

How do I register?

You can register through our website <http://www.tesol-spain.org/convention2008> or write directly to membership@tesol-spain.org. The registration form will be available from October 15, 2007. Pre-registration will end on February 22nd, 2008. Prices will increase after this date.

What about travel and accommodation?

For information about travel discounts, hotel or hostel accommodation contact jennybrowntrave@telefonica.net or call Jenny at (34) 652 021 188 or (34) 91 522 8927.

How do I become a volunteer on the convention organizing committee?

Volunteering to assist with this convention is an excellent opportunity to meet new people within our field, build alliances, and experience the enthusiasm and energy generated when colleagues meet to promote, discuss and share issues. There are many degrees of involvement. You can do anything from running an errand to heading up a sub-committee. Your assistance at any level is needed to ensure this convention is successful. For more information, please contact Birgit Strotmann at convention2008@tesol-spain.org.

Is it an officially accredited event? (HOMOLOGADO)

This event has been proposed for accreditation through the Spanish Ministry of Education.

About Madrid....

Madrid boasts wonderful museums, welcoming bars and restaurants that range from the humblest to the most sophisticated. What better than to stroll through its historic centre and simply enjoy being a part of this vibrant capital city?



About TESOL-SPAIN:

Who we are and what we offer:

TESOL-SPAIN was founded in 1977 as a small, independent, non-profit making Spanish association of English language teachers. Today it is a nation-wide organization with a membership that represents all sectors and regions of English language teaching in the country.

The organization provides a forum for colleagues to meet and share ideas and discuss professional issues. We aim to keep our membership abreast of current concerns with the goal of improving the quality and effectiveness of language education at regional and national level in Spain.

TESOL-SPAIN is an associate member of two international teacher associations - TESOL Inc in the USA and IATEFL in the UK. We also maintain links with regional language associations in Spain and other EFL associations abroad. Through our regional structure, TESOL-SPAIN organises workshops and other events in different parts of the country throughout the academic year.

The TESOL-SPAIN Newsletter, published 3 times a year, keeps members informed about the latest trends and news in the field. It contains articles on practice and theory, book reviews, information about events and much more.

Where do I get more information?

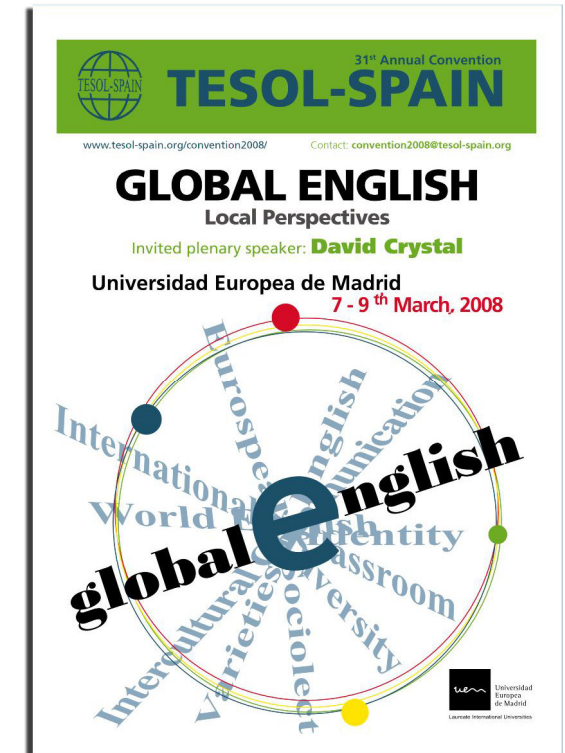
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2008 TESOL-SPAIN CONVENTION INFORMATION

(Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in Spain)



Actividad propuesta para
homologación

www.tesol-spain.org/convention2008

Where is it?

We would like to extend our thanks to our hosts for the 2008 Convention, which will be held at:



Universidad Europea de Madrid
29670 Villaviciosa de Odón (Madrid)
www.uem.es

FAQs about Presenting and Sponsoring:

How do I become a presenter?

Visit the **TESOL-SPAIN** website at <http://www.tesol-spain.org/convention2008> to find a presentation proposal form with clear instructions. This form must be thoroughly and carefully completed to be processed. Presenters are not required to pay the registration fee, but those residing in Spain must be members of **TESOL-SPAIN**.

If you have any queries, please contact the Speaker Coordinator, **Jennifer Murray**, at speakers@tesol-spain.org.

What is the profile of the presenters?

We are always looking for new, old, novice, experienced, native, non-native, national and international speakers. A special message to new presenters: even the smallest or simplest ideas may be of interest to us and to our members. You never know until you apply. And please do not forget to have a look at our **speaker grants**: maybe you'd like to apply for funding.

What is the theme?

The year 2008 is the **European Year of Intercultural Dialogue**, and it seems appropriate to choose a Convention theme reflecting the role of English as a facilitating language for communication across cultures inside and outside the classroom. Under this umbrella, we would welcome presentations relating English language teaching to issues such as: Cultural diversity, International English, Language and identity, The role of English in the Spanish Educational curriculum, Managing the intercultural classroom etc. This year's theme was chosen to encourage presentations which will enable us to provide a forum for discussion on the changing role and perception of English in the world and its

contribution to the communities our learners aspire to join. There will be also be many presentations of wide general interest for all language teachers working in different teaching sectors and with students of all ages.

When is the proposal deadline?

The proposal deadline is **October 31, 2007**.

Is there any speaker grant money available?

There are two grants offered: **Grant 1** is for first time speakers at a **TESOL-SPAIN** National Convention; and **Grant 2** is the *Robin de Andrés Grant* for presentations related to primary or secondary education in Spain. For more information, please check the convention website or contact John Hird at regional@tesol-spain.org.

How do I become a sponsor?

If you would like to display or advertise your product or service, sponsor a speaker or sponsor other activities, contact Birgit Strotmann at convention2008@tesol-spain.org.

FAQs about the Convention:

When is it?

The convention will take place on **March 7-9, 2008** (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Registration will begin at 15.00 on Friday, March 7.

Who attends it?

The **TESOL-SPAIN** National Convention is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals. There are teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, from E.O.I.s, universities, technical schools and academies, as well as teacher trainers, materials writers and course planners. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of testing boards, national and international authors also take part in the Convention.

Please note that you are required to become a member of **TESOL-SPAIN** in order to attend the Convention. (See our website for details)

What's on offer?

The Convention offers participants a wide range of presentations by national and international speakers including plenary and keynote presentations, papers, workshops, round tables and product presentations. There will be over 100 presentations during the two and a half days on a wide variety of topics. There will also be an exhibition area where you can browse through the latest publications, try out multi-media materials, find out about what's on offer from the examining boards, about other teaching associations or about professional development courses at home and abroad.

There will also be a jobs board, a materials swap shop and a theatre performance, plus opportunities for socializing not only during the Convention but also at the opening cocktail on Friday and the gala dinner on Saturday.

What is the convention timetable?

The convention timetable is **subject to change**, but to give you an idea:

Friday, March 7, 2008

15.00 -17.00 Registration
17.00 - 20.30 Presentations
20.30 Opening Cocktail

Saturday, March 8, 2008

8.30 - 9.00 Registration
9.00 -19.45 Presentations
21.30 Gala Dinner

Sunday, March 9 2008

9.30 -17.30 Presentations
17.45 -18.30 Closing Ceremony

(See our website for information in December 2007)