



You weren't there? Here is what you missed...

at the first International EUROLTA Annual Conference 2008, which was hosted by bvv, the Bavarian adult education association in Munich, 10 October.

The conference was attended by delegates from *Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Switzerland and United Kingdom.*



Gareth Hughes, UK, former Project Manager, Federation of Migros Cooperatives, was nominated as EUROLTA Co-ordinator for the ICC International Language Network.

Gareth Hughes © Christel Schneider

The conference offered good network opportunities and exchange of ideas.

First steps for improvements for EUROLTA dissemination have already been taken on board by providing a new website domain for EUROLTA which is currently in the process of development.

New EUROLTA Centres planned

Universidad La Concordia, Mexico, and the University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic, have applied to become new EUROLTA Centres.

Next EUROLTA meetings:

International Group: Florence, 29 March 2009
National Group Bavaria: Nuremberg, 10 October 2009

EUROLTA Teacher & Trainer Training in Chorley, UK, 2009

Accredited Centres need qualified EUROLTA Teachers. It is envisaged to offer Teacher Training courses to qualify trainers to run EUROLTA Teacher Training in their home countries. Two courses are on offer: a EUROLTA Teacher Trainer Course and a Train the Trainer Course.

For further information please contact Sonja Werner at: info@icc-languages.eu

Grab a 'Grant', quick!

To apply for next year's EOP and apply for a grant, please check the ICC website http://www.icc-languages.eu/english_voll.php

Please note the deadline for Grundtvig grants is **16th January 2009!** So do apply now!

Next year's EUROLTA certified Teacher Training Course EOP 'English for Occupational Purposes' will take place at Lancashire College, Chorley, UK, 22 August -04 September 2009.
www.lancashirecollege.com

Make your travel arrangements...

to attend the 16th ICC Annual Conference in Florence, Italy 'Creativity and Innovation', 27-28 March 2009.

You can find a list of hotel suggestions on: http://www.icc-languages.eu/florence_2009.php.

Please check the CLIDA website on how to get to the conference venue:

<http://www.clidante.com/italianlanguageschools/whyflorence/comingtoflorence.html>



Conference Venue:
Piazza della Repubblica, 5
I - 50123 Firenze © Christel Schneider

Special arrangements can be made if you travel with your family or partner to cater for entertainment while you are at the conference.

Our call for papers resulted in an overwhelming response with speaker proposals from all over the world. For our latest conference programme please check the ICC website on: http://www.icc-languages.eu/florence_2009.php

For more information, contact the ICC organising team!
conference@icc-languages.eu

Italian with a 'twist'

Only few spaces are still available on the course 'Italian for Beginners' in conjunction with the ICC annual conference. This is an opportunity to exchange your teaching expertise with colleagues and learn Italian and about Italian culture.

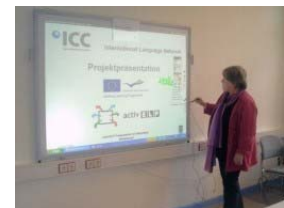
For more information check our ICC website on: http://www.icc-languages.eu/teacher_training.php

To register for the Italian course 'Introducing Language, Culture and Teaching Methodology to Teachers of other languages' in cooperation with CLIDA and to avail of your free conference registration please get in touch with the ICC Head Office: info@icc-languages.eu

ICC Active-Interactive

ICC in the forefront with the latest technology, introducing the activELP project on the Interactive Whiteboard.

Aim of the project is to train language teachers to implement European Language Portfolios via Interactive Whiteboards in their classrooms.



Christel Schneider, ICC, presenting activELP project at 'Open Day' in Hamburg 14/09/08

The Interactive Whiteboard plays an important role in the activELP project and thus the tasks prepared by project partners for the trainer training including quizzes, web references, internet research and access to various resources such as video clips, sound tracks... etc. which can be dealt with most effectively via Interactive Whiteboards.

For further information on the project please check the project website: www.activELP.net



A warm welcome to our New Member Organisation!



Martin Beck, Director of Mondiale Testing GmbH at Online Educa Berlin. © Christel Schneider

Mondiale Testing GmbH has joined the ICC as a new member.

Mondiale Testing GmbH delivers language testing services independent of training to companies of every size.

They also represents accueil tests for the hotel, catering and tourism industries in Germany, which was originally developed as part of a Leonardo project with ICC as partner organisation:

<http://www.icc-languages.eu/accueil.php>

Some of you might have met Martin Beck and his colleague, Roger Randall, at the 15th ICC Annual Conference in London 14-16 March 2008, at Languages & Business in Düsseldorf, or at the Online EDUCA Berlin, where they represented their organisation with an exhibition stand and workshop.

For more information on our new member organisation check: <http://www.mondiale.de/>

If your organisation wishes to become a member, please fill in our application form: http://www.icc-languages.eu/fees_conditions.php or contact the ICC Head Office.

All on Board



At the Executive Board Meeting, 3-4 September 2008, Rob Williams, University of Westminster and Ministry of Defence Languages Examinations Board, UK, has been duly elected as new Vice President of ICC International.

