

Theme

ESP in the world of tomorrow: academic and professional perspectives

The world in which we are living, studying, teaching and researching is constantly evolving. This is particularly true for the field of English for Specific Purposes (ESP), where there are constant changes in the professional context upon which our ESP input is based. This means that the methodology and activities we employ to meet the specific needs of our learners must also evolve to be sure of achieving the status quo.

In order to examine this issue further, our PCE theme this year considers the field of ESP and the changes, opportunities and challenges it may face in the future from two main perspectives: ESP in tertiary level education contexts, and in professional contexts. We welcome proposals in any area of ESP/EAP including, but not restricted to, the following:

- The challenges which changes in the employment market may bring about for ESP/EAP.
- The effect which EMI may have on ESP/EAP course design.
- The pedagogy of ESP/EAP (including teacher cognition, teacher burnout, teacher education and the diversity of responsibilities of teachers).
- Challenges posed by language specificity and subject knowledge for both teachers and learners.
- The spread of English as an international language/World Englishes and the effect of this on ESP/EAP.
- Cultural aspects of EAP/ESP courses.
- The application of linguistic research in ESP/EAP.
- ESP/EAP and the discourse community.

Format of the ESPSIG International Conference

The format of the PCE day will comprise talks and workshops, as well as round table discussions based on each of these.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact and share their research throughout the event, which is reflected in the format. There will be a variety of outputs, and the following contributions are welcomed:

- Papers: 20 minutes
- Workshops: 45 minutes
- Forum of 3 presenters: 15-minute presentation per person

Please use this link to upload your proposals (comprising an abstract of max. 60 words, a summary of max. 250 words and 2-3 discussion questions to facilitate the round table discussions.):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxr4WsomvQ3GCz5maWuyYkfAoWjr5LQgWZWcawHkPF5cnUAw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Your proposal should reach us by no later than midnight on Friday December 20th 2019. Successful speakers will be informed by Friday 17th January 2020. We look forward to receiving your contributions!