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Morning Sessions

8.30 – 9.15	Registration
9.15 – 9.30	Richard Twigg <i>Academic Director IH Milan</i> Welcome
9.30 – 10.15	Silvana Richardson The Age of the Local Expert <i>Sponsored by IH Milan</i>
10.15 – 11.00	Jon Hird Literacy and Wider Issues <i>Sponsored by Oxford University Press</i>
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12.15 – 13.00	Sam McCarter IELTS – <i>Links between Reading and Writing</i> <i>Sponsored by Macmillan Education</i>
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Afternoon Sessions

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Richard Twigg

Welcome

9.15 - 9.30

Bio

Richard is the Academic Director at IH Milan and has been at the school for 4 years. He has taught in the U.K. and was the Director of Studies of IH Malta. Richard is the Test Centre Administrator for IELTS and is also a Cambridge presenter.

2017 marks a special year in the life of International House Milan.



35 years ago, Claudio and Sieglinde decided to open a language school in San Donato, before expanding into Milan city centre in 1996, and affiliating with International House a year later – I'll leave you to do the maths on that one. The school continued to grow as part of the IH network, and we were able to offer our first Annual Conference in 2007. We have been fortunate enough to welcome some very well known names from the world of ELT over the years, and this conference is no exception.

In what has been an exciting recent venture, the school has now moved to its new Milan home – in Viale Brenta 27 – where we have 13 brand new bright and colourful classrooms ready to suit all of our students' needs.

We hope you enjoy the conference, and that you will join us in celebrating the school's various milestones.



Silvana Richardson

The Age of the Local Expert

9.30 - 10.15

Bio

Silvana Richardson is Head of Teacher Development at Bell Educational Services, Academic Director of Bell Teacher Campus, Cambridge, and Quality Programme Manager at the Bell Foundation. She has worked in English Language Teaching for 30 years as teacher and academic manager, and has trained EFL, MFL, ESOL, EAL, CLIL and subject teachers and trainers in the state and private sectors both in the UK and abroad.

She has been Director of the Bell Delta Online, and has written online materials for teachers for Cambridge English Teacher. Silvana is a speaker in international conferences and a Quality Assurance inspector.

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The Age of the Local Expert

For far too long many qualified teachers of English as a Foreign Language who happened to begin life speaking a language other than English have compared ourselves with the so-called 'Native Speaking English Teachers' and found ourselves wanting.

In this talk, I will address the Native Speaker Bias that has dominated the field of English Language Teaching for over a century and its impact on our construction of a professional identity as experts in 'an-other' language.

I will use research findings and my own experiences working with 'native speakers' to argue that this is the time to look at our unique strengths, to own our hard-earned place as professional experts, and to take centre-stage in the development of context-sensitive, locally-appropriate pedagogies in this global, multilingual and multicultural age.



Jon Hird

Literacy and Wider Issues

10.15 – 11.00

Bio

I am a teacher, trainer and author based in Oxford, UK, where I divide my time between teaching English at the University of Oxford, teacher training and writing ELT materials. I have a range of experience and interests, but with a particular interest in Grammar, English for Academic Purposes and in Dyslexia and Learning English. I have written a number of ELT books and my most recent include and English Grammar for Italian Students with Dyslexia (2017), Grammar for the Real World (2015), Oxford EAP B1 (2015) and Oxford Learner's Pocket Verbs and Tenses (2013), all published by OUP. I have also recently contributed grammar material to several levels of the Navigate course book series. In my free time, I play the drums.

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Literacy and Wider Issues

This session follows on from my talk at IH Milan in 2016. We will start by reviewing what dyslexia is, how it can affect the learner and its implications for learning and teaching and for material design. We will then look in more detail at how dyslexia not only affects core literacy skills, but how it can also result in wider issues relating to study and learning. Along the way, we will consider the perspectives of a number of dyslexic learners, consider strategies that dyslexic learners themselves can and do employ and look further at how we as teachers can help in the classroom.



Simon Ward

Positive Education

11.30 – 12.15

Bio

Simon Ward is a Senior Educational Psychologist in England where his specialism is positive psychology and well-being. For a number of years, Simon has been running a variety of projects to develop the attitudes, skills and experiences which allow individuals and organisations to thrive and lead to success and achievement.

As a regular trainer, he has delivered seminars on a range of topics including: motivation and learning, positive behaviour management and solution oriented approaches.

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Positive Education

The concept of positive education seeks higher academic achievement, alongside the development of well-being. This places an emphasis on the whole child with a focus on social, emotional and psychological skills. Research demonstrates that when qualities such as curiosity, resilience, a growth mindset, perseverance and relationship skills are developed in pupils, there is an increase in motivation and they are more successful not just in school but in wider society. In this presentation, delegates will be introduced to a model that brings these ideas together and can be incorporated into the life and work of the classroom.

