



SPELT ebulletin

34 Years of
Empowering
Teachers

FROM THE SPELT DESK

Nargis Farooq – who is unfortunately no longer with us— was an ardent and enthusiastic SPELTer. One day she came to the Working Committee Meeting beaming to say “ Oh, I feel so lucky I have a niche to come to in SPELT... poor other subject teachers”. She realized that other subject teachers did not have any platform to discuss professional issues together and become ‘comrade in arms’! Meeting like-minded people at SPELT and looking into ways of making her teaching more interesting and reflecting on her own classroom behaviors, within an atmosphere of camaraderie and warm peer support, rejuvenated her. All of a sudden, the learners looked more alive, the materials presented a challenge to her, but more important, reviewing her own performance every day brought her a sense of pride in her profession. It took her out of the day-to-day drudgery of teaching the same materials year after year, which were boring to the point of being demotivating. Now, she had an identity of her own and was proud to be a professional instead of

apologetically saying ‘I am just a teacher’!

SPELT grooms you to be a professional. But what does professionalism mean? First of all, professionalism is developing a sense of identity and a pride in what you do. Taking your profession as a teacher means learning about the needs of your students and using appropriate materials and strategies to help them realize their own potential. Professionalism also means integrity and honesty to yourself and everything around you. This involves doing your best and believing that a teacher is always a learner. So you cannot know everything, but you can be open to new ideas and honestly look for ways to continue learning, while at the same time, acknowledging the sources of your knowledge instead of passing them on as your own. Punctuality and reliability are also hallmarks of being a professional. A professional teacher meets appointments and deadlines on time, and does not undertake to do anything which may not be possible. An important trait of professionalism is safeguarding

appropriate standards and etiquette, and yet be pragmatically flexible to negotiate the way forward to excellence in innovative ways.

SPELT invites you to join this exciting journey to professionalism and to enjoy being a TEACHER.

Registrations Open 34th SPELT International Conference, 2018. Visit the SPELT website for details.

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Keynote and Plenary Speakers at SPELT's 34th International Conference 2018



Engaging the 21st Century Learner in Idiomatics and Beyond: Old Challenges, New Opportunities

John I. Liontas, University of South Florida, USA



Making Waves: Radio Waves That Is

Mary E. Trudell (Beth), English Language Consultant, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh



Intercultural Citizenship: Fostering Civic Engagement through Language Education

Dr. Judy Sharkey, University Of New Hampshire, USA



Teacher cognition and English pronunciation instruction

Dr. Ron Thomson, Brock University, Canada



A Shifting role of Motivation for learning English in Pakistan

Dr. Habibullah Pathan, Associate Professor/Director, English Language Development Centre MUET Jamshoro

Featured Presenters



Chained Or Changed? The New Rules Of Engagement

Abbas Hussain, a founder members of SPELT and Director, Teachers' Development Centre, Karachi, Pakistan.



Engaging Learners in Self-Assessment

Senior Associate at Abt Associates, Inc., in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.



Enhancing Mental Capabilities In A 21st Century Learner

Dr Iqbal Afridi, President Elect of Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS), Dean of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Dean of Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU) and Professor and Head of Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences JPMC.



One Paragraph to a Five Paragraph Essay

Dr. Madhu Sharma, Coordinator ESL program in a community college in Massachusetts, USA.



Life with Folktales: An Effective Tool in EFL Class

Motikala Subba Dewan, President of NELTA, and Associate Professor of English, Tribhuvan University as well as an advocate in the Supreme Court of Nepal.



I Do, We Do and You Do: A genre-based pedagogy for reading to learn

Tazanful Tehseem, Assistant Professor in English, University of Sargodha, Pakistan.

Active Learning: Excite, Engage and Empower

Saima Abedi, Teacher, teacher trainer, and ELT materials developer.

SPELT offers Consultancy Services to MSB Education Trust!

The Workshop subcommittee is happy to inform members that SPELT has started a professional development program 'Enhancing ELT skills' for the MSB education Trust at their school in Karachi. A team of SPELT trainers are helping the English teachers of the school to use the English textbooks more effectively for improved English language learning. The course, developed by SPELT, is a 45-hour program. It incorporates best practices in the field and will be conducted two days a week according to a mutually prepared schedule. This course is ideal for schools that use published textbooks in their classrooms.

SPELT Workshop subcommittee is also getting ready for the October calendar with a workshop titled 'Classroom Management' to be conducted by Tahira Moin. Tahira is one of our own ICELTers and she is currently working as Coordinator at the Intellect School

Academic Sessions

Three 'Teaching Tip' sessions were conducted by seasoned SPELT trainers in August to help the participating teachers in conducting similar sessions in the upcoming SPELT International Conference 2018. They were well received and appreciated by the participants.

This month, the Academic Committee brings you an exciting session about 21st Century Skills. Please save the date.

Date: September 29, 2018

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Venue: SPELT HOUSE

Chapter News

Message of Programme Coordinator SPELT Abbottabad Chapter

It is a momentous moment for all the SPELTERS and English language teachers that SPELT has grown to be 34 years old. But for the resilience it exhibited in the face of all odds, it would not have been what it is today! As Program Coordinator of SPELT Abbottabad Chapter, I would like to pay tribute to Prof. Zakia Sarwar, the honorary Executive Director and a Founding Member of SPELT, whose concerted efforts earned SPELT a prestigious status in the hall of fame with other international ELT organizations of high repute. I wish all the success to SPELT.

Rustam
Programme Coordinator
SPELT Abbottabad Chapter

Lahore Chapter update

Planning for SPELT Lahore conference 11-12 November 2018 in full swing!

The Lahore SPELT working committee met on Sunday September 9, 2018 to discuss matters related to the upcoming conference as follows:

- responsibilities for setting up the conference venue were allocated;
- logistics and financial implication for the conference were finalized;
- election dates and vacant posts for the next year were decided.



Prof Saeed Qureshi talks on syllable division in monthly session held in Abbottabad



Mr. Abeer Aslam conducting monthly academic session in Mansehra