

FOREIGN LANGUAGES FORUM



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Announcing the Foreign Languages Forum Larissa - 31 March 2024

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Foreign Languages Forum, set to take place on 31 March 2024 at Divani Hotel in Larissa.

This forum promises to be a landmark event for language educators, offering an unparalleled opportunity to explore the future of language learning and teaching. **A centerpiece of the forum** will be an engaging **panel discussion** featuring esteemed examiners and interlocutors from various language exam bodies.

It offers a unique chance for educators to gain insights into exam expectations and how to better prepare their students for success.

Plenary Sessions: Innovations in Language Teaching

The forum will also host a series of plenary sessions designed to inspire and inform. Topics include:

It all starts with a sentence: While students focus on getting high scores in reading and use of English when it comes to exams, they keep struggling with the writing section. In this session we will explore together the ‘challenging’ skill of writing while we will set the ground for the dynamics involved when teachers are asked to develop writing skills within the classroom.

Accommodating Students with ADHD:

This presentation will focus on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and will highlight the importance of early diagnosis in children and adolescents. Also the role of the family and school in addressing ADHD will be discussed.

Commercial Presentations: Stay at the forefront of language teaching with presentations on the latest in ELT Exams and the transformative power of Adaptive Learning with Artificial Intelligence. These sessions will showcase cutting-edge technologies and methodologies that are shaping the future of language education.

The Foreign Languages Forum in Larissa is more than just a conference. Whether you’re an educator, an examiner, or simply a language enthusiast, this forum offers something of value for everyone.

Join us for a day of insightful discussions, innovative ideas, and networking opportunities. Together, we can shape the future of language learning and teaching.

Save the date:

31 March 2024, Divani Hotel, Larissa

We look forward to welcoming you to an event that promises to be both enlightening and inspiring.

Programme

09:45 **REGISTRATION**

10:00 **BOOK EXHIBITION OPENS**

10:15-11:00 **Featured Presentation**

Γεράσιμος Ρούσσος - Επιστημονικός Υπεύθυνος του Διεπιστημονικού Κέντρου Λόγου, Μαθησιακών & Αναπτυξιακών Δυσκολιών: «ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΗ & ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗ»

Χαρακτηριστικά και τεχνικές διαχείρισης παιδιών και εφήβων με ΔΕΠ-Υ - κατάλληλες εκπαιδευτικές προσεγγίσεις και συμπεριφορικές παρεμβάσεις – συμβουλές προς εκπαιδευτικούς και γονείς

Η παρουσίαση αυτή θα επικεντρωθεί στη Διαταραχή Ελλειμματικής Προσοχής – Υπερκινητικότητας (ΔΕΠ-Υ) και θα αναδείξει τη σημασία της έγκαιρης διάγνωσης σε παιδιά και εφήβους.

Η διαταραχή Ελλειμματικής Προσοχής - Υπερκινητικότητας (ΔΕΠ-Υ) είναι μία δια βίου νευροαναπτυξιακή διαταραχή και οδηγεί σε δυσλειτουργία ποικίλους τομείς της ζωής. Η καθημερινότητα του παιδιού, του εφήβου και του ενήλικα με ΔΕΠ-Υ και των οικογενειών τους, είναι ένας ατελείωτος αγώνας επιβίωσης σε ένα μη φιλικό περιβάλλον.

Στην παρουσίαση αυτή θα αναδειχθεί ο κρίσιμος ρόλος της οικογένειας και του σχολείου στην αντιμετώπιση της ΔΕΠ-Υ. Θα εξεταστούν τρόποι υποστήριξης στο σπίτι και τεχνικές διαχείρισης μαθητών με ΔΕΠ-Υ στην τάξη, ενώ θα δοθούν συμβουλές προς εκπαιδευτικούς για αποτελεσματική διδασκαλία.

Επιπλέον, η παρουσίαση αυτή θα εξετάσει τις συνέπειες της ΔΕΠ-Υ (δευτερογενή συμπτώματα) και τις μακροπρόθεσμες επιπτώσεις στο παιδί και την οικογένεια.

11:05-11:30 **Professional Presentation - National Geographic Learning**

Mona Siksek - ELT Sales Team Co-ordinator, Thessaloniki, Northern Greece & Thessaly

SPARK up your classrooms with National Geographic Learning.

Through our new SPARK platform, teachers and students can access a number of digital teaching and learning tools. SPARK up your classrooms and make your life easier with these new online offerings.

11:35-12:00 Professional Presentation - Burlington Books

Anne Leventeris, Seminar Department Manager, Burlington Books

How can we keep today's students engaged in the classroom?

Inspire B1 uses an innovative combination of print and digital material to bring learning to life and life to learning. It includes up-to-date topics that teens can relate to and develops key 21st century competencies, while laying the groundwork for all B2 exams.

Join In 1 for A Class. Enter Jake and Jodi's online world and encourage students to learn, think and create together. Join In combines adventure stories with real-world information and is packed with engaging and challenging activities that will develop critical and creative thinking as well as enhance all four major language skills.

