

KAZAKHSTAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH ASSOCIATION FORUM 2022 "Transition from Online to F2F Education: Bringing Distance Learning Strategies to the Classroom" Petropavlovsk

June 2-3, 2022

Invitation and Information to Exhibitors and Partners

KazTEA and ATENK Forum 2022 'Transition from Online to F2F Education: Bringing Distance Learning Strategies to the Classroom' designed in the post-pandemic era, when gradually EFL classes are bringing back to its normal setting with a new set of online teaching techniques and web/mobile applications but with non-motivated learners with poor self-regulation skills and commitment to learning. What is more, a few learners prefer online learning mode challenging teachers to create teaching materials for hybrid format. Considering technical and pedagogical challenges of local teachers for blended and hybrid teaching/learning targeted at developing higher-order thinking skills, the forum is expected to raise and discuss these issues within the framework of updated core curriculum goals and objectives.

Another goal of the Forum is to rethink the role of the national association "KazTEA" to assist teachers and widen their opportunities in professional growth in terms of blended, hybrid teaching / learning, application of cognitive learning, STEAM, innovative thinking skills, as well as strategies of KazTEA to ensure the EFL teachers rights and their professional growth.

We express our gratitude to the Regional English Language Office and Oxford University Press for sponsoring travel grants for 30 participants from Kazakhstan.

Travel Grant Details: 30 scholarships for Kazakhstani residents will be awarded by the Regional English Language Office, U.S. Embassy in Nur-Sultan and Oxford University Press to selected participants. These scholarships include round trip domestic transportation and accommodation. Selection for these scholarships will be conducted by members of organizing committee and approved by the RELO and OUP staff. Preferences will be given to awardees with a strong ability and opportunity to share their knowledge with others. Applicants who are not selected for full scholarships are still invited to apply and attend the conference at their own expense.

VENUE AND DATES

The International KazTEA & ATENK Forum 2022 will be hosted by the Association of Teachers of English Northern – Kazakhstan (ATENK). The KazTEA & ATENK Forum 2022 will be held in Petropavlovsk on June 2-3, 2022. The venue of the conference is Kozybayev North Kazakhstan University, which is ranked as the tenth accredited institution in Kazakhstan. The Kozybayev North Kazakhstan University is a member of the Magna Charta Universitatum (2005), the Eurasian-Pacific University Network of high schools (2010), the European Association of Universities 2017) and was accredited at institutional level and training programs by the German agency ASIIN in different years.

KAZTEA FORUM 2022 FORMAT and ACTIVITES

June 1, afternoon (Pre-Conference event) – **TEDx talks (off-line mode)**

June 2 – KazTEA & ATENK Forum in off-line and online plenary sessions with international keyspeakers

June 3 – Forum interactive sessions

June 3 – KazTEA Virtual Forum (Zoom video conference)

TOPIC AREAS

- 1. Emergent Educational Methodologies (Task-based Language Learning, Cooperative Learning, Flipped Teaching, Gamification, etc.)
- 2. Lesson Study and Action Research: effective ways of improving teaching and learning
- 3. STEAM: Benefits and Challenges
- 4. Learning-Oriented Language Assessment: Insight, Practice & Research Multimedia application as a means of language learning for change
- 5. Globalization and Learning English through MOOC, MALL, OER
- 6. Inclusive Education: supporting English learners with special/exceptional needs
- 7. Culture Saves the World: maintaining cultural identity and international collaboration
- 8. Educating for Global Competence during COVID-19: preparing youth to engage the world
- 9. Media Literacy as the 21st Century Skill: strategies of integrating media literacy into training programs

TYPES OF PROPOSALS

TED x (Pre-Conference event) (10 mins). Live TED-like talks and performances are shared with the EFL teachers community. If you have an idea worth sharing and ignite lively discussion on the topics related to the conference theme, then this format is good for you.

Demonstration (50-minute practical-oriented presentation): Shows, rather than tells, a technique for teaching or testing. The presenter should spend no more than 5 minutes explaining the theory underlying the technique. Handouts are expected and audiovisual aids are encouraged.

Lightning Talks (10-minute research-oriented presentation): An oral summary, with occasional reference to notes or a text that discusses the presenters' work in relation to theory and/or practice. Handouts are expected and presentations are encouraged.

