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LANGUAGES AND TEACHER TRAINING

Como - ITIS Magistri Cumacini, Lazzago

Wednesday 8 March 2006 8:30 - 16:30

One-day conference promoted by Itis Magistri Cumacini, the Centro Studi "Casnati", the Liceo Classico "Volta", and the Itc Romagnosi

8:30

Registration

9:00

Welcome greetings from the Authorities

9:15

Presentation of the findings on teacher training monitoring
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9:45

Gisella LANGÉ Ispettore Tecnico di Lingue straniere M.I.U.R. -USR per la Lombardia
new trends in multilingual education

10:30

Caroline GRAHAM Teacher Trainer and Director of the University of Limerick (Ireland) Language Centre
new developments in language teaching

11:20 - Coffee break

11:40

John O'SULLIVAN- teacher trainer University of Limerick
a task-based approach to oral tasks - teaching by chunks

12.30

Open debate session

14:00

workshops:

WS 1: Teaching genre writing - (1 HOUR TO BE DELIVERED TWICE)

Coordinator: J.SULLIVAN

WS 2: Old and new stereotypes - (1 HOUR TO BE DELIVERED TWICE)

Coordinator: C. GRAHAM

WS 3: Certification programmes: language competences and European performance descriptors

Coordinator: M.G. BULLOCK

WS 4: Languages on the World Wide Web: didactics and training (for primary school)

Coordinator: P. RASCHELLÀ- formatrice I.C. Prestino-Breccia
laboratorio linguistico (Grisoni sistemi didattici)

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CAROLINE GRAHAM is a highly experienced language teacher and teacher trainer. Having taught in France, in Germany and at secondary schools in Ireland, Caroline moved to the University of Limerick in 1992. She is currently Director of the University of Limerick Language Centre which attracts students from all over Europe, Asia and South America to its English language courses and teacher training courses. She has also published articles on aviation English and languages for specific purposes. She teaches on the University's Post-Graduate Diploma and Masters programmes for language teachers as well as in-service courses.

Morning Session:

New Developments In English

English like all languages is constantly changing. This session looks at some of the influences on the language including political correctness, texting and attitudes to swearing. The process of accepting new words into the English language will be considered along with some examples. Finally, new patterns of intonation will be considered.

Afternoon Workshop:

Old And New Stereotypes.

This workshop will be an interactive one. Participants will have the opportunity to examine stereotypes in tourism promotional material, in jokes and in language. (1 hour to be delivered twice)

JOHN O'SULLIVAN has been an English language teacher and teacher trainer for many years. He has worked in Ireland, England, Poland, Slovakia, Russia, Israel and Australia with secondary aged learners and adults. He is especially interested in Task-Based Learning and the influence of the Lexical Approach in student textbooks.

Morning Session:

A Task-Based Approach To Oral Tasks

This paper looks at the benefits of using a task-based approach in order to develop the ability and confidence of students to speak at length. It will highlight some advantages of this approach as opposed to more traditional teaching methods; and will demonstrate how it can be used in the classroom.

Afternoon Workshop:

Teaching Genre Writing

This workshop will look at how to develop students writing skills through the use of specific text types and tasks. It will also look at strategies that teachers can employ to actively involve students in the correction of their written work. (1 hour to be delivered twice)

MARIA GIOVANNA BULLOCK has been an English language teacher for years and has taught all age groups from young learners to adults. She is Director of Studies at the Scuola Superiore per Mediatori Linguistici "F. Casati" in Como and Director of Studies at British Institutes Como, both part of the Centro Studi Casnati. As a member of the British Institutes National Didactic Committee, she has co-authored ONEWAY, the British Institutes-Opera Multimedia language course for students preparing for A1, A2 and B1 examinations, which was awarded the European Label for innovative projects in language teaching and learning in 2004 and is currently engaged in the creation of a multimedia business English course for B1+ (Strong Threshold) and B2 students.

Afternoon Workshop:

Certification Programmes: Language Competences and European Performance Descriptors

This workshop will provide an analysis of performance descriptors in terms of what learners have to know, what can be expected of them at different levels of proficiency and what level of sophistication they should display if consistency in the delivery of ESL and EFL services is to be achieved.

PAOLA ELEONORA RASCHELLA docente di Scuola Primaria, specialista nell'insegnamento della lingua inglese e in possesso della Patente Europea d'Informatica. Nel 2001 Vince il Primo Premio con due classi quarte della Scuola Primaria, al Concorso Multimediale Nazionale e Internazionale EF Education "Languages and Europe".

Afternoon Workshop:

Lingue nel Web: Didattica e Formazione verso le nuove prospettive per la formazione degli insegnanti

Durante il workshop saranno presentate nel laboratorio linguistico: - risorse disponibili in rete relative alla formazione siti utili all'insegnamento della lingua inglese nelle scuole primarie presentazioni multimediali e pagine web realizzate da alunni della scuola primaria.

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