Boian Savtchev, Director of Education, International Projects Manager, ECET, Bulgaria, has been duly co-opted as treasurer of the ICC and is warmly welcomed back.



Share your News

If you have any news, information or thoughts you would like to share with the ICC Network please contact us by e-mail: info@icc-languages.eu.

Start of a new (ad)venture for the ICC

ICC is proud to be partner in the following projects under the LifeLong Learning Programme:

AVALON: Access to Virtual and Action Learning Live Online.



This project focuses on facilitating learning in virtual 3D worlds. The first Avalon partner meeting has already taken place in Second Life.

Snapshot by Heike Philp, www.secondlife.com

DeafPort: Developing a European Language Portfolio for the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired

The main objective is to develop a multilingual European Language Portfolio for the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired, the kick off meeting will be 15-19 January in Sofia, Bulgaria.

DE@W: Diverse Europe at Work

The project *Diverse Europe at Work*, DEW, aims to advocate intercultural communication as a key competence of lifelong learning for all in the European workplace. The kick off meeting will be 8-11 January in Helsinki, Finland.

Successful 'take off' of pilot

The European Language Portfolio for the Blind and Visually-Impaired, ELPBVI, has gone into the pilot phase.



Project partner countries where the Language Portfolio is being launched are Austria, Bulgaria, UK, Germany and Greece.

Organisations dealing with blind and visually-impaired people see a unique chance and potential in the ELPBVI model of the European Language Portfolio for their learners as it addresses their language learning needs and thus will put language teaching and learning of the blind and visually-impaired in the context of common European standards.

For more detailed information on the project, please visit www.elpforblind.eu.

The above info card can be obtained at the ICC Head Office info@icc-languages.eu.



Mark your Calendars! Meetings & Conferences 2009:

January

08-11 Diversity Europe at Work
DEW - Kick off project meeting in Helsinki, Finland

15-19 Developing European Language Portfolio for the Deaf -
DEAFPORT - kick off project meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria

28-31 European Language Portfolio for the Blind and Visually
Impaired, ELPBVI - 3rd project meeting in London, UK
www.elpforblind.eu

February

06-07 ICC Executive Board Meeting, Lancashire College, UK

13 Sprachen & Beruf, Steering Committee meeting, Düsseldorf,
Germany www.sprachen-beruf.com

26-28 E-VOLLution, Central Workshop in Graz, Austria
<http://evolution.ecml.at/News/tabid/333/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

27-28 AVALON Kick off project meeting in Pisa, Italy

March

03-08 activELP teacher training and project meeting, Łódź, Poland

22-29 Italian for Beginners, Florence, Italy

26 Executive Board Meeting, Florence, Italy

27-28 ICC Annual Conference, Creativity & Innovation, Italy

28 Executive Board Meeting (newly elected board), Florence, Italy

29 EUROLTA International Committee Meeting, Florence, Italy

31 March-04 April IATEFL Annual Conference, Cardiff, UK
www.iatefl.org/content/conferences/2009/index.php

May

15-17 BESIG Conference, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine
www.besig.org

June

15-17 Sprachen & Beruf, Languages & Business Conference,
Düsseldorf, Germany www.sprachen-beruf.com

July

02-05 activELP project meeting, Paleastro, Greece
www.activELP.net

August

08-22 EUROLTA Train the Trainer Course, Chorley, UK
*Please note, the deadline for Grundtvig grant applications is
16th January 2009!*

22 August-04 September EUROLTA Certified Teacher Training
Course 'English for Occupational Purposes', Chorley, UK

September

04-05 ELPBVI Project meeting, final Conference at ECML,
Graz, Austria www.ecml.at

09-12 EUROCALL 2009, Gandía, Spain
www.eurocall-languages.org/confs/index.html

October

22-23 activELP Project meeting and final conference, Hamburg,
Germany www.activELP.net

24 Executive Board Meeting, Hamburg, Germany

December

02-04 Online EDUCA Berlin 2009 www.online-educa.com

For updates, please check the event calendar on the ICC website!
www.icc-languages.eu

Where the E-XPERTS meet...

This year's ONLINE EDUCA
BERLIN 2008, 3-5 December,
attracted more than 2100
participants from over 90
countries discussing the
latest developments and
innovations on technology
enhanced teaching and
learning.



Dr. Martine Rey, DIRICKX Groupe, France,
Magr. Petr Hercik (presenter), Charles University in
Prague, Czech Republic, Christel Schneider, ICC

Highlights of the conference were Web 2.0 applications and their
impact on teaching and learning, developments in game-based
approaches and mobile technologies. One of the most
controversially discussed topics was how universities, schools and
training departments are teaching Generation Y.

Christel Schneider, Director ICC International and Annemie Boonen,
EuroPACE ivzw, Belgium, chaired a session of demonstration and
best practice showcase. The new presentation format of this session
received very positive response. The feedback from delegates as
well as speakers was that this format gave more room for individual
questions and discussion.

For further information about the Conference, its contents, picture
galleries and podcasts, please check the following link:
<http://www.online-educa.com/en>

Don't miss Online EDUCA Berlin 2009, 2-4 December 2009!

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