



35th Anniversary

1984-2019

35 years of empowering teachers



FROM THE SPELT DESK

This is the last ebulletin for this year. 2019 has been a landmark year for SPELT as it has completed 35 years of its purposeful existence. Despite all odds, its passionate volunteers have kept the SPELT flag flying high. SPELT has been a pioneer in many ways. One of its biggest achievements is that in the field of ELT, it has brought in an awakening in Pakistan that English language teaching cannot be treated like other subjects; and that being fluent in English does not guarantee that the person will necessarily be a good English teacher also; in fact, if English is to be taught effectively, it requires professional training.

Interestingly enough, Cambridge University Awards' Centre In-charge Helen Rose told SPELT, that it is the only teachers' association, which is registered with Cambridge University for the Certificate of Teaching English (COTE)

later named International Certificate in English Language Teaching (ICELT). All the other Centers around the world were commercial and charged a huge fee for the course. SPELT chose to run this course to meet the need of its members and provide them a substantial and affordable quality program with focus on specialization in English language teaching (ELT). As a bonus, ICELT has provided SPELT with brilliant and dedicated leaders who have taken SPELT forward. SPELT acknowledges their voluntary service and pays tribute to their selfless passion and leadership.

Now that Cambridge University has decided to wind up ICELT, it is a challenge for the current SPELT leaders to come up with some alternative training activity, which will meet the professional development needs of its members.

In any case, change is the name of the game. The world around us is fast changing.

An organization can be seen as vibrant and alive only if it sets up activities and structures, which go along with changing times. SPELT has been a pioneer and has always found ways to deal with challenges. Instead of moaning about 'what used to be', SPELTers are sure to find a path that will provide professional development not to just SPELTers but also to teachers in general in Pakistan.

SPELT wishes its members a very peaceful, happy, and professionally rewarding New Year!

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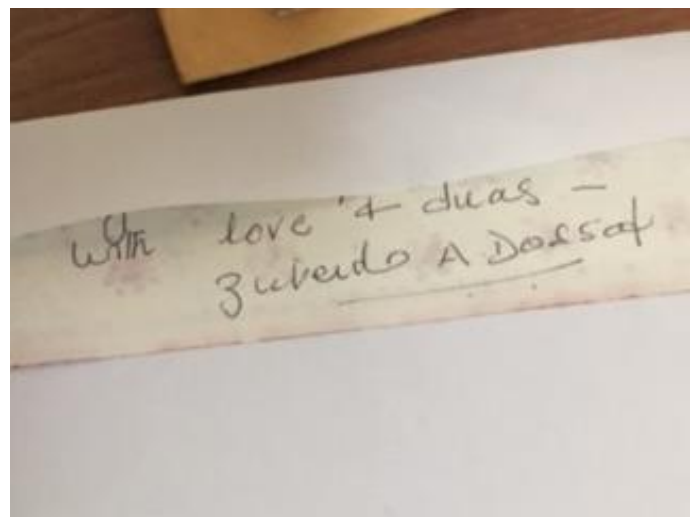
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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF EMPOWERING TEACHERS

While celebrating teachers' efforts, SPELT would like to honour teachers who have been role models and mentors for a lot of SPELTers: Prof Karrar Hussian, Prof Salma Zaman, Prof Anita Ghulam Ali, Ms. Bashiruddin, Prof Azeem Shah, Mr. and Mrs. Rustam Ji, Mrs. Nasira Wazir Ali, Mrs. Wajid Khan, Ms. Dossal and Mrs. Adeeba Kamal, to name a few. All of them demonstrated professionalism, dedication and passion. They supported SPELT in its efforts to teach teachers to teach English effectively and work for quality education. On the eve of Teachers Day 2019, Prof Zakia Sarwar met Mrs. Dossal in Toronto, and she sent a loving message for SPELT

“Congratulations to SPELTers for completing 35 years of your purposeful existence. You have set a great benchmark of professionalism for teachers in Pakistan, put our country on the ELT map of the world. Keep up the good work!”



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Head Office, Karachi

Appreciating the SPELT Conference 2019 Volunteers

Volunteerism is the key force that has contributed to getting SPELT where it is today, a globally known name in the ELT world. The entire SPELT workforce, that has strived to provide ELT stakeholders in Pakistan ample opportunities and exposure, over the last 35 years, has done this through their selfless voluntary contribution. Where volunteerism is concerned, the yearly SPELT

International Conferences are no exception. While the SPELT team of volunteers works tirelessly to organise these conferences, the effective implementation part, and one successful conference after another, would not be possible without the support of an enthusiastic on-site team of volunteers.

In the earlier days mainly friends and family members of SPELT

played this role; however, in recent years, the conference volunteer team has been expanded to include young student volunteers, mainly from institutions where the conference is held. This is a win-win situation for both SPELT and the volunteers: SPELT gets young, enthusiastic, tech savvy volunteers, who are familiar with the site, and, in turn, the volunteers get exposure to

organising and holding a mega academic event, and a certificate acknowledging their contribution.