12:05-12:30 Professional Presentation - Express Publishing

Athina Apotsi, Teacher Trainer, ELT Educational Consultant, Express Publishing

Happy Toons for Junior Classes & Express DigiPlus

Happy Toons for Junior Classes: Learning has just become carTOONishly FUN-tastic!

Happy Toons, our brand-new Junior Course, turns learning into a FUN-tastic experience, featuring creative storytelling that instills essential values in young learners! Rooted on STEAM Education, our series integrates authentic documentary-style videos and captivating 3D illustrations and video animations to bring lessons to life and make every concept memorable. Join an inspiring learning adventure fostering empathy, teamwork and creativity, integrated into our Express DigiBooks platform.

Express DigiPlus: Adaptive Learning with the Power of Artificial Intelligence!

Harnessing the power of Artificial Intelligence, Express DigiPlus ensures an adaptive learning journey, creating tailor-made lessons, unique for each individual learner's needs and goals. Through a dynamic learning experience enriched with gamification elements, it offers structured tasks, targeted feedback and a chance to use in-class time more effectively.

12:35-13:35 Panel Discussion

Faye Sotiriou (Educational Coach, Teacher Trainer)

Kathy Lekkas (Cambridge ESOL Speaking Examiner for the British Council, ELL Teacher at Pinewood The American International School Thessaloniki.)

Maria Alafogianni (BA, MA, MIL, Dip Trans, MSc Counseling and Positive Psychology, CEO B.E.S.A.)

The most common mistakes made by Greek learners in language exams

This session will discuss language testing, with a specific focus on the most common mistakes made by Greek candidates in language exams.

13:40-14:05 Professional Presentation - Betsis ELT & Macmillan Greece

Andrew Betsis - Author & Publisher

ELT exams Update 2024

- Virtual Online Classroom through Gateway.
- The latest trends in assessment locally and internationally.
- Online testing & proctoring: pros and cons.
- How many exams at levels B2 & C2 are now available and 'equal' in Greece.
- How long do they last? Do any of them really 'expire'?

14:10-14:35 Professional Presentation - Burlington Books

Anne Leventeris, Seminar Department Manager, Burlington Books

Burlington VTest for Schools

Burlington VTest for Schools: Redefine success for your young learners! This powerful educational tool uses state-of-the-art adaptive testing technology to assess the four language skills in a fun, student-friendly and motivating way. Students receive personalized feedback to enable teachers to identify strengths, measure progress and set goals.

14:40-15:05 Professional Presentation - Brainy Education

Annita Papamarkou - CEO, Brainy Education

Weaving values and social awareness into EFL classroom

How can we teach our students the skills and values that can lead them to personal development, gain an understanding of the problems and current issues our society is facing and provide our students with an overall picture of the world around them so as to be able to manage their lives now and in the future?

Can we, through teaching Grammar, Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension raise awareness of social issues such as the acceptance of diversity and equip our students with the right tools so as to appreciate the value of friendship, good health and wellbeing, mutual respect, to manage daily stress, their emotions and the imminent risks they will face as children and teenagers in a digital world?

Brainy Education has the answer. Through examples we will analyze and provide a number of activities that can be put into practice in the teaching of foreign languages in the classroom.

15:10-15:35 Professional Presentation - Butterfly Publishing

Vicky Kaperoni - Special Education English Teacher, CEO and Founder of "Teaching Brightly by Vicky Kaperoni" Language School, MA in Education, PhD Candidate, NLP Practitioner, Business Life Coach, ELT author of Butterfly Publishing

Shine Bright like Stardust: Empowering Dyslexic Minds

Together, we will explore the unique strengths and challenges associated with dyslexia, gaining a deeper understanding of how it impacts reading, writing, and overall academic performance. But not only that! You will leave feeling empowered and equipped with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to make a positive impact on the lives of students with dyslexia, helping them shine bright like stardust in their academic journey. Because, as you know, we are all made of ...stardust.

15:40-16:25 Featured Presentation

Kathy Lekkas - Cambridge Esol Speaking Examiner for the British Council. ELL Teacher at Pinewood The American International School Thessaloniki.

Faye Sotiriou - Educational Coach, Teacher Trainer

Preparing Candidates for speaking exams

Kathy Lekkas

We will explore strategies for learners and educators to navigate and mitigate our way through preparing for speaking exams. From pronunciation pitfalls to grammatical gaffes, join us as we navigate the terrain of speaking exams, turning mistakes into invaluable learning opportunities.

Faye Sotiriou

'It all starts with a sentence'

Poor writing is nothing new, nor is concern about it. More than half of first-year students at Harvard failed an entrance exam in writing — in 1874. What about 2024? While students focus on getting high scores in reading and use of English, when it comes to exams, they keep struggling with the writing section. In this session we will explore together the 'challenging' skill of writing while we will set the ground for the dynamics involved when teachers are asked to develop writing skills within the classroom.

Exhibition Participants

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