

Great Teachers Development Programme

The 8th Pearson ELT Conference

Making Informed Choices

Tuesday, 13th March, 2012 – Liepāja

Liepāja University, Lielā iela 14, Liepāja, LV 3401

Conference Programme

10.15 – 10.50 Registration

10.50 - 11.00 Conference Opening

11.00 – 12.00 **Teachers' Choices made simple and effective** - Anna Sikorzynska

In my presentation I would like to encourage teachers to redefine and appreciate their role in the contemporary world. We will discuss teachers' everyday dilemmas such as: teaching fluency vs. accuracy, teaching for exams or teaching the language, teaching grammar or skills and look at ways in which these apparently conflicting goals can be reconciled. I will demonstrate how good and flexible language teaching materials can empower teachers and make their and their learners' life easier and more autonomous. The talk will be illustrated with material from CHOICES, a new course for lower and upper-secondary schools.

12.10 – 12.40 **There's no Time like the Present** - Daniel Brayshaw

No matter how much we buy it, make it, save it or divide it, for the vast majority of us there is simply never enough of it in this modern world. What is it? **Time** of course.

As busy 21st century teachers we all have to cope with the fact that the constant demands of preparation, marking, assessment, and administration mean that sometimes, the quietest part of the day is when we finally close the classroom door behind us and actually start teaching!

With this in mind, this session will look at how the **MyEnglishLab** system can be very simply integrated into a motivating, modern and methodologically sound approach to teaching to provide support for our students and to help us to manage homework, self-study, revision and assessment.

12.40 – 13.30 Break

13.30 – 13.50 **What matters in ELT - Unlocking a love for language** – Iveta Vitola

14.00 – 15.30 **Getting the Balance Right** - Daniel Brayshaw

When teenage students and their teachers are faced with the same exam topics year in and year out, remaining motivated can present a challenge. In order to stimulate interest and language production (written and especially spoken), what is needed are some new twists on familiar themes. With this in mind, this session will look at some familiar exam topics from new angles and in addition, will explore how teachers can provide teens with an effective balance between language development and exam practice. The session will be illustrated with ideas, examples and activities taken from Pearson's *Longman Exam Accelerator*, *Activator* and *Real Life*.

15.30 – 16.00 Conference close - Please, pick up your certificate of attendance