Workshop (50 minutes): A carefully structured, hands-on professional development activity. The leader helps participants solve a problem or develop a specific teaching or research technique. Handouts are expected and audiovisual aids are encouraged.

Pecha-Kucha (7 minutes): Speakers present up to 20 images discussing each for 20 seconds bringing the whole talk to just under 7 minutes. Images are required to slide automatically with speakers delivering only the relevant points on the topic in synchronization with the images.

Jigsaw session (20 minutes): Moderator arranges a discussion on a theme related to the **association mission and strategies** within a small group. All the participants assigned to the same theme form temporary "expert groups" and are given time to discuss their aspect and rehearse the presentations they will make to their jigsaw groups. Once back in their jigsaw groups, each member presents their segment to the others and asks for opinion and modifications. The moderator can float from group to group to ensure the discussion and solution is being delivered correctly. At the end of the session, each "expert" goes back to their initial group and report about any modifications done to their initial decision. Final presentation with all the modifications embedded is presented to all participants.

Topics for Jigsaw sessions:

1) KazTEA strategies to empower and support EFL and STEAM teachers in the era of online, blended and hybrid education

- 2) KazTEA mission in terms of qualitative and competence-based education
- 3) KazTEA / local TEAs potential for professional and commercial use

Poster Session (1 hour): The poster session is a self-explanatory exhibit that allows for informal discussion with participants. Exhibits are set up during the hour before the session and dismantled in the hour afterward. The poster should include a title, the name and institutional affiliation of the presenter(s), and a brief text with clearly labeled photos, drawings, graphs, or charts. Presenters are available for discussion. Detailed guidelines will be sent to accepted poster session presenters. First time attendees and graduate students are especially encouraged to apply for the poster session, which could serve as an important and interactive forum for sharing your work and receiving feedback. Handouts are expected.

Online presentation (20 mins): We understand that some presenters will be unable to make the trip to Petropavlovsk to present their proposal, mainly due to financial and/or academic commitments. KazTEA 2022 has therefore instituted a Zoom sessions to allow the authors of accepted proposals the same publication opportunities as regular presenters.

You can submit a proposal for online presentation under the open call for proposals onto the website <u>here</u> or via the google form. If your proposal is accepted you would be invited to present at Zoom virtual KazTEA conference 2022. Zoom sessions could be arranged in various formats like an interactive talk, slide show, video clip, etc. The instructions on how to do it technically possible and join Zoom video conference selected participants will be sent later.

SUBMISSION REQUIMENTS

All presenters must submit their application forms with abstracts to the Organizing Committee **before March 25**, **2022**. We plan to place the abstracts in the conference program; therefore, each abstract must clearly reflect the content of the presentation and the targeted audience. The abstract should be written in one paragraph with full sentences.

Committee members evaluate the abstracts to accept or reject a proposal. Preferences will be given to the strong proposals that match the requirements of every type of presentation and reflect your title and objectives. The clarity and flow, originality, significance, and logical sequence of your proposal all effect the committee decision.

You can submit your application <u>HERE</u> at the KazTEA website – KazTEA Conference – To Submit Applications

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Those who would like to have their papers published must submit them to the Editorial Board onto the website <u>HERE or to kaztea2022paper@gmail.com</u>. 3-6 page papers will be published **online with an ISBN**. Papers can be written in three formats: **Research**, **Teaching Practice** and **Commentary**, and in one of the three languages: English, Kazakh or Russian. **All submissions will be checked for originality.** Authors bear full responsibility for their paper content, punctuation, stylistic and grammatical organization.

Check the guidelines for papers and publication fees in the file "Call for Papers".

CONFERENCE FEES (for off - line format): KZT 3000

The registration fee includes access to all the sessions, conference programs and certificate publication, conference materials and organizational expenses. Payments should be made in Tenge through the bank transaction. Bank details will be emailed to the participants when they confirm their participation. The registration fee could be paid onsite to the Organizing Committee upon arrival to Petropavlovsk at the registration desk.

CONFERENCE participation in ONLINE format is FREE

PROPOSAL DEADLINES

The deadline for submitting proposals is **March 25, 2022**. The notification of the participants selected by the Organizing Committee will be provided by March 30.

CONTACT FOR QUERIES

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