

FOREIGN LANGUAGES FORUM



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BOOK EXHIBITION HOURS: 10:00-15:00

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Announcing the Foreign Languages Forum Xanthi - 28 April 2024

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Foreign Languages Forum, set to take place on 28 April 2024 at Le Chalet Hotel in Xanthi.

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. We will discuss the role of the family and school as critical in addressing ADHD. It will examine ways of support at home and management techniques for students with ADHD in the classroom, while offering advice to educators for effective teaching.

Professional 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 Xanthi 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:

28 April 2024, Le Chalet Hotel, Xanthi

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

Ελένη Παπαδογιάννη - Εργοθεραπεύτρια, Επιστημονική υπεύθυνη του «Εργο & Πράξη - Κέντρο Ειδικών Θεραπειών»

ΔΕΠΥ... ΕΝ-ΤΑΞΗ

- Τι είναι η ΔΕΠΥ;
- Ποιός έχει ΔΕΠΥ;
- Πώς αναγνωρίζουμε ότι ένα παιδί έχει ΔΕΠΥ;
- Ποια είναι τα λάθη των ενηλίκων απέναντι σε ένα παιδί με ΔΕΠΥ;
- Παρέμβαση και επαγγελματίες που ασχολούνται με το αντικείμενο.
- Εργοθεραπευτική προσέγγιση
- Οδηγίες στους εκπαιδευτικούς για υποστήριξη μέσα στην τάξη.

11:05-11:30 Professional Presentation - Burlington Books

Katerina Yacoumatou - ELT Consultant, 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.

11:35-12:00 Professional Presentation - MM Publications

Panagiotis Kyriazis, ELT Consultant at MM Publications

Key Links B2: A Coursebook for the Modern Learner

Introducing a transformative English coursebook for teenagers and young adults that blends engaging content with effective technology. The course emphasises practical language use, cultural understanding and, naturally, interactive learning. Discover how it equips students with the skills necessary for the 21st century!

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

Nancy Pesmazoglou, 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 instils 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.

Nancy Dimitrakaki - EFL Teacher, Oral Examiner

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 - Burlington Books

Katerina Yacoumatou - ELT Consultant, 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.

14:10-14:35 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.

14:40-15:40 Featured Presentation

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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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