



Institute of Modern Languages
State School of Higher Professional Education, Konin,

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University of Łódź

in collaboration with IATEFL Research SIG (<http://resig.weebly.com>)

are happy to announce 3rd international conference on classroom-oriented research:

Classroom-oriented research: Reconciling theory and practice

Konin, October 14th-16th, 2013

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME

The conference will be devoted to various aspects of broadly-understood classroom-oriented research and provide a forum for disseminating latest research findings in this area, which is critical for foreign and second language pedagogy. In particular, it will focus on the ways in which theoretical positions and empirical findings can inform everyday classroom practice. The event will be of relevance not only to academics, researchers, teacher educators and material writers, but also to language teachers wishing to enhance their instructional practices.

ORGANIZERS

The event will be organized by the Institute of Modern Languages, State School of Higher Professional Education, Konin, Poland, Department of English Studies, Faculty of Pedagogy and Fine Arts, Adam Mickiewicz University, Kalisz, Poland, and Institute of English Studies, Faculty of Philology, University of Łódź, Poland, in collaboration with the Research Special Interest Group of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language. The organizing team is headed by prof. Mirosław Pawlak (Adam Mickiewicz University, Kalisz) – Chair, prof. Ewa Waniek-Klimczak (University of Łódź) – Co-Chair, and dr Anna Mystkowska-Wiertelak (Adam Mickiewicz University, Kalisz) – Co-Chair.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

The following scholars have agreed to participate in the conference and deliver plenary talks:

- **prof. Anne Burns** (Aston University)
- **prof. Jean-Marc Dewaele** (Birkbeck College, University of London)
- **prof. Elaine Horwitz** (University of Texas at Austin)
- **prof. David Nunan** (Anaheim University)
- **prof. Norbert Schmitt** (University of Nottingham)
- **prof. David Singleton** (Trinity College, Dublin; University of Pannonia, Veszprém)
- **prof. Paul Meara** (Swansea University)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We welcome contributions related to the theme of the conference in the form of papers (20 minutes + 10 minutes for discussion), workshops (60 minutes) and posters which could, among other things, focus on the following areas:

- theoretical foundations of classroom-oriented research;
- teaching language skills and subsystems;
- developing intercultural competence in the language classroom;
- individual differences and language learning and teaching;
- learner autonomy and language learning strategies;
- classroom interaction and management;
- teachers' knowledge and beliefs;
- teacher education;
- coursebooks and materials;
- syllabus design;
- assessing second language knowledge;
- methodology of classroom-oriented research
- disseminating the findings of classroom-oriented research.

Abstracts of papers and workshops in the range of 250-300 words should be submitted by e-mail to **classroomresearch2013@gmail.com** by **June 10th, 2013**. The proposals should include the title, name, affiliation, e-mail address and a short biographical note, about 60-80 words in length. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **June 30th, 2013**.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Selected papers will be published in a peer-reviewed volume with a leading international publishing house as well as the journal *Studies in Second Language Learning and Teaching* (www.sslt.amu.edu.pl). Further information concerning the publication and the submission guidelines will be sent after the conference.

VENUE

The venues for this year's event will be the Hotel "Atut", ul. Toruńska 27, Licheń Stary (<http://www.hotelatut.pl/en>) and the Conference Center of State School of Higher Professional Education in Konin, Poland at Popiehuszki 4 St. Transportation to both places will be provided by the organizers.

The place to get to is Konin which is situated in the centre of Poland, in the east of Greater Poland Voivodship. It is located 200 kilometers away from Warsaw, the Polish capital, 100

kilometers away from Poznań, the Voivodship capital, and 160 kilometers away from the city of Wrocław. All of these cities have international airports with flights to major European hubs and they have direct bus and train connections with Konin.

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE

All the participants are requested to return the registration form and pay the conference fee by **July 31st, 2013**. The fee, which covers organization costs, conference materials, lunches and refreshments is **400 PLN** for Polish participants and **150 euro** for participants from other countries. We will be able to refund 50% of the fee before **September 15th, 2013** and after that date no refunds will be possible. The fee should be transferred to the following bank account (bank transfer charges are the responsibility of the payer):

Państwowa Wyższa Szkoła Zawodowa w Koninie

Ul. Przyjaźni 1

62-510 Konin

Kredyt Bank SA

BIC (SWIFT) CODE: **KRDBPLPW**

IBAN number: **PL 65 1500 1461 1214 6004 7669 0000**

The title of the payment: **Classroom research 2013 + name of the participant**

The registration form is attached at the end of this circular.

ACCOMMODATION

The participants are requested to book their own accommodation in the Hotel “Atut” that has consented to offer discounts on its regular room rates:

HOTEL “ATUT”

ul. Toruńska 27

62-563 Licheń Stary

tel. +48 63 270 87 00

e-mail: recepcja@hotelatut.pl

<http://www.hotelatut.pl/en>

The hotel will be the main conference venue. It is situated about 20 kilometers from Konin. Transportation from and to the train station will be provided on Sunday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 16th, respectively. Rates (inclusive of the parking fee): single room 203 PLN (ca. 50 euro), double room 218 PLN (ca. 55 euro), triple room (ca. 65 euro) (breakfast included). State School of Higher Professional Education in Konin (PWSZ Konin) **must be invoked** at the time of making the booking.

For further information participants are requested to contact Conference Secretary:

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Information about the Conference and important updates can also be found on the conference website <https://sites.google.com/site/classroomorientedresearch2013/>.

With best regards,

Professor Mirosław Pawlak (pawlakmi@amu.edu.pl)

Head of the Organizing Committee

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REGISTRATION FORM

(separate forms necessary for co-speakers)

Name/Co-speaker's name

Academic title:

Affiliation:

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Mailing address:

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Tel./fax:

e-mail:

Do you wish to present a paper? YES NO

Do you wish to conduct a workshop? YES NO

The title of the paper/workshop:

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Equipment required:

Special requirements (vegetarian meal, etc.):

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Completed registration forms should be returned no later than **July 31st, 2013**, either by email to classroomresearch2013@gmail.com or by regular mail to the following address:

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