



SPELT ebulletin

34 Years of
Empowering

FROM THE SPELT DESK

One of SPELT's greatest contribution to education - ELT in particular - has been raising awareness about professionalism in the field of teaching by recognizing teachers' classroom experiences and inviting them to share these with colleagues through the SPELT monthly Academic Sessions. SPELT can be rightly proud of its glorious track record that in the 35 years' of its existence, there has never been a miss in holding this event in Karachi on every last Saturday of the month. Other chapters in Abbottabad, Lahore, Islamabad also try to follow this tradition to the best of their capacity.

What does 'professionalism' mean? It does not simply entail being at the cutting edge of knowledge in the field, it also means integrity, honesty, reliability and punctuality. Integrity and honesty go hand in hand. There are ethical norms in professional life, which need to be followed. It requires an openness, a critical eye and

flexibility to adopt/adapt ideas that are most appropriate, but at the same time, professionals must have the honesty to acknowledge the contribution of others, which enriches their work. It can also be easily said that reliability and punctuality are the hallmark of professional etiquette. It is better to have the confidence and integrity not to undertake an assignment or task, no matter how hard-pressed one might be, than to agree to do something and not do it. Similarly, punctuality plays an important role in building up the professional image of a person or an organization. For example, when SPELT started 35 years ago with its Academic Sessions, a very special effort was made to have the event at a fixed venue, date and a fixed time to dispel the myth that we in Pakistan cannot be punctual. SPELT has motivated teachers to aim for excellence and perceive themselves as professionals, and not 'just a teacher'; they can actually make a difference in the lives of their

learners! Sharing best practices and concerns with peers through the SPELT Academic Sessions is a wonderful opportunity for all SPELTers to continue learning from each other and also to groom themselves as professionals. SPELT would like to encourage all SPELTers to come forward and use this platform to share their experiences, and contribute to their own and their peers' professional development.

Let's keep the SPELT flag flying high and keep raising the bar on professionalism in Pakistan!

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SPELT Working Committee Updates

Academic Committee

Celebrating 35th year, SPELT is arranging some of its Academic sessions in Partner Schools to benefit teachers and society.

This month's Academic session will be conducted at Dr.Ziauddin Intermediate School and College, North Nazimabad.

Topic: Teaching English through Story Telling
Facilitator: Ms. Salwa Siddiqua (Working Committee Member)
Day: Saturday
Date: 23rd Feb' 2019
Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m
Venue: D-64, Block H, North Nazimabad, B/w Landi Kotal round about & Ziauddin Hospital. <https://dzic.edu.pk/contact-us/>

Mr. Waqas Ahmed conducted the academic session on the last Saturday of January. The participants' session evaluation indicates that they gained a lot from it.



Workshop Committee

Workshop Committee has organised a wonderful workshop for teachers:

Topic: Differentiated Instruction

Date: February 23rd, 2019.

Time: 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Ms. Zehra Gheewala

Fee for members: Rs. 2100

Fee for non-members: Rs. 2600

For registration:

contact SPELT Head Office at +923351233626 or speltheadoffice@gmail.com

Conference committee



Be ready for the biggest International ELT Conference of the year on

- 26th-27th October 2019, Karachi.
- 2nd-3rd November 2019, Lahore, Islamabad
- 10th November 2019, Abbottabad



ICELT Award Ceremony



ICELTers' award ceremony took place at the SPELT Head Office in January 2019.

Watch out for our next course announcement-
COMING SOON!

Feedback from ICELT participant:

“The difference in my teaching methodology before and after ICELT is the difference between sleep walking and exploring the world wide awake.”

Sara Usman
ICELTer 2017-2018.

Working Committee Meeting



SPELT monthly working committee held on 9 February 2019 at the SPELT House, Karachi. Members of various subcommittees are busy planning their activities for the year 2019.

Sub-Committees 2019-2020

Conference Sub-Committee

(From left to right) Dr. Maliha Ahmed, Ms. Sonia Kazim (Coordinator), Ms. Shumaila Omar, Ms. Farheen Hasan, Ms. Gul Jafri.



Workshop Sub-Committee

(From left to right) Ms. Rehmat Ebrahim, Dr. Bushra Khurram (Coordinator), Ms. Huma Nadra, Ms. Lubna Mohiyuddin.



Journal Sub-Committee

(From left to right) Ms. Saba Tanveer, Ms. Huma Thaver (Coordinator), Ms. Sarah.

CHAPTER NEWS: ABBOTTABAD CHAPTER

Election 2019-20 for the three vacant posts of SPELT Abbottabad Chapter was convened by Mr. Abdul Wahid Mir, Principal Modernage Public School & College Abbottabad on 29th December 2018. Result was declared in the General Body Meeting. The elected office bearers are as follows:

1. Conference Coordinator: Syed Amjad Ali **Sub-Committee:**

(a) Shehzada Waqar (b) Safdar Ali Khan (c) Muhammad Latif (d) Muhammad Umer

2. Academic Coordinator : Muhammad Farooq **Sub-Committee:**

(a) Muhammad Abeer Aslam (b) Ishtiaq Talhat (c) Hifsa Sabeen (d) Adil Saeed Qureshi

3. Working Committee Coordinator: **Ms. Shagufta Tahir**

Sub-Committee:

(a) Abdul Basit (b) Mehreen Ansar (c) Syed Sibtain



After the election, oath taking ceremony was held. In the General Body Meeting (GBM) members shared the progress of different units of Abbottabad Chapter. Challenges were discussed and workable remedial measures were deliberated upon.

Monthly Academic Session for December was held in Modernage Public School Abbottabad from 1 to 2 pm on 29th December 2018. Participants were orientated on how to supplement classroom face-to-face teaching with asynchronous EdTech. Mr. Rustam, the resource person, demonstrated the use of various web tools, on multimedia projector, which could be effectively utilized by both language and content teachers. After the orientation, hands-on-job practice session was launched.

FREE Resources for Teachers

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