



Scholarships available for ICC member organisations

Lancashire College and the ICC are offering 2 scholarship places to participants from ICC member organisations.

For course details, application and how to register visit www.icc-languages.eu

ICC NEWS

New Vice President for the ICC



Franz Mittendorfer was elected as new Vice President of the ICC by the Executive Board at their meeting in June. Franz is Head

of the English Department at the CEBS (Center für berufsbezogene Sprachen), a national Austrian teacher development and support centre. He is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the quality of language teacher education and for developing a course portfolio that is based on teacher demand and the needs for continuous institutional development.

New ICC Board

The new ICC Board members since March 2007:

- Jack Lonergan - Presiden (UK)
- Franz Mittendorfer - Vice President (Austria)
- Boian Savtchev - Treasurer (Bulgaria)
- Beate Blüggel (Germany)
- Steve Hailstone (UK)
- Silvija Karklina (Latvia)
- Marianthi Kotadaki (Greece)
- Barry Tomalin (UK)

Annual Conference in Stockholm



Vice Mayor of Stockholm, Lotta Edholm, and ICC President Jack Lonergan

The 14th ICC Annual Conference in Stockholm was a great success.

278 participants from 23 countries attended the conference, which was packed with stimulating presentations, interesting discussions and provided a great opportunity to meet and network with colleagues world wide. One of the conference highlights was a visit to the town hall, where everyone was warmly welcomed. Thanks again to Ulla Nissen with her team from Folkuniversitetet and the Swedish ICC who hosted the conference and helped to make this a memorable event for everyone who attended.

15th ICC Annual Conference
14 - 16 March 2008
in LONDON,

ICC PROJECT APPLICATIONS

The ICC is partner in the following project applications:

ECML - EuroIta (European Certificate in Language Teaching to Adults)

This short term project aims to develop and launch the dissemination of EUROLTA as a major contribution to providing teachers and institutions with a framework for defining and assessing competences in language teaching as well as providing an internationally recognised qualification in language teaching.

The EUROLTA International Qualification in Language Teaching was developed in 1996 through an EU Socrates project. At the heart of the scheme is a framework for describing and assessing the competences of language teachers. The scheme is open to teachers and institutions delivering training in any language. The EUROLTA framework is the basis for the ICC qualification system with qualifications at Certificate and Diploma level.

European Certificate for Sign Language Teachers

The aim of this project is to define common standards for a European Sign Language Teacher examination.

The first step will be to assess existing national and regional examinations or certificates for Sign Language Teachers. Common standards for the European Certificate will then be defined, which will lead to the development and organisation of a model examination in one of the partner countries.

MOLL-Mobile-Supported Language Learning environments

By developing a better understanding of what mobile and virtual work, social networks and mobile technology are, this project aims to develop new environments for learning. The experimental focus of this research and development project is foreign language learning in professional settings.

The project will harness modern technology and mobile applications of vocationally-oriented language learning processes.

TrainMe - Training Mentors for Taking European Language Portfolios (ELP) to users through Multimedia

- The aims of this project are:
- to make language learning methods more effective by introducing innovative tools for language teachers and learners;
 - to encourage practical use of the European Language Portfolio (ELP) in language learning and teaching;
 - to train teachers and mentors in providing guidance for other language teachers in the practical use of ELP

CURRENT ICC PROJECTS

EUROVOLT via VLE

European Vocational Online Language Teaching and Vocational Online Language Learning via a Virtual Learning Environment

<http://eurovolt.net>

This project is coming to an end this year in October. One aim of the project was to develop a language teacher training course integrating ICT and the new media in a variety of vocational language teaching scenarios and facilitating trainees to create their own vocationally oriented language courses via a learning platform.

The international pilot teacher training course for vocational language teachers and trainers delivered on two different virtual learning environments, Moodle and it'slearning (ePortfolio), running from November 2006 to June 2007, has come to an end too. The course was a great success and provided trainees, moderators, tutors and organisers with a good learning experience. It was closed by a two-day intensive discussion session online where everyone was given the opportunity to evaluate the course, giving detailed feedback to their tutors and comment on other trainees'/participants' contributions. Successful trainees will receive a EUROLTA/ EUROVOLT Diploma issued by the ICC. The final EUROVOLT project presentation will take place Friday, 12 October, 2007, 14.00 - 16.00, at VHS Meidling, Längenfeldgasse 13-15, 1120 Vienna, Austria. If you wish to participate, please contact the project manager, Inge-Anna Koleff: inge-anna.koleff@vww.at. Guests are most welcome!



EUROVOLT meeting in Hagen May 2007

LANCELOT

(LANguage learning with CERtified Live Online Teachers)

LANCELOT aims to promote online language learning through 'live online language teaching' which is language tuition held in virtual classrooms, face-to-face' with a teacher via the Internet. The Live Online Teacher Training Pilot Course which ran from March to June 2007 ended successfully with a great cyber party. It was fantastic to see everybody's progress during the course. The international group of participants will network and help each other with their first Live Online Sessions in their home countries. www.lancelot.at

VENOCES - Conference in Dundee, Scotland

Christel Schneider, Director of the ICC, was invited to the VENOCES Conference in Dundee to speak about developments in online teacher training presenting the EUROVOLT and LANCELOT projects as examples of best practice. The conference provided a good opportunity for further exchange and networking.

