OMAN INTERNATIONAL ELT CONFERENCE
11TH ANNUAL ELT CONFERENCE
2011 ELT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

General Notes about the Programme:

- The number above the session title refers to the session number.
- The number below the title refers to the room capacity.
- Venues for the certified workshops are mentioned only on the vouchers.
- Vouchers for the certified workshops are sold at the registration area on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Lunches are served concurrently with sessions
- Refreshments and snacks are served concurrently with sessions on Thursday.
- The programme is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be announced during the conference.
- School teachers are advised to benefit from the sessions with an asterisk*.

POSTER SESSION

This will take place at the Publisher's Exhibition area, ground floor.

Poster session 1	**Encouraging Deep Level Learning through Training** Simon Etherton, Mr. & Anisa Al-Maskari, Ms. **Schedule:** Thursday, 21 April, 11:00-1:00

WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL

8.00 – 9.00	**REGISTRATION - EXHIBITION HALL, FIRST FLOOR**
9.00 – 10.00	**OPENING PROGRAMME - CONFERENCE HALL AND LIVE STREAMING TO LECTURE THEATRE 1**
10:00– 11:00	**REFRESHMENTS & PUBLISHERS' DISPLAY**
	CONFERENCE HALL & LECTURE THEATRE 1 (LIVE VIDEO STREAMING)
11:00 – 12:00	**PLENARY SPEAKER 1** **THE SECRET HISTORY OF METHODS** **MR. SCOTT THORNBURY** ***CONFERENCE HALL: 450 AND LECTURE THEATRE1: 200***

LUNCH IS SERVED CONCURRENTLY WITH SESSIONS FROM 12 TO 3 PM

	Lecture Theatre 1	Lecture Theatre 2	Classroom B03	Classroom B04	Classroom B05	Classroom B06	Certified workshops Venues specified on tickets only
12:15 – 1:00	**1** **Multimedia Platforms: Does Education Need Teachers Anymore?** Ahmad Hazratzad, Mr. & Mehrnaz Gheitanchian, Ms 450	**2** * **Graphic Organizers: One Way to Motivate Students to Write** Thuraya Al-Riyami Ms. 100	**3** **Empowering EFL Teachers and Learners Through CAR** Anthony Solloway Mr. 55	**4** **MFRM To Adjust for Rater Severity/Leniency** Farah Bahrouni Mr. 55	**5** ***Workshop*** **Cartoons in ELT** Gennady Medvedev Dr. 55	**6** **IELTS Listening: Reasons Behind Poor Performance** Zubaida Ali Ms. & Redha Al Qubtan Mr. 55	***(ticketed event)*** ***Workshop*** ***12:15 – 2:00*** ***Jodi Lefort, Ms.***

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1:15 – 2:00	**7** **Building Cultural Awareness through the English Modals** Anwar Abed Alrazeq Dr. 200	**8** **Heightening Transferability : Meaningful Objectives for Local Needs** Ahmed Al Mata'ni Mr. & Melissa Bodola. Ms. 100	**9 *** **The "Bright" Side of Mixed Ability Classes** Amina Saif Al Hashamia Ms. 100	**10 *** ***Workshop*** **The Word Wall Approach** Aysha Al-Belushi Ms. & Karima Al-Kharousi Ms. 55	**11** ***Workshop*** **Learner Autonomy: Dream or Reality?** Ruqaia Al-Shizawi Ms. & Ayesha Pratap Ms. 55	**12** **Corpus-based Language Teaching** Sebastian Feller Dr. 55	**13** **Learners' Attitudes and Perceptions on the Foundation Program.** Suha Abdul-Hameed Ms. & Sonia Achour Ms. 55	***14*** ***Workshop*** **Lights! e-Camera! e-Action!** Seema Jaisimha Terry Ms. 30	***(ticketed workshop)*** ***Scott Thornbury Mr.*** ***1:15 -3:00***

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2:15 - 3:00	**15** **Strategies for Constant and Never-ending Improvement** Jamila Abdullah Al-Siyabi, Ms. 200	**16** **Addressing Individual Learning Preferences in EFL Classrooms** Anne Gilhooly Ms. 100	**17 *** **Diary Writing: Improving Skills Through Written Interaction** Behrouz Alipour Mr. & Hamed Barjesteh Dr. 100	***18 **** ***Workshop*** **Would You Mind Seeing My Teaching?** Moza Al Moqbali Ms. & Raya Al Risi Ms. 55	***19*** **Learning for Life – pedagogy for Student Empowerment** Ratna Mullick Ms. 55	**20** **Using Social Technologies to Support Program Development** Owen James Mr. 55	**21** **Peer Observation – A Powerful Professional Development Tool** Rajan Philips Dr. 55	**22** **Speak to a Machine - Why Not?** Esther Ibrahim Ms. 25

