



FROM THE SPELT DESK

The 35th SPELT International Conference is now round the corner on the theme 'Innovations in ELT: Future Directions' on October 26-27 in Karachi, November 2-3 in Islamabad & Lahore, and on November 9, 10, 2019 in Abbottabad.

SPELT has always tried to cater to the needs of its membership and think of 'out of the box' solutions. In Pakistani social context, it is almost unthinkable for most women teachers to travel to another city, and stay in hotels to attend a conference. As most of SPELT membership nationally consists of women, the 'Travelling Conference' was introduced in 1994. The overseas presenters are able to travel from the tip of the Arabian Sea in Karachi to the lush valleys of Punjab and the foothills of Himalayas as they travel up north. They get a taste of Pakistani culture, food and meet teachers from all over Pakistan through their travel. Besides our warm hospitality, they are ever so impressed by the diversity, vitality and the spirit

of enthusiastic volunteerism of Pakistani teachers. One overseas presenter got so motivated that she is planning to do a research on "Strong Women SPELTers"!!

At the same time, the professional development opportunities provided to Pakistani teachers through its annual conferences are many. Pakistani practitioners gain by presenting in other cities, which boosts up their confidence and expertise. They come in closer contact with the international presenters. Some lifelong professional relationships are formed, and new avenues open for Pakistani teachers beyond the borders of our country – where professional development opportunities are so few and so far apart.

Also, SPELT leadership at the local level is enhanced, as in each city SPELTers manage their own conferences, though the bulk of overseas presenters is negotiated through the SPELT Head Office in Karachi. The travelling conferences thus enlarge the circle of professional networking within Pakistan and beyond. This too opens the doors

for further professional development of both presenters and conference attendees in general.

SPELT cordially invites all ELT practitioners to participate in the 35th SPELT International Travelling Conference-- where ever you might be in Pakistan. Come as a presenter to share your valuable ideas and research, or come as a conference attendee to network with national and overseas presenters to experience the cutting edge of ELT globally. Time to register for the event of the year and to blossom as a professional!

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SPELT Working Committee Updates

Conference Committee

SPELT 35th International Conference

Register now for the biggest event of the year!

SPELT 35th International Conference happening in different cities of Pakistan!

Conference Venue (Karachi)

Iqra University, Main

Campus, Defence View, Karachi

For further details, please call:

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Registration Fee (Only For Karachi)		
Category	Members Fee	Non Members Fee
Early Bird Up to August 31, 2019	PKR 1400/=	PKR 1600/=
Regular September 1 to October 25, 2019	PKR 1700/=	PKR 2000/=
On-Site	PKR 2400/=	

Limited Seats only in Karachi

On behalf of the Conference Committee, we would like to extend our gratitude to those who have submitted their abstracts timely. Please note that we will not be able to accept any abstracts after the submission deadline.

For registration, please click on the link below and **avail the early bird discount till August 31st, 2019.**

<https://forms.gle/f2qoP7aMpxEAQ7DRA>

Workshop Committee

Workshop Topic:

Reading across the curriculum

Date: August 24, 2019

Day: Saturday.

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee for members: Rs. 3500

Fee for Non-members: Rs. 4000

Facilitator: Dr. Bushra Khurram

Workshop Topic

Enhance your spoken English

Dates: 25th, 27th, & 30th September,
2019.

2nd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 11th & 14th & 16th
October, 2019.

Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Fee for Members: Rs. 8000

Fee for Non-members: Rs. 8500

For updates regarding upcoming workshops, keep visiting our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/headofficespelt>

Academic Committee

Free Academic Session

August 2019

Topic: “Action Research: A step forward in your teaching career”

Date: Saturday, 31st August 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Venue: SPELT House.

Address: 101, first floor, Plot No. C-28, Kh-e-Ittehad, Lane 12,

Phase II, Ext. D.H.A. Karachi.

Facilitator: Dr. Maliha Ahmed



SPELT Abbottabad Chapter

A monthly academic session was held in Modernage Public School and College (Girls' Campus) on 3rd August 2019 on the topic of "Process Approach to Writing". Ms. Mehreen, the presenter, first explained different stages of process writing such as ideation, drafting, composing, revising, editing, proof-reading, publishing and later had the participants practice these stages through an activity-based lesson plan. Owing to summer break, only ten teachers were able to join the session.



Resources for teachers

Here is the link to **The TESOL Research Agenda: By and for Teachers**

<http://blog.tesol.org/the-tesol-research-agenda-by-and-for-teachers/#more-61917>

On the special occasion of Eid-ul Azha, SPELT wishes its members a happy and joyful Eid.



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