



SPELT ebulletin

34 Years of
Empowering
Teachers

FROM THE SPELT DESK

Dear SPELTers

July is a special month for SPELT. Thirty four years ago, SPELT's first ever Academic Session was held at the British Council, on 17th July, led by Talat Rafi on "Errors of Pakistani Learners". This was the beginning of an effort by SPELT Founder Members to contextualize our teaching learning issues, and look for solutions from within, rather than always look for foreign 'experts' to solve our problems. SPELT continues to look for 'out of the box' solutions and strategies to address teachers' continuing professional development needs for quality English language education. Simultaneously, SPELT aims to provide support to its members by exposing them to the cutting edge knowledge and skills of the ELT profession from around the world through its conferences, training sessions, and networking with international organizations like TESOL USA, IATEFL UK, and regional language teacher associations like BELTA, NELTA and ELTAI.

In 34 years, SPELT has achieved wide ranging national and international respect and admiration, because of the spirit of volunteerism and

commitment of its members demonstrated in all its activities and projects. The lack of resources has often posed challenges; however, this has never deterred SPELT from working for its goals. It has given Pakistani teachers in general, and English teachers in particular, a feeling of belonging to a community where they have a professional identity. Late Nargis Farooq, an ardent SPELTER, once said, "I have SPELT to go to . . . poor other teachers!" Having an identity and a niche, has empowered Pakistani English language teachers with the confidence to chart their own path and meet the needs of their learners successfully. Not only that, SPELT has put Pakistan on the ELT map of the world. For example, SPELTers have been selected for leadership roles in TESOL, USA and invited to present at international conferences. Also, SPELT's 'Traveling Conference' model is now being experimented with in other parts of the world.

SPELT is now launching an e-bulletin to mark the beginning of its 35th year of empowering teachers. Keeping in view today's digital world in which communication has to be quick to be effective, it is SPELT's step forward to keep its members abreast with SPELT news besides keeping them

updated about ELT news nationally as well as internationally. It is a brave effort on SPELT's part to take this initiative, given its financial and human resource constraints. But SPELT has a brilliant track record of achieving its objectives, and not being daunted by challenges that come in its way. In addition to news about SPELT and other ELT events, the e-bulletin will have a corner for sharing free online teaching and learning resources. 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

Congratulations to all SPELTers for keeping the ELT flag flying high and welcome to all those who want to work with us on this and other exciting projects!

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34th International Conference, Karachi, 4-5 November; Lahore, Islamabad, Abbottabad 10-11 November, 2018

Contributions are being solicited from all those interested in sharing their thoughts, ideas, and expertise with the ELT community at one or more conference venues.

Please submit your abstracts by 31 July, 2018.

To download the *Call for Papers* and *Registration form* visit spelt.org.pk

Workshop Committee Updates

SPELT regularly conducts workshops for Teachers' Professional Development.

31 July, 2018: Reading on the feet

3 & 4 August, 2018: Task Based Learning

11 August, 2018: Tips on how to use Textbooks effectively for developing ESL and Learning Skills in the classroom

For more details, visit the link given below

<http://spelt.org.pk/workshops/>

Free Academic Session#405

Attend a free Academic session on Tech Tools this month. Teachers and Principals are highly recommended to attend.

Topic: Teaching language through tech tools, immersive technology and Google for education

Date: 28 July, 2018

(Saturday)

Timings: 3 to 5pm

Venue: SPELT House, Defense Ph. 2, Karachi



SPELT in collaboration with



offers a workshop entitled

Reading on your feet



Julia Perlowski has been an English, Reading and Drama teacher in three American urban school districts (Broward County FL; Lawrence MA; and Revere MA) since 2005. Julia's main focus is as an arts integrationist, using the tools and skills of theatre to promote literacy and self-actualization.

Save the date!!!

Date: 31st July, 2018

Day: Tuesday

Time: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Non Members: Rs. 2700

Members: Rs. 2200



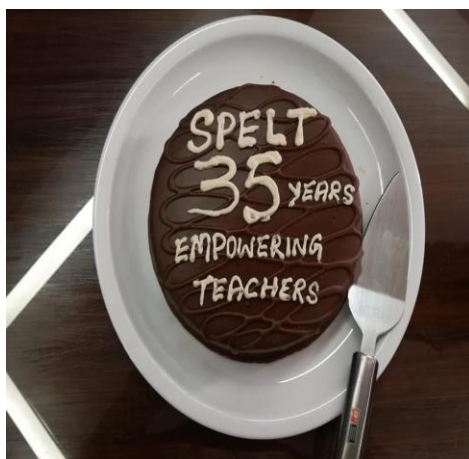


Participants busy in deliberation on organizational matters in the SPELT Leadership Retreat held on July 14, 2018 at the SPELT House.

SPELT Activities in July

The Working Committee is the secretarial arm of the SPELT team. It organized the July meeting on schedule, on July 14, 2018, the second Saturday of the month. A major decision taken at the meeting was to hold a retreat every six months, in January and July, 2019 onwards. At the January retreat, the focus would be on orientation of new members and review of July to December meeting minutes, and in the July retreat it would be on the annual conference and review of January to June minutes. This new initiative was successfully piloted this year.

The retreat was held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and was followed by the Working Committee meeting. At the retreat a number of decisions regarding various conference related activities were undertaken. Matters discussed at the Working Committee meetings during the last six months and still pending were identified for immediate follow-up. The beginning of SPELT's thirty fifth year was celebrated with cake cutting by the Programme Coordinator, Khalida Saadat, and participation of all working committee members and office staff present.



Lahore Chapter

SPELT Lahore chapter organizes academic sessions every month where presenters focus on different aspects of ELT. Participants show keen interest in each session and contribute eagerly. Two recently conducted workshops were “Cambridge University Requirements for English as a Second Language” by Angela Lovsey and “Catch them Being Good: Managing a Classroom” by Saman Mujahid and Hina Irfan.



Abbottabad Chapter

SPELT Abbottabad Chapter has been actively contributing to the cause of English language teaching in the region. The torch lit by Prof Zakia Sarwar in 1984, is burning brightly under the founding member of the Chapter, Prof Muhammad Saeed Qureshi. SPELT Abbottabad regularly holds monthly sessions in Abbottabad, Havelian, Mansehra and Haripur, in which the ELT experts conduct workshops and training sessions for the participants. The dedicated team of the Chapter works in unison for the Annual ELT Conference and this year too, preparations are underway for the successful conduct of the grand event.