The conference in Karachi, this year, was held at the IQRA University, and we can say with all sincerity, that the team of volunteers from the IQRA University was one of the best teams we have had so far. The young volunteers were not only committed and active, they won over the participants with their smiling faces and polite behaviour. Their attitude was truly reflective of the SPELT

spirit of volunteerism. To appreciate their marvellous contribution in making the 35th SPELT International Conference a success, these volunteers were invited to the SPELT House, on November 16, 2019, to receive their certificates and mementoes from SPELT organisers, over a cup of tea.

The volunteers highly praised the SPELT team for organising such a high-quality event and stated that their participation as volunteers had greatly enhanced their organizational and people

handling skills. Moreover, working in a friendly manner, as equals, with the SPELT team had made them understand a great deal about team work. They also mentioned that they enjoyed meeting people from such diverse backgrounds, and many of them offered their services for the next year's conference.

Thank you, volunteers. We SPELTers would love to have you on our team!

Fatima Shahabuddin Working Committee coordinator 2018-19



Volunteers Comments

I learnt how to work as a team, without jealousy

The best and marvellous day in my life. Well done SPELT team. Keep it up. Looking forward to joining it again.
~Habib Qayyum~

Working with the SPELT team was a great pleasure and helped me grow professionally. The work environment was friendly and supportive.
~Abdullah Saleem~

It actually helped me so that I could deal with different people with different minds and natures. ~Sarina

Conference Committee

35th Annual SPELT International Conference – Lahore 2nd & 3rd November 2019

The Conference at Lahore was held on 2nd and 3rd November 2019 at the University of Central Punjab (UCP). The Conference was attended by 250 participants representing 44



educational institutions and education departments from 7 other institutions, across Punjab. This year's conference was organized by a completely new team of volunteers, the faculty members of the English Language Centre at UCP with guidance from the SPELT Head Office Karachi. The pre-conference preparations kept our volunteers busy. They visited schools and other educational institutions to publicize the event, read and finalized abstracts, coordinated with the presenters, and organised the logistics. They also hosted the eminent speakers and learned from them. A Pre-Conference Dinner was hosted by the University to welcome the presenters and to

celebrate Dr. De Costa's birthday.

The event spread over two days, featured a keynote address by Dr Lucilla Lopriore and Plenary sessions by Mr. Hywel Coleman, Dr Tazanfal Tehseem, and Dr Peter De Costa. Professor Zakia Sarwar, Dr Judy Sharkey, Dr Abaida Qurban, and Ms. Hemanthi Hidellaarachi were the Featured Speakers, and over 45 other interactive sessions and workshops were facilitated by ELT professionals.

This year's theme was *Innovations in ELT: Future Directions*. In her keynote address, Dr Lucilla explored the concepts of English as Lingua Franca (ELF), multimedia literacy, and the importance of interpreting messages in our environment. After the Plenary the participants went to attend sessions of their choice.

During lunch break the participants mingled with the presenters and many mini discussion were held. People also took this chance to visit the bookstall set up by Paramount Books. Day 2 started with a Plenary by Dr Tazanfal Tehseem on the topic of *Reading to Lead and Leading to Read*. It was followed by 2 rounds of parallel sessions and

after lunch Dr Peter De Costa delivered his closing plenary on the paradigm shift in the Emotional Identity of Second Language Teacher Education. The Conference closed with shields being presented to the keynote, plenary and featured speakers, followed by a vote of thanks from the Conference Coordinator. In keeping with the SPELT Tradition, the event provided a rich learning experience and a platform for the ELT professionals to explore the innovations in ELT field and the pedagogical skill set required for Generation Z, Alpha and beyond. It also gave them a chance to engage in active discussions about how to bring to life the promise and power of technology to empower their students.



Nadra Huma Quraishi
Conference Coordinator 2019
SPELT Lahore Office

Workshop Committee

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Integration of Art in Teaching/Education

Facilitator: Mr. Farooq Parekh

Date: December 23, 2019

Time: 1:00 to 4:00pm

Fee for Members: PKR 2,300/-

Fee for Non-members: PKR 2,800/-

Venue: SPELT House: No. 101 First Floor Plot No. C-28 Kh-e-Ittehad, Lane 12 Phase II Ext. D.H.A, Karachi

Limited seats on first come, first served basis

Training material, certificates and tea/refreshment will be provided

Academic Committee



Free Academic Session

Topic: "Knowing 'how' of planning a lesson"

Date: 28th December' 2019, Saturday.

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Venue: SPELT House, 101, first floor, Plot No. C-28, Kh-e-Ittehad, Lane 12, Phase II, Ext. D.H.A. Karachi.

Facilitator: Dr. Pir Suhail Sarhandi

For registration and details of the monthly workshops and academic sessions, please contact the SPELT Head office at **03351233626** or email at speltheadoffice@gmail.com

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