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3:15 – 4:15	**PLENARY SPEAKER 2** **LANGUAGE LEARNER AUTONOMY: WHAT,WHY AND HOW?** **MR. DAVID LITTLE** ***CONFERENCE HALL: 450 AND LECTURE THEATRE1: 200***							
	Lecture Theatre 1	**Lecture Theatre 2**	**Lecture Theatre 3**	**Lecture Theatre 4**	**Classroom B03**	**Classroom B04**	**Classroom B05**	**Classroom B06**
4:30 – 5:15	**23** **Teacher Perceptions and Teacher Empowerment: The Link** Meenalochana Inguva Ms. & Kiranmayi Nallanchakravarthy Ms 200	**24** **Changing Perceptions and Attitudes: Learner Training** Nafeesa Al-Ismaili Ms & Ali Ellafi Dr. 100	**25** * **Towards Self-motivated Independent Learners** Iman Al-Wardi, Ms. & Bahiya Humaid Wald-Dhawi , Ms. 100	**26** * **Academic Difficulties of Omani Postgraduates in Malaysia** Jawakhir Mior Dr. & Hamed AL-Anqodi Mr. 100	**27** * **Kindergarten Teachers' Perceptions of Teaching Methods that Enhance Children's Creativity** Najwa Mohammad Alhosani Dr. & Nagib Balfakih Dr. 55	**28** ***Workshop*** **Misinterpretation in the Teacher Training/ Development Process** Jamie King Mr. 55	**29** **Assuring Quality in ELT: Professional Development Perspectives** Victoria Tuzlukova. Dr. & Shadia Al Bulushi. Ms. 55	**30** **Teaching Vocabulary: Independent Versus Academic Word List** Yvette Brazier Ms. 55

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	CONFERENCE HALL & LECTURE THEATRE 1 (LIVE STREAMING)
8:45: – 9:45	**PLENARY SPEAKER 3** **ENHANCING LANGUAGE LEARNING THROUGH LEARNER AUTONOMY** DR. MARTHA NYIKOS **CONFERENCE HALL: 450 AND LECTURE THEATRE 1: 200**

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	Conference Hall	Lecture Theatre 1	Lecture Theatre 2	Lecture Theatre 3	Classroom B03	Classroom B04	Classroom B05	Classroom B06	Certified Workshops
10:00 – 10:45	**31** **Teachers' Beliefs about Learner Autonomy** Simon Borg, Dr. & Saleh Al-Busaidi, Dr. **Featured Session** 450	**32** **Omanization of English – A Sociolinguistic Agenda** Sundara Raj Krishna Swamy Iyengar Dr. 100	**33** **Enhancing the teaching and learning of EAP** Cameron Richards Dr. 100	**34 *** **Empower Your Students through Learning Styles** Amina Nasser Al-Hadhrami Ms. 100	**35 *** ***Workshop*** **The Art of Making Quizzes Motivating Experience.** Fatema Al-Breiki Ms. &Amal Al-Ma'mari Ms. 55	**36** **Extra-curricular Activities: A Powerful ELT Tool** Amani Hamdan Dr. 55	***37*** ***Workshop*** **Integrating Skills through Games: 4 for 4** Abdullatheef Vennakkadan Mr.& George Kolanchery Mr. 55	**38** **Concordance-based Grammar Teaching to Improve Written Accuracy** Nasrin Al-Lawati, Dr. 55	***(ticketed workshop)*** ***10:00 -11:45*** ***David Little***
11:00 – 11:45		**39** **Foundation Program Standards: Implications for Teaching** Tess Goodliffe Ms. 100	**40** **Sentence Types: Students' Perceptions Versus Productions** Alaa Al-Musalli Dr. & Ibtihaj Al Harthi Ms. 100	**41*** **L2 Attrition among Omani School English Teachers** Rahma Al Mahrooqi Dr. & Tausiff Sultana Dr. 100	**42 *** **Identifying and Handling Anxiety in Learners** Abdulrahman Al Hamumi 55	**43** **Knowledge, Awareness and Competence in an Online Course** Ammaria Derni, Dr. 55	**44** ***Workshop*** **Language Assessment: A teacher's Guide to Writing and Developing Test Items** Anfal Nasser Al-Wahaibi, Ms. 55	**45** **EFL Learners' Practice of Analysis and Synthesis** Mohammad Maziar Ghazanfari Dr. 55	

