, Dr Carolyn Layzer, Dr Madhu Sherma, Beth Trudell, JudithAnn Waltz,( USA), Dr Ron Thomson (Canada), Dr Sally Humphrey (Australia), Dr. Habibullah Pathan (Pakistan), Saima Noman (UAE), Raihana Sultana (Bangladesh), and Motikala Subba Dewan, the President of NELTA (Nepal). The conference workshops and the Post Conference Institutes (PCI) are full of useful ideas

and strategies, which SPELTers should be on the lookout for. More details will be released soon. Stay connected!

*If you would like to share a resource with other ELT professionals, please send it to the following address with a brief description (maximum 50 words), along with an active link to [spelt.ebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:spelt.ebulletin@gmail.com)*

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International  
Conference**

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## 34th International Conference, 2018

- The Submission date of abstracts has been extended till 20th August ,2018.
- Register yourself and avail the chance to meet presenters from around the world.
- On submitting your badge and evaluation form after the conference, win exciting gifts at the closing session.

### Conference Attractions

#### Keynote

Dr. John Liontas, USA, Chief-editor, *TESOL Encyclopedia for English Language Teaching*. Wiley and TESOL International, 2018.

#### Invited plenary sessions

- Dr.Carolyn Layzer, USA
- Dr. Ronald Irvin Thomson, Canada
- Dr Habibullah Pathan , Pakistan
- Mary E. Trudell (Beth), USA
- Sally Humphrey, ASFLA, Australia
- Dr Judy Sharkey, USA

## Free Academic Session#406

Attend a free Academic session on sharing best practices at an International Conference this month. Teachers and Principals are highly recommended to attend.

### Topic:

**“Teaching Tips: What and How?”**

Date: August 25, 2018  
(Saturday)

Timings: 3 to 5pm

Venue: SPELT House,  
Karachi

## Reading on Your Feet: Workshop Report

SPELT Workshop Committee, in collaboration with **The School of Writing**, organized a three-hour session on **Reading on your feet**. The session was conducted by **Julia Perlowski** of Andover Bread Loaf, USA. The aim was to acquaint participants with exciting tactics in using literature in the classroom. Activities included theatre strategies that are effective, especially in making Shakespeare come alive. Participants found the workshop meaningful and were enthusiastic to try them out in their own classes.





**Working Committee members celebrated Independence Day after the monthly working committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August' 2018**

SPELT has entered the thirty fifth year of its existence. It is a time for rejoicing and celebrating. But, more than that, it is the time for recalling the services of a long list of volunteers who have toiled day and night, who have risen to every challenge, and whose mission is to raise the standards of English teaching and learning in Pakistan. All SPELTers have worked passionately, sincerely and devotedly to make SPELT what it is today, a Teachers' Association that is recognized globally as a model worth replicating, particularly in developing countries, where resources are limited and the professional development needs of teachers overwhelming! Hats off to all SPELTers, past, present and future! Keep the flag of volunteerism AND professionalism flying high!!!

*Fatima Shahabuddin, Working Committee Coordinator 2018-19*

Teaching  
RESOURCES

Here is a little help for teachers!

Click on the following links for teaching resources.

<http://www.teachingwithamountainview.com/2014/07/first-day-of-school-activities-for-big.html>

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources>



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# SPELT SOCIAL

*This section is being started to celebrate members' achievements and personal/social news. Please send your contributions (30 words maximum) with a picture (optional) latest by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to [spelt.ebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:spelt.ebulletin@gmail.com)*

### **Condolence Message!**

SPELTers offer their heartfelt condolence to Mrs Khalida Sadaat, SPELT's Program Coordinator, on the sad demise of her husband, Major (Retd.) Saadat Ali Khan, on 12<sup>th</sup> August, after a protracted illness. May Allah rest his soul in peace and give the family the courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss!

### **Achievement!**

**Shumaila Omar (Workshop sub-committee member)**, presented a paper on 'Perceptions on status of Urdu language in the Arabian Gulf: Reflections on the Pakistani diaspora' at the GRM Research Meeting held at Cambridge, UK from July 31 - August 4, 2018.

### **Wedding Bells!**

Congratulations **Ms. Fehmida Khadim (Finance Sub committee member)** on your wedding. May you live happily ever after!