



International Conference

The Best of Both Worlds? International Perspectives on CLIL at the

University of East Anglia, 5-7 September 2008

Call for Presentations

DATES

The conference will start on the evening of Friday 5th September and finish after lunch on Sunday 7th September.

The deadline for submissions is 16th May 2008. Successful presenters will be notified by 16th June.

VENUE

The venue is the beautiful campus of the University of East Anglia (UEA). Residential accommodation on campus will be in single ensuite study bedrooms. UEA is on the west side of Norwich and is set in extensive green and leafy grounds.

THEME

The conference is planned around the topical theme of Content and Language Integrated Learning, which has started to bring together language teachers and teachers of other subjects in new and often innovative partnerships.

We will consider contributions which focus on any recent developments in the field of CLIL. Submissions may be research-based, experience-based, or speculative. Possible areas for submissions:

- Team-teaching
- Success stories
- CLIL materials design
- Assessment in CLIL
- Classroom discourse
- Researching CLIL in practice
- CLIL projects
- Future directions in CLIL
- Training teachers for CLIL

We welcome joint submissions from content and language teachers.

FORMATS

Consideration will be given to both talks and workshops. Sessions are either 45 minutes or 90 minutes long. A preference may be expressed for either, but the organisers reserve the right to determine the length of the session. Please note that we define a workshop as a session in which participants are actively involved in some way. Talks should be given from notes and we will not accept any proposals involving the reading of a paper.

Summary

(100/150 words. This is intended to help the conference organisers select papers for presentation)

Preferred length (you may express a preference but the organisers reserve the right to decide on the time available to you)

45 mins

90 mins

Equipment needed

Computer

Data Projector

Flipchart

Other (please specify)

Signed

Date

First Time Presenter

Please tick the box only if you are a first time presenter and you have read and agree to the sheet ***NILE: Information For First Time Presenters***

This is the first time I will have presented at any conference other than an internal conference at my own institution and I would like to apply for the scholarship offered by NILE to assist with travel and subsistence.

I confirm that I have read the sheet '***NILE: Information For First Time Presenters***' and agree to abide by the conditions.

Signed

Date

Don't forget to include the statement from your institution/head of department.



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Information for First Time Presenters

Introduction

NILE started out in 1995 offering its first specialist teachers' course to one solitary teacher. In 2008 we estimate that there will be over 1000 individual teachers attending a wide range of courses.

Teachers attending NILE courses range from the very experienced to teachers-in-training. NILE particularly recognises the need of less experienced teachers to benefit from as wide a range of development opportunities as possible.

For this reason, NILE is offering a "first-time-presenter" scholarship to enable a teacher to present a talk or workshop at the conference. The aim is to encourage teachers to step back for a bit and think about the work they are doing. We want to encourage teachers to go through the process of looking at different aspects of their work and considering what might be of interest to others.

Who qualifies?

You have to be actively working in the field of CLIL. You will probably be a practising teacher, with a few years' experience who has taken an interest in thinking analytically and objectively about your work.

You will not have given a conference presentation before, though you may have presented a session inside your own institution to your immediate colleagues.

What do I get?

If you are successful, you will receive a grant of up to £800 towards the cost of your travel to Norwich, daily subsistence and accommodation.

You will also get on-the-spot assistance with the presentation of your session from one of NILE's very experienced presenters at the conference, prior to your presentation.

What do I have to do?

First, think about what you want to talk about. This could be almost any aspect of your work, whether it is materials that you have produced, how you deal with mixed level classes, or how you give feedback to students on written work. It doesn't have to be startlingly original, but it should be something that other people will be interested in. If it sparks a bit of controversy, so much the better. As long as you have given some thought to "why", it will probably be of interest to others.

When you have decided, look at the requirements in the “Call for Presentations” and start writing. You don’t have to know exactly what you are going to say at the conference when you apply, but you should have a pretty good idea. If you have thought it through, it will show in the way you write about in your submission. If you haven’t, it won’t!

How do I apply?

Simply complete the Call for Presentations form and make sure you tick the box in the “First time Presenters” section and sign your name.

You should also include a statement on official headed paper from your school or department head stating that a) you have permission and encouragement to attend, and b) you have not presented a paper at a conference outside your institution before.

And if I succeed?

You will get a grant of up to £800 together with free registration at the conference. You will need to check airfares and other travel costs to make sure you can stay within this limit, and also to let us have copies of all your tickets as receipts.

When you arrive we will also give you some time with one of our experienced conference presenters to run through your presentation and give you a few tips on making it as effective as possible.

Then, apart from giving your presentation at the conference, we will ask you to do two things.

First, we will ask you for a copy of your presentation in electronic form so that it can be published on our website.

Second, we will ask you to write a brief report of your experiences as a first time presenter, also for our website, to help and encourage others in the future to explore this route to professional development.

Good luck!