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12:00 – 12:45	**46** **Empowerment of Teachers: Meaning, Opportunities and Challenges** Najat Al Kalbani Ms. 200	**47** **Self-access Materials for EFL Learners** Lisa Amira Rutherford Ms. 100	**48*** **What Opportunities Do We Have?** Shamsa Al-Rasbia Ms. & Fatma Al-Hashmi Ms. 100	**49** **When Empowerment Becomes Disempowering** Richard Noone Mr. 100	**50** **Technoprojects, Integrating Learning from across the Curriculum** Robert Blake Mr. 100	**51*** **Professional Development Practices in HEIs in Oman** Ruhina Ahmed Sayed Ms. 55	**52** **Vocabulary and Reading – Building Strong Foundations** Laurence Kinsella Mr. 55	**53** ***Workshop*** **A System to Drive Successful Change** Jan Wilson , Dr. & Kevin Wallis, Mr. 100	***ticketed Workshop)*** **Clifford Emerson, Mr.** ***12:00 -1:45***
1:00- 1:45	**54** **Empowering students to spell em-pow-er-ing** Helen Bowen Ms. 200	**55** **Aligning Tasks-based Methods with International Exams** Christopher Morrow Dr. 100	**56** **Teaching in Mixed Ability Classrooms at SQU** Hatim Saif Al-Tai Mr. 100	**57** **What Teachers Want** Zainab Saleh Al Balushy Ms 100	**58** **Towards Autonomy: a Tutorial Centre for Foundation Students** Fatma Al-Mamari Ms. & Louise Greenwood Ms. 100	**59** **Integrating Culture to Language Teaching** Ali Jamal Arafeh Dr. & Alia Kamal Arafeh, Ms. 55	**60** **World Englishes: a Neglected Resource in ELT** Anouar Ali Bennani Mr. 55		***(ticketed Workshop)*** **Martha Nyikos, Dr.** ***1:00 -2:45***

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2:00-2:45	**61** **Empowering Teachers and Students with Grammar iRubrics** Reima Al-Jarf Dr. 100	**62** * **An Analysis of L_2 Learners' Performance in L_2 Writing** Hosni El-Dali Dr. 100	**63** **Effects of Teacher Question Types and Syntactic Structures on EFL Classroom Interaction** Sulaiman Hussein Mr. 100	**64** **Classroom as Learning Communities for Empowering Business Students** Vindhya Sathya Singh Dr. 100	***65*** * ***Workshop*** **Learners as Jigsaw Pieces** Zawan Al-Belushi Ms. 55	***66*** ***Workshop*** **Five Good Reasons to Teach Collocations** Hranush Ginosyan, Ms. 55	***67*** **Blackboard Asynchronous Discussion: A World of Possibilities** Mohammed Molhim, Mr. 55	***68*** ***Workshop*** **EFL Students Test -taking Emotional Experiences** Peter Mohammed Abdullah Langille, Mr. & Suad Al Wahaibi Ms. 55
3:00-3:45	**69** **Clinical Supervision in the English Language Classroom** Ahmed Mohamed Kandil Mr. 100	**70** **Medium of Instruction Debate. What about L1?** Mouhamad Mouhanna, Mr. 100	**71** **Effectiveness of a Learner-centered Approach at SQU** Salma Al-Humaidi Dr. & Mohamed Abu_Rahmah Dr. 100	**72** **Quality Assurance and Mutual Empowerment towards Autonomy** Rajat, Ghosh Dr. 100	**73** **Teacher Empowerment in an Age of Accountability** Neil, McBeath Mr. 55	**74** ***Workshop*** **Collaborative FonF Tasks to Foster Proceduralization** Mahmoud Abu Oaf, Mr. 55	**LC Conference Room** ***75*** ***Workshop*** **Empowering Learners through Learner Strategies** Peter Lucanotni Mr. 100	
4:00-5:30	***Closing Ceremony – Main Conference Hall***							