About the project VENOCES - Vocational English Online

<http://www.venoces.org/>
The integration of language and content in VENOCES English courses gives users the chance to improve their practical foreign language skills for specific academic and professional purposes. The range of six subject-related modules covers a broad spectrum of vocational needs. VENOCES online courses are available in the fields of:

- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental Protection
- Information Technology
- Interpersonal Communication
- Physics

Aimed at intermediate learners, these courses will enable learners to practise and improve their receptive and productive language skills by working on a variety of motivating topics. The objective is to reach a level of competence equal to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Each module is divided into topic-based units comprising eight sections, each with their own language focus. The focal points of each unit are texts for reading and listening comprehension with audio and video enhancements. These are followed up

with a wide variety of exercises and assignments. Each unit begins with a table of contents to ensure easy navigation. VENOCES is funded by the LEO

TEACHER TRAINING COURSES



ETP participants 2006

ETP -English for Technical Purposes

The Teacher Training Course 'English for Technical Purposes 2007' will take place at Lancashire College, Chorley, UK from 12 to 25 August 2007. We are expecting an interesting mix of participants from Austria, Hungary, Spain, Germany, Slovakia and France.

EOP-English for Occupational Purposes

The Teacher Training Course 'English for Occupational Purposes 2007' will take place at Lancashire College, Chorley, UK from 14 to 27 October 2007.

For further details on both courses, please check the ICC website:

http://www.icc-languages.eu/teacher_training.php

To find out more about Lancashire College visit the College website: www.lancashirecollege.com

NEWS FROM ICC HEAD OFFICE

New ICC Members

The ICC is happy to welcome the following new member organisations having joined the ICC since January 2007

1. *Czech Republic - University of West Bohemia*
2. *Finland - Adulta OY*
3. *Germany - Skylight*
4. *Germany - Digital Publishing*
5. *Mexico - University México ITESM*
6. *Mexico - Gente Groppe*
7. *Vietnam - Hanoi University*

Further information can be found on the ICC website under 'www.icc-languages.eu/member_organisations.php'

ICC Head Office Move

We have to leave our office in Frankfurt in September. The contract had come to an end in March 2006, when we were asked to look for new premises as the owner wished to use the rooms for other purposes. The Executive Board decided at their latest meeting in June that the ICC Head Office should move to Hamburg, where the director is based. Possibilities for the relocation of the office are currently being considered, at the University of Hamburg and the Hamburger Volkshochschule.

Change of Staff at Head Office



After four years at Head Office, Cristina Gracia, Administration and Research, will be leaving Germany to return to Spain. We are very sad at

Head Office that she is leaving the ICC.

Cristina's professional competence and friendly way of dealing with everything and everyone is widely recognised and she will be greatly missed by everyone who knows her. We wish her well for the future.

Job vacancy at the ICC for an Administrative Assistant

The ICC is presently looking for somebody to make a new appointment to step into Cristina's shoes.

The job advertisement for a new Administrative Assistant will be distributed and published on the website.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

ICC QAS Award

Swiss Language Examinations for Community Interpreters were awarded by the ICC Quality Assurance Scheme (QAS) with the Certificate of Best Practice. Congratulations!

New ICC QAS Secretariat

The ICC member organisation Flying Teachers, Switzerland, provide the new ICC Quality Assurance Secretariat*: quality@icc-languages.eu

*Application procedures can be found on the ICC website. www.icc-languages.eu

ICC Meetings and Conferences attended

The first virtual ICC Board meeting which was held on April 19 2007 turned out to be a great success. The experience was very positive, the sound quality in the discussion was excellent and the timing of the two hours meeting gave enough space to get through the set agenda without problems. The next virtual board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2007.

The first face-to-face Executive Board Meeting after the AGM in Stockholm took place in Frankfurt from 22 to 23 June 2007. The next face-to-face meeting will take place in London from 6 to 8 December 2007 at the University of Westminster.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

30 August - 1 September 2007 Turku, Finland "International Bilingual Conference"
<http://users.utu.fi/freder/ASSESSMEN>

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5-8 September 2007: EUROCALL 2007, "Mastering Multimedia: Teaching Languages Through Technology" will be held in the University of Ulster, Coleraine, Northern Ireland.
<http://www.eurocall2007.com/>

11-13 September 2007, Hamburg, Germany, 4th Distance Learning Congress'
<http://fernausbildung.org>

21-22 September 2007, Leipzig, Germany. "1. Sprachenkongress Mitteldeutschlands" <http://www.vhs-th.de/vhs3/news/zoom.php?id=27>

27-29 September 2007 Graz, Austria "Languages for Social Cohesion"
<http://www.ecml.at/conference/>

28-29 September 2007 Konstanz, Germany "Developing People Internationally"
http://icc-languages.eu/useful_links.php

17-19 October 2007 Maastricht, The Netherlands "ePortfolio 2007"
<http://events.eife-l.org/ep2007/call>

20 October 2007 Nürnberg, Germany "EUROLTA Annual Conference"

15-16 November 2007 Bonn, Germany "The Right to Education in the Context of Migration and Integration"
<http://www.eaea.org/migration>

16-18 November 2007 BESIG 20th anniversary conference, Berlin, Germany
<http://www.besig.org/>

28-30 November 'Online Educa Berlin 2007, Berlin Germany
<http://www.online-educa.com/en>

ICC ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARCH 2008

2008 has been designated as the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. Key aims are the promotion of cultural diversity and active citizenship. The ICC- European Language Network Annual Conference has devoted its conference programme to this topic. The conference will take place in London, UK, 14 - 16 March 2008.

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Intercultural Dialogue

ICC 15th Annual Conference 14 - 16 March 2008 London United Kingdom
in co-operation with the University of Westminster