

Language – a Key Competence for Europe

14th Annual Conference 23 - 25 March 2007

ICC - The European Language Network in cooperation with the Swedish ICC Committee

Venue: **ABF House, Sveavägen 41, Stockholm, Sweden**

The ICC Annual Conference is the **key networking venue** for member and non member organisations for language practitioners, course developers and decision makers from all over Europe.



The overall theme of the conference is: **Language - a Key Competence for Europe**

The European Union has identified eight 'key competencies' for lifelong learning. The conference will focus on those key competencies that are related to language teaching, language learning, and intercultural communication.

The aim of the conference is to show how language learning and teaching can contribute to the fulfilment of the key competencies in adult education, in the school system and in universities.

Programme

The conference programme is divided into four sections:

'ICT in language learning and teaching', (ICT)

'The Common European Framework (CEFR) - its use and influence' (CEF)

'Intercultural communication', (IC)

'New ways of learning and teaching languages'. (NW)

'Taster Lessons' (TL)

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Each section highlights a variety of perspectives from a more general point of view to more specific issues of the overall topic.

The conference is entirely in English and includes plenary sessions with international experts, smaller presentations and special focus sessions, practical demonstrations and debates on specific topics, as well as various informal networking opportunities where practitioners share their experiences, ideas, new information and perspectives.

Exhibitions

The conference is accompanied by an exhibition and demonstration area, where member organisations, publishing houses and suppliers of language tests and others present their latest products and services.

Friday 23 March 2007	
15.30-17.30	Official opening Jack Lonergan <i>President ICC - The European Language Network</i> Christel Schneider <i>Director ICC - The European Language Network</i> Ulla Nissen <i>Swedish ICC Committee and Folkuniversitetet</i> Keynote 1 <i>Beyond the 23 Official Languages - New Perspectives in the European Commission's Strategy for Multilingualism</i> Kristina Cunningham <i>European Commission</i> Keynote 2 <i>Foreign Languages are Foreign – Reflections on Language, Identity and Democracy</i> Bengt Göransson <i>former Swedish Minister of Culture and Education</i> Keynote 3 <i>Key Competences for Lifelong Learning</i> Tapio Saavala , <i>European Commission, Education and Culture</i>
18.15-20.00	Reception Conference participants are invited as guests of the City of Stockholm to a Reception to be held in Stockholm Town Hall

