

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
for the  
**26<sup>th</sup> IATEFL Poland Annual Conference to be held on**  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 BIELSKO-BIAŁA**  
**Department of Humanities of the University of Bielsko-Biała Poland**

**“Reaching the Peaks”**

The IATEFL Poland Annual Conference is one of the largest international events for teachers of English as a Foreign Language attracting around 1000 English language experts and practitioners from more than fifty countries each year.

The theme of the highly successful 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in Szczecin in September 2016 was “*Across the Borders – Over the Boundaries*”, inviting all people involved in TEFL to think internationally and innovatively. Following on in the same vein, the motto for the 2017 Conference will be “**Reaching the Peaks**”, where the emphasis will be on

- **quality**
- **performance and achievement in all aspects of learning**
- **teaching and assessment, including the latest course materials**
- **innovative teaching methodology**
- **fresh perspectives on teaching content,**
- **new approaches to teacher-training**

More specifically, contributions can also include topics such as the role of the L2 culture in teaching, promoting language awareness, the personalisation and individualisation of the learning process and content, the incorporation of fun and creativity, the application of new technologies and the use of English as a lingua franca.

Against this background, IATEFL Poland and the Department of Humanities of the University of Bielsko-Biała would like to invite all stakeholders in the field of ELT to contribute to the 2017 conference programme in the form of presentations, talks, discussion groups, live lessons, etc. In order to cover all areas and all levels, we are not only interested in contributions from specialists and experts. We would particularly welcome proposals from first-time speakers.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Abstract Submission** Deadline (both papers and workshops): **1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**MITESOL** members may still submit, but if you're interested, please do so ASAP!

**Notification of Acceptance:** **1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

**On-line registration** deadline for authors: **1<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

**Early registration** for conference participants: **1<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

**Late registration** for conference participants: **1<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

**Conference Dates:** **September 15<sup>th</sup>– 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**There will be 5 presentation modalities:**

- **Plenary** (60 min.): the plenary presenters are kindly asked to restrict their presentations to 55 minutes followed by 5 minutes for discussion led by the chair of the session.
- **Talk** (60 or 40 min.): the paper presenters are kindly asked to restrict their presentations to 55 or 35 minutes followed by 5 minutes for discussion led by the chair of the session.
- **Workshop** (60 or 40 min.): workshop sessions must include active audience participation through experiencing and discussing tasks provided by the workshop facilitator.
- **Live lesson** (60 or 40 min.): the workshop with participation of learners (various age groups). Lessons are observed by the participants of the conference. The organizers can provide groups of learners.
- **Poster:** posters are invited on any of the themes listed above. Posters may be any size up to a maximum of A1 (594mm x 840mm) or equivalent made up of separate sheets.

**WORKING LANGUAGES:** The official languages of the Conference are **English** and **Polish**

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