



6TH MELTA INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION 2016

Venue: Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam
Anjung Sri Budiman
Shah Alam, Selangor
Date: Saturday 26 November 2016, 9 am – 5 pm

BRIEF FOR PRESENTERS

The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association will be hosting the 6th International Research Conference in English Language Education. This conference is an initiative of the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) that supports the Ministry of Education's vision for Malaysia to become a centre of excellence for higher education. The conference serves as a platform for presenters in English Language Education to share their research in this important area of scholarship.

KEY SUBJECT AREAS

1. Policy/Curriculum
2. Methodology
3. ICT and Technology
4. Assessment
5. Material/Resource
6. Learning/Acquisition Issues
7. Teacher Education/Professional Development Language
8. Multiple Literacies and the Arts

Presenters at this conference will be competing for Excellence in Research awards in four categories, namely:

1. Teacher Educators/Academicians
2. Teachers
3. Graduate Students
4. Teacher Trainees/Undergraduates
5. PhD

All presentations will be judged by a panel of experts from local and international universities.

Award recipients will receive:

1. A certificate of recognition
2. An academic book voucher
3. A confirmed presentation slot at the 2017 MELTA International
4. Conference
5. Fee waiver for the 2017 MELTA International Conference
6. A travel grant to the 2017 MELTA International Conference
7. Complimentary one-year MELTA membership (Malaysian award winners only)

Abstract Submission Deadline: 25 October 2016

Follow this link for online submission: <http://bit.do/mirceleproposal>

Registration Deadline: 15 November 2016

The online registration form is available at this link: <http://bit.do/mirceleregistration>

More info on our **Conference Website**: <http://mircele.melta.org.my/>

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

The conference will consist of two rounds for every category. All presenters will first participate in the poster presentation round. Shortlisted presenters will then move into the second round which is an oral presentation. Therefore, all presenters must prepare for both a poster and a slide show presentation.

Stage 1: Poster Presentation – 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

- A conference poster is a piece of wall-mounted “chart’ that can communicate your research at a conference, and is **generally** composed of **a title, an abstract, an introduction, the objectives of the research, the methodology, results, key findings, and the conclusion.**
- Remember that SIMPLICITY IS THE KEY. Keep to the point, and don't try to cover too many things. Present only enough data to support your conclusions. On the other hand, make sure that you present sufficient data to support your conclusions.
- Size: Common dimensions for posters are 36 x 60 inches, 48 X 36 inches and 48 x 42 inches. Materials: You can use any suitable materials to create your poster. Commercially produced posters are quite reasonably priced.
- The judges will visit your station to ask questions and to judge your research. You are expected to remain at your stations to discuss your presentation with the judges and other participants.

Some examples of a poster template:

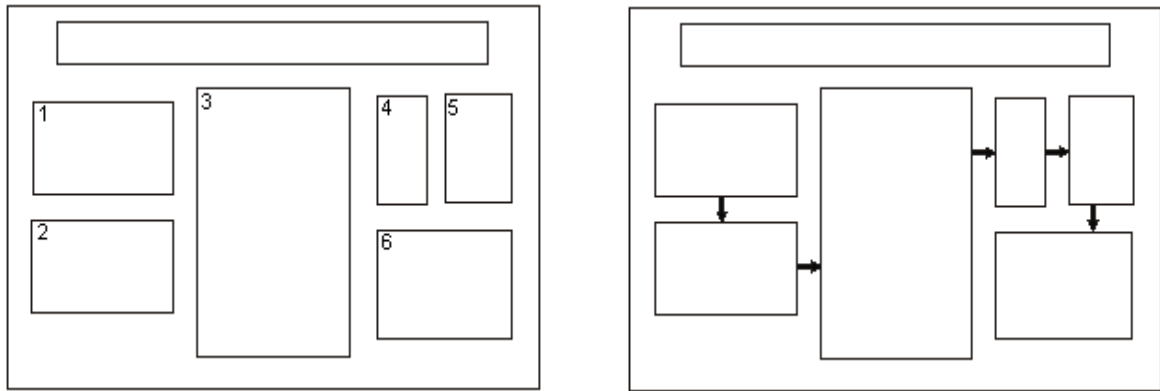


Figure 1: Conventional layouts for a poster. (C. W. Connor, 1992)

For MIRCELE 2016, we have developed a suggested poster template you may use to develop your own poster. Please see attached power point file for suggested template. Please note that this is only a general guideline, and you can use individual creativity to design your posters in a manner that best suits your research.

Part 2: Oral presentation – 2.15pm – 4.30 pm

- The best five entries in each category will be selected for this session. You will be allocated 20 minutes (which includes a 5 minute Q&A session) to make an oral presentation, which will be judged to determine the winners of the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards.
- Please note that, judging is criterion referenced and hence, the awards are not automatically awarded to the best three presentations.
- All rooms are equipped with a laptop and LCD projector.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Registration begins at 7.30 am and there will be a short opening ceremony at 8.30 am. The competition will begin approximately at 9.00 am. It is advisable that you come early so that you can mount your posters on the boards before the competition starts. FYI, the judges will begin making their rounds from 9.30 am. There is a short break 'built in' during the poster presentation session where light breakfast will be served at the canteen.

Please note the outline suggested for your proposal submission in the Call for Papers:

1. Clear title that reflects the content of the paper
2. Clear statement of research area i.e. problem, scope, limitations,
3. Research questions
4. Summary of Research framework
5. Summary of Findings
6. Implications for English Language Education

You will only have approximately 10-minutes in the poster presentation round to make an impact on the judges evaluating your presentation. If you are selected for the oral presentation in the afternoon, you will have 15 minutes to make your presentation and about 5 minutes to answer the questions posed by the judges.

It is important that you elaborate on the development of your statement of problem, significance of study, research design and most importantly, how your study has implications for English Language Education. This will be of greater importance to the judges than the discussion of your findings.

The maximum number of presenters who will be chosen to present in the second round is five from each category. However, judging is criterion-referenced and hence, judges may not choose five, if they feel the research does not meet the set criteria.

Research by groups has been allowed and each member of the group will receive a certificate of merit if they win any of the awards: Gold, silver and Bronze. However, only the lead presenter will receive free MELTA membership and fee waiver for the 2016 MELTA Conference to be held in Ipoh next year.

Other vital information

1. Only one poster is allowed per participant
2. The organisers will only provide the poster panels. Please bring along your own pins/tapes to mount your poster onto the panels. We will provide more updates on the poster panel material on the conference website, closer to the conference date, so you may come prepared with the right mounting materials. Alternatively, you may bring your own poster stand if you have one.
3. Please come prepared for both the poster and oral presentation.

Tentative Programme

7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m	Presenters/Participants Registration Setting up of Posters by Presenters
8.00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.	Briefing for Judges
8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Judging of Poster Presentations by category: Teacher Educators/Academicians, Ph.D Candidates, Master's Students Teachers, Teacher Trainees/Undergraduates (10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. - Break)
12.30 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.	LUNCH
1.45 p.m.	Announcement of Finalists
2.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Finals (Oral Presentations) by category: Teacher Educators/Academicians, Ph.D Candidates, Master's Students Teachers, Teacher Trainees/Undergraduates
4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Award Presentation and Closing