



1st International Publishers Exhibition

The Plaza Tirana Hotel - Tirana Programme

Friday 22 February - Jeronim De Rada

14.00 – 14.25	Opening
14.30 – 15.20	DEVELOPING COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE (P) <i>Dimitrios Koubis, ELT Consultant, EXPRESS PUBLISHING</i> It is widely accepted that the goal of language teaching is “communicative language competence”. Competences consist of a set of the essential skills, knowledge, attitudes, and behaviour required for effective performance of a real-world task or activity. The speaker will concentrate on how to maximise the effectiveness of realistic and meaningful input and suggest classroom techniques that will enable this to be successfully turned into output. Ideas will be given on how to structure lessons and learning – in general -in such a way that students are provided with the support they need to move forward and become self-confident, autonomous participants in the learning process.
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break sponsored by SIDI Education
16.00 – 16.50	ELTA - PROMOTER OF ELT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ALBANIA (P) <i>Prof. Dr. Shpresa Delija, Professor of English Methodology, Applied Linguistics and Psycholinguistics</i> ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION (ELTA) English Language Teaching Association (ELTA) was founded in 2002 and it is recognized by the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth. ELTA as a non-governmental and non-profit association is open to all English teachers, Master students, researchers, instructors, head teachers, specialists, professors, institutions dealing with the development of education in Albania, printing houses and others who are interested in ELTA work. ELTA offers ELT training to all levels of education in Albania and gets them updated with the new insights concerning teaching, learning and research work in all the schools in Albania. ELTA collaborates with a lot of partners who help her with speakers and trainers to train English teachers wherever they are in Albania.
17.00 – 17.25	NEW TITLES FOR STATE SCHOOLS FROM EXPRESS PUBLISHING (C) <i>Dimitrios Koubis, ELT Consultant, EXPRESS PUBLISHING</i>
17.30 – 18.20	The Non-Native teacher of English (NNEST) versus NEST (Native Speaker) NATIVE OR NON-NATIVE: WHO MAKES A BETTER ENGLISH TEACHER? (P) <i>Manos Betsis, Marketing Director, GLOBAL ELT</i> The discussion about The Non-Native teacher of English (NNEST) versus NEST has received a lot of attention by a number of teachers’ associations recently. It is a debate that still goes on across social media groups of languages teachers for years and there is a need for rational and informed discussion. Teachers should be hired on the basis of their qualifications and not on their language background.
18.30 – 19.20	DYSLEXIA AND LANGUAGE LEARNING (P) <i>Anne Margaret Smith, Teacher Trainer, SpLDs Specialist, DES - DIETSCHI EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</i> It may sometimes seem difficult to make sure that all of our language learners are making good progress, especially when classes are large and some of our students may have dyslexia or other specific learning differences. However, this talk suggests some simple things we can do to make sure that our classrooms are as inclusive and dyslexia-friendly as possible, so that our learners feel comfortable and succeed in learning English. It doesn’t require a lot of time or cost a lot of money to make small but significant changes in the way we run our lessons. The best news is that inclusive language teaching that works for dyslexic students is good for all our learners – everyone benefits!