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09.00-09.30	Keynote 4 Lifelong Learning and the Role of Adult and Voluntary Education in Sweden for Language Learning and Teaching. <i>Jan-Sture Karlsson, former Secretary General of Folkuniversitetet, Sweden</i>			
09.30-10.00	Keynote 5 Trends in Language Learning and Teaching Technologies <i>Kurt Kohn, University of Tübingen, Germany</i>			
	ICT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	CEF COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE	IC INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	NW NEW WAYS OF LEARNING AND TEACHING LANGUAGES
10.15-11.15	ICT 1 The new technologies and how they can be used <i>Arthur McKeown, University of Ulster, Belfast, UK</i>	CEF 1 Basic introduction to the Common European Framework of Reference <i>Belinda Steinhuber, CEBS, Austria</i>	IC 1 Working with other cultures - framework for adaptation <i>Barry Tomalin, International House London, UK</i>	NW 1 Language training in corporate context <i>Gabriele Eilert-Ebke, Henkel, Germany</i> <i>Bob Dignen, York Associates, UK</i>
11.15-11.45	Book & Materials Exhibition - Coffee - Book & Materials Exhibition			
11.45-12.30	ICT 2 Information and communication technology - a challenge for students or teachers? <i>Mikael Andersson, CFL, Sweden</i> <i>Kerstin Namuth, Folkuniversitetet, Sweden</i>	CEF 2 What marketing can teach us teachers. Key competences from a fresh perspective <i>Mike Makosch, MIGROS Club Schools, Switzerland</i>	IC 2 Implementing proteophilia in language learning and teaching: some examples <i>Fred Dervin, University of Turku, Finland</i>	NW 2 Testing language competences in vocational education <i>Marianne Driessen, CINOP, The Netherlands</i>
12.45-13.45	ICT 3 The e-learning challenge of blended language learning <i>Kurt Kohn, University of Tübingen, Germany</i> ICT 4 Organising online collaborative learning in your area of expertise <i>Gerard Prendergast, Abacus Learning Systems, UK</i>	CEF 3 The introduction and the role of the European Language Portfolio for Adults in lifelong learning <i>Silvija Karklina, Public Service Language Centre, Latvia</i>	IC 3 Training intercultural communication skills through DVD/video. Recognizing cultural differences - creating rapport across cultural borders <i>Ulla Ladau-Harjulin, HANKEN, Finland</i>	NW 3 Nordic and Balkan approaches A Nordic language resource centre on the web <i>Stig Myklebust, Folkeuniversitetet, Norway</i> <i>Ulrika Taylor, FAMI, Finland</i> Dynamic animation in a new multi-media course Bulgarian for Foreigners <i>Nadya Furnadzhieva, Lettera Publishing House, Bulgaria</i> Teaching Greek as a foreign language through new technologies <i>Marianthi Kotadaki, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece</i>
13.45-14.45	Book & Materials Exhibition - Lunch - Book & Materials Exhibition			
14.45-15.45	ICT 5 Project presentations Lancelot - <i>Rosa Schulz, University of Vienna, Austria</i> Aula virtual de Español - <i>Anna Sanvisens, Instituto Cervantes, Berlin, Germany, Carlos García de la Santa, Instituto Cervantes, Stockholm, Sweden</i> Eurovolt - <i>Christel Schneider ICC, Germany</i> E-TOL.COM English testing online - <i>Jan Groppe, México</i>	CEF 4 Using the language Portfolio in the classroom – a hands on session <i>Myriam Fischer, VHS Aschaffenburg, Germany</i>	IC 4 Informalisering, politisk korrekthet och skitsnack: om några aktuella utvecklings-tendenser I svenskan <i>Hans Landqvist, University of Gothenburg, Sweden</i>	NW 4 Even tests can be nice! On student contribution to the development of valid assessment <i>Gudrun Erickson, University of Gothenburg, Sweden</i>
15.45-16.15	Book & Materials Exhibition - Tea - Book & Materials Exhibition			
16.15-17.15 in parallel	ICT 6 - The AVE (Spanish Virtual Classroom) -A new tool to learn Spanish via Internet. <i>Carlos García de la Santa, Instituto Cervantes Stockholm, Sweden, Anna Sanvisens. Instituto Cervantes Berlin, Germany</i>	Taster lessons		NW 5 Fit in Deutsch 1 and Fit in Deutsch 2. Stimulating assessments for young learners <i>Johannes Gerbes, Goethe Institut, Italy</i>
		Swedish for Beginners	Chinese for Beginners	
17.15-18.15	ICC Annual General Meeting			
20.15	Members meet Members - Presentations and Activities from the ICC Membership			
	Conference Dinner (Pre-registration necessary)			

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09.00-09.45	Keynote 6 Call for Proposals for the ECML's Third Medium Term Programme <i>Adrian Butler, European Centre for Modern Languages, Graz, Austria</i>			
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10.00-10.45	ICT 7 How the end justifies the means in interdisciplinary course development: online delivery <i>Elaine Hays, University of Victoria, Canada</i>	CEF 5 Teacher training for the Common European Framework of Reference CEFTRAIN <i>Dolors Solé I Vilanova, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain</i>	IC 5 Much more than just language in the language classroom <i>Franz Mittendorfer, CEBS, Austria</i>	NW 6 Valorisation: a buzzword or just another buzz? <i>Boian Savtchev, ECET, Bulgaria</i>
10.45-11.15	Book & Materials Exhibition - Coffee - Book & Materials Exhibition			
11.15-12.00	ICT 8 Using ICT to strategically position the development of language competence within organizations <i>Tim Phillips, CLTC, Germany</i>	CEF 6 English Profile: extending the Common European Framework of Reference <i>Heather Daldry, Cambridge ESOL, UK</i>	IC 6 Integrating cultural awareness within language teaching <i>Steve Hailstone, Lancashire College, UK</i>	NW 7 Tandem Learning in a Bilingual Society <i>Katri Karjalainen, University of Vaasa, Finland</i>
12.15-13.00	ICT 9 Modern times for Language Trainers <i>Armin Hopp, Digital Publishing, Germany</i>	CEF 7 The CEFR and its influence on the communicative approach in language testing <i>Kerstin Sawczyk, TELC The European Language Certificates, Germany</i>	IC 7 SPIK- Sprachhandeln in Konfliktsituationen (English!) <i>Claudia Halikainen, Tampere Polytechnic, Finland</i>	NW 8 TalkIT – Open the doors to language learning and other projects <i>Anna Kristina Topalov, Folkuniversitetet, Sweden, Beate Blüggel, DVV, Germany</i>
13.15-13.30	Closing session			
13.30-14.30	Brunch (Optional - Pre-registration necessary)			
14.45-16.45	Tour of Stockholm (Optional - Pre-registration necessary)			