

# 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 1984-2020

*36 years of empowering teachers*



Dear SPELTers,

Thank you for your continued trust in SPELT in these uncertain times. Our commitment and responsibility towards you have never been stronger as we face the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are sad to inform you that the FREE Academic Session for March 2020 as well as all workshops and short courses scheduled to be held in March and April 2020 have been cancelled. Your safety as well as the safety of our staff is our highest priority.

We are continuously monitoring the ever-changing circumstances surrounding the coronavirus and are considering ways of continuing to provide you professional development opportunities in different ways.

### *Our Action Plan*

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, and the government's directive to cancel all private and public gatherings, we have put our heads together to bring you a range of services online. These include FREE webinars and sharing of online resources and tips for teaching online effectively.

As the situation evolves over the coming days, please check our website at <https://spelt.org.pk> for the latest information.

Please be assured that we will be doing our utmost to provide you with the highest levels of service in these uncertain times.

Thank you again for your ongoing trust in SPELT– in good times, and even more so in these challenging times!

SPELT Working Committee 2020

## **Global Survey for English Language Teachers: Please participate**

**Global survey for English language teachers: how far does published research matter to you, and why (or why not)?**

In conjunction with the British Council, Northumbria University (UK) has recently launched a survey for all English language teachers, teacher trainers and other ELT professionals:

### **READING RESEARCH: ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS' PRACTICES AND PRIORITIES.**

*To what extent do you read research about English language teaching and learning? What kind of publications do you read, how often do you read them, and to what extent does this influence what you do in the classroom? Alternatively, perhaps you don't read research or about research findings? If not, why not, and what, if anything, would make published research more accessible to you?*

*We are interested in the opinions and activities of ALL English language teachers, whether you read published research or not, whether you are particularly interested in research findings or not, and wherever in the world you teach English.*

This is a great chance to make your voice heard. The survey takes around 15-20 minutes to complete, and all answers are anonymous. Findings will be published in a freely available report later in the year

The survey can be found online at: <https://northumbria.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/reading-research-english-language-teachers-practices-priorities>

## SPELT Working Committee Updates

### Journal Committee

**Inside SPELT QUARTERLY JOURNAL-issue 34, you will find:**

#### **Lead Articles (4000-5000 words)**

This issue features lead articles promoting innovative and interactive teaching strategies and styles; the articles include activities and exercises teachers can use in the language classroom.

**Dr. Iron Gambhir Singh** in his article 'Integrating Mobile Phones in English Language Teaching' investigates students' experience of using mobile phones for educational purposes in English Language learning. The study indicates positive response from majority of the students using mobile phones to access dictionary, checking spellings and practicing writing through text messages.

**Linda Raus** in her article 'Re-balancing and De-centering to Empower Teachers' critiques the mainstream narrative of ELT for its inability to address complexities of the diversified needs of teachers in ESL contexts.



#### **SPELT News**

Find out more about the SPELT journal and professional developing opportunities by visiting SPELT website <https://spelt.org.pk/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/headofficespelt/>

#### **Article Submission**

If you would like your article to be published in SPELT journal, please read the article description <https://spelt.org.pk/spelt-quarterly-journal/> and email your article at [article.speltjournal@gmail.com](mailto:article.speltjournal@gmail.com)

#### **Comments**

We welcome your queries, comments and feedback on the articles. These can be sent to us via <https://spelt.org.pk/contact-us/>

#### **Advertising Options**

If you would like to advertise your course, product or institution in the next issue, please contact SPELT office: [speltheadoffice@gmail.com](mailto:speltheadoffice@gmail.com)

## Conference Committee

**Gear up for the biggest International Conference of the country.**

*Stay tuned for Call for papers*

**SPELT 36<sup>th</sup> International Conference will be held in different cities**



**Karachi on  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Islamabad & Lahore on  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Abbottabad on  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

*Stay tuned for more details  
about the venue and  
registration information.*

## **Coronavirus (Covid-19) has reshaped our lives: Transitioning to teaching online**

The Covid-19 virus has affected our routine lives and kept us at home. Teachers should make the most of this time and learn from various platforms while working from home.

Find below articles related to professional development of teachers, online resources, use of technology in teaching, best free applications to teach online and work from home tips/tricks.

<https://aist.global/en/seven-best-online-teaching-sites-that-will-inspire-you>

<http://anomalouseducator.com/best-apps-for-online-teachers/>

<https://www.britishcouncil.pk/teach/online-resources>

<https://www.geteducated.com/elearning-education-blog/5-best-mobile-apps-that-help-you-teach-online/>

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/get-organized-20-tips-for-working-from-home>

<https://time.com/5801725/work-from-home-remote-tips/>

## **Abbottabad Chapter**



**Mr. Abeer Aslam is conducting the monthly academic session in Mansehra.**

**Stay tuned to our Facebook page for event notifications.**



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