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Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching

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*Bill Balsamo
1943 - 2008*

"Providing outreach programs, basic nutrition and health education as well as teacher training seminars or workshops that are relevant and practical for educators."

*From Peter Wanner
Founder BOLT
November 2010*

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BOLT / DALAT UNIVERSITY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT) INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR



BOLT celebrated its 5th Dalat University/BOLT International Language Teaching Conference on August 14, 2015. The conference was held at Dalat, Vietnam with 6 International Presenters and 3 Vietnamese Presenters.



The conference started out with an opening ceremony and two simultaneous presentations in separate rooms with different theme variants. The first presentation room concentrated on Computer Application Software Conventions that can be applied to the computer classroom. The second presentation room concentrated on language strategies and for learning that could be applied to the language classroom. This is the first time that up to 33 percent of the presenters were native Vietnamese teachers who were presenting. BOLT will have another conference next year on August 12, 2016, Friday and hopes to have more presenters with new ideas.





DALAT UNIVERSITY – BOLT

SCHEDULE FOR ELT INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

| TIME | ROOM 1 | ROOM 2 |
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| 7h00 - 7h30 | Registration | |
| 7h30 – 8h00 | Opening ceremony | |
| 8h00 – 9h00 | Peter J. Wanner Use of splitting technology to administer and distribute Video tape discussions to students | Carl Adams: Learning to Learn |
| 9h05 – 10h05 | Christopher Fulton: Strategies for engaging and assessing ESL learners with student response systems, i.e. Plickers and Poll Everywhere | Makiko Kato: A comparison of Mixed level vs Similar level student SLA classrooms |
| 10h05 – 10h30 | Tea break | |
| 10h30 – 11h30 | Tran Thanh Hung, Nguyen Tat Thang, Dang Thi Ngoc Tram: Effective strategies and tools for motivating writing skill practice | Truong Thi My Van: The use of the mother tongue in the language classroom: perspectives and reality |
| Lunch time | | |
| 13h30 – 14h30 | Jessie Wanner Kawahara: Testing format - traditional papers | Magnolia Wanner: Essays in large classroom: Grammar check functions; Teacher error correction variables |
| 14h35 – 15h35 | Tran Ngoc Tien: An introduction to doing action research in English language teaching: a guide for practitioners. | Carl Adams: Short, Simple Listening & Speaking Activities for Starters |
| 15h35 | Closing ceremony | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementation Signing

The founder of Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching [BOLT] and the President of the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementation [PAEPI] officially signed a memorandum of agreement making them affiliates. They will jointly sponsor future events in the Philippines as follows:

Name: BOLT/PAEPI Joint Conference: Sustainable Language Development Conference

Place: Cebu Normal University, Cebu, Philippines

Date: February 21-23 3 days Seminars PAEPI

February 24 Bohol Extension Trip [TBA]

Abstract Submission Deadline: November 15, 2015

BOLT/PAEPI Tohoku University

Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching (NPO) and Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementation (NGO) reached an agreement to hold a conference in Japan on Sustainable Disaster Development Programs in Tohoku, Japan. The conference is scheduled to take place sometime in October 2016.

Name: BOLT/PAEPI Joint Conference: Sustainable Disaster Development Extension Programs Conference

Place: Tohoku University, Tohoku, Japan [TBA]

Date: October [TBA]

Abstract Submission Deadline: [TBA]



BOLT/E3f/Valenzuela City Language Education Development Conference

Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching (NPO) and Educational Enrichment and Enhancement Foundation (NGO) reached an agreement to hold a two day seminar presenting on important ways to improve and enhance the four English language skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing in ESL classes. A one day trip to Tagaytay is scheduled for international presenters the third day where they can view and enjoy the scenery and sights on the mountain.

Name: BOLT/E3f/Valenzuela City Language Education Development Conference

Place: Valenzuela City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Date: March 19-20 [2 Day Seminar] and March 21 [One Day Trip Tagaytay]

Abstract Submission Deadline: November 30, 2016

Presentation Proposals: One of four skills areas of teaching in Language Pedagogy.

The 14th Asian Youth Forum; An Outreach Program AYF14

BOLT will sponsor AYF14 in Vietnam with their affiliate Universities in Danang and Hue. College of Foreign Languages, Danang will be the main venue while Hue University of Foreign Languages will also act as a sponsor. With the assistance of these universities and the approval from the government officials, BOLT will help in guiding and assisting AYF14 students to teach English to some students in an outreach program they will oversee with the schools there. Students will also discuss social responsibility and awareness issues in group sessions accompanied by a couple of lectures by professors in this area.

Conference Dates: July 31, 2016-August 7, 2016

Applicants Age Range: 18 to 25-years-old

Application Date: November 1, 2015 – February 1, 2015

Notification Date 1st Draft: March 30, 2016

1st Draft Confirmation Deadline: May 30, 2016

Conference Fees: Developing Countries (except Vietnam) 200 Dollars

Developed Countries 250 Dollars

Hosting Country (Vietnam) 70 Dollars

Applicants must pay all transportation fees to Vietnam from their country and for the return trip home. Transportation fees for the Conference tour in Vietnam are covered by the conference fees.

**See details for submissions on the home page at <http://balsamooutreach.org>*



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