



MATE's 3rd Middle School Conference (January 26th through 28th, 2009)

Announcement & Call for Papers

The Moroccan Association of Teachers of English (MATE) announces that it will hold the Third Middle School Conference from 26 through 28 January 2009.

Rationale

Middle school teachers of English in Morocco naturally play an important role in the shaping of the way middle school students learn English. The better quality practice these students are exposed to, the easier and the better their learning will be for years to come. MATE whose main aim is to empower all teachers with the necessary professional competencies will continue the work it started three years ago. The theme of the 2009 Conference, '*Energizing the Teaching and Learning Process Through Light Activities*', has been chosen to respond to one of the basic needs of the middle school teachers: *the "whys" and "hows"* of light-hearted activities such as songs, games, chants, and drama, bearing in mind the importance of the latter in promoting different aspects of teaching and learning.

Aims of the Conference:

- To develop effective teaching habits;
- To learn about the importance of light-hearted activities in the teaching learning process;
- To use light-hearted activities in many different ways;
- To implement light-hearted activities in the different stages of learning;
- To share materials with colleagues;
- To develop and evaluate their own light-hearted activities.

Subthemes

- Teaching language elements through songs;
- How can the use of music in the classroom make the whole learning process more enjoyable? ;
- The use of games for language practice;
- The use of drama to boost students' communicative skills;
- The use of video to present and review language elements;
- The use of multimedia in ELT classroom;
- Poetry for beginners.

The Conference components

- 40-minute plenary sessions
- Poster sessions
- 20-minute papers
- 1-hour workshops
- Round tables
- Demos
- Book exhibitions, social evening, etc.

Abstract preparation and submission guidelines (please read carefully.)

MATE invites presenters to submit abstracts for workshops and papers.

All abstracts must not exceed 150 words, and must be submitted electronically to:

matemorocco@yahoo.com before January 10, 2009.

Please make sure to include in your abstract the following information (does not count toward your 150 word limit):

- Presentation Title
- Type of Presentation
- Name of Presenter
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Bio data

Please note that all submissions will be subject to review by MATE Review Board. Papers will be assigned to an appropriate session based on the information provided in the abstract and the judgment of the Review Board. The authors will be notified by January 15,2009 as to whether their papers and workshops have been accepted

Dates to remember

- Abstract Submission Deadline: January 10th,2009
- Conference: January 26-28, 2009

The hotel and venue of the seminar will be announced in due time.

Participation in the Conference

Due to circumstances beyond MATE's control, there will be only 80 participants: 60 residents and 20 non-residents. Acceptance will be based on two criteria:

1. 'First come-first served'
2. Equitable geographical distribution of the participants throughout the country.

High school teachers can attend the conference depending on the lack of confirmation of some Middle School teachers.

Fees of the conference

MATE and sponsors will take in charge part of the conference expenses and the participants the other part as follows:

- Residents: 300 dh (including: participation fee, 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, handouts and CDs)
- Non-residents: 150 dh (including: participation fee, 2 lunches, coffee breaks, handouts and CDs)
- CPR and ENS teacher trainees : 200dh (including: participation fee, 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, handouts and CDs)

How to apply?

Teachers willing to attend the conference are required to confirm their participation by e-mailing the form below to : matemorocco@yahoo.com Deadline: January 10th, 2009.

I, hereby, confirm my participation in MATE's 3rd Middle School Conference.

Full name:
Institution:
DOTI :
City:
Delegation:
E-mail:
Phone number:

For further information: Contact us at matemorocco@yahoo.com