About the Speakers



Sam McCarter

IELTS – Links between Reading and Writing in the Academic Version of IELTS

12.15 – 13.00

Bio

Sam McCarter's teaching career spans a period of more than 30 years with numerous publications for IELTS, and EAP and ESP, such as the widely used IELTS publication Ready for IELTS (Macmillan), now in its 2nd Edition (2017), Direct to IELTS, IELTS Introduction, IELTS Testbuilders and various IELTS skills books, the Oxford EAP B2 course book (OUP), and Medicine 1 and Medicine 2 (OUP). The IELTS Testbuilder 1 (2nd Edition) was published in 2015.

Sam's interactive app IELTS Skills (published by Macmillan) won the English Speaking Union President's Award 2013 for innovation and good practice in English language teaching and learning. The app was also shortlisted for the ELTons Award 2014 for Digital Innovation. Currently, Sam's main interests lie in app design and electronic media.

Links Between Reading and Writing in the Academic Version of IELTS

The talk will cover the links between reading and writing in the academic version of IELTS. We will explore the main methodological techniques for both skills to help teachers improve student performance and flexibility in the exam. There will also be reference to the other two main skills, speaking and listening.

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About the Speakers



Áine Lane

Crafts That Count!

They're not just for Christmas - they're for all year round learning!

Bio: Áine is a new addition to IH Milan, having previously taught in Spain. She enjoys the variety of teaching all ages and levels although she does have a soft spot for the younger learners of English. As well as a passion for teaching, Áine has a slightly unhealthy obsession with paper crafting which she hopes to share with you today!

14.30 – 15.00



Alberto Fornasier

Revision Activities for Movers Using No Materials

A series of activities that require no preparation and useful to review language already covered in your Movers class

Bio: Alberto Fornasier is a teacher at International House Milan. He has worked at IH Bristol, UK and at IH Moscow, both as a teacher and as an Assistant Director of Studies. He is currently interested in the psychology of Second Language Acquisition

15.00 – 15.30



Magnus Cooney

Thinking About, Thinking About Thinking

In this session we will consider ways in which both teachers and students can develop their thinking skills.

Bio: Magnus Cooney has worked at IH Milan since 2010. He teaches a variety of classes and runs the external teacher training programmes, including the CELTA and the FTBE courses.

15.30 – 16.00

About the Speakers



Marcia Leone

14.30 – 15.00

Can We Make Them Fly?

How we get to know our students and help them with self-awareness.

Bio: Marcia Leone is a freelance teacher and corporate communications facilitator who has been collaborating with IH Milan since 2010, having previously taught English and Portuguese in several countries including Brazil, Australia, Thailand, Poland and Ukraine. Her teaching skills are greatly enhanced by her multicultural experience.



Micol Mecchia

15.00 – 15.30

Introverted Learners

Who they are, what they need and how we can help them thrive

Bio: Micol has been an EFL and Italian teacher since 2014. She started out in Rome and joined IH Milan in 2016. She also works as French to Italian translator for a company providing psychometric tests & predictive recruitment solutions. She's interested in finding ways to adapt her teaching to different personalities.



Marco Pieralisi

15.30 – 16.00

Why Are We Learning This?

Activities to inspire your -average- classroom

Bio: Marco Pieralisi is YL coordinator at IH Milan. He manages courses and supports teachers with YL in-house and off-site courses. He is a VYL and IH CYLT tutor and regularly participates in teacher training programmes at International House. His strand is an introduction to the "ah that's what they meant!" approach, inspire your students to be inspired.

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Teacher Training Courses

CELTA (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults)

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- 11/01/2018 – 13/02/2018 (intensive)*
- 15/03/2018 – 19/04/2018 (intensive)
- 17/05/2018 – 13/06/2018 (intensive)
- 21/06/2018 – 18/07/2018 (intensive)
- 03/10/2018 – 27/03/2019 (extensive, Wednesdays only)

***Note:**
intensive course of 4
days a week for 5 weeks
(Wednesdays off).

DELTA (Diploma in teaching English to speakers of other languages)

A course for experienced teachers of English who want to take the next step in their careers.

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TKT CLIL

This course is for teachers in primary and secondary school who want to teach their own subjects in English.

Please contact the exams department for more information

IH CAM (Certificate in Advanced Methodology)

The IH CAM is aimed at teachers who want to develop their skills and knowledge further.

- 6/11/2017 – 17/04/2018 (Milan)
- 8/11/2017 – 11/04/2018 (Turin)

IH VYL (IH Certificate in Teaching Very Young Learners)

If you want to teach very young learners aged 2-7 years old, this course is for you!

- 3/11/2017 – 2/02/2018 (Milan)
- 8/11/2017 – 21/03/2018 (Turin)

Blended Courses

We run two courses in collaboration with the Oxford Teachers' Academy for teaching teenagers and teaching young learners.

- 26/10/2017 – 10/05/2018 (Teaching Young Learners)
- 24/10/2017 – 08/05/2017 (Teaching Teens)

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If you want to train other teachers, this course will help you. With this certification you are also accredited to offer the Cambridge CELT-P and CELT-S courses.

- 27/10/2017 – 26/01/2018 (extensive)
- 4-10/07/2018 (intensive)

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A week of seminars in early September to help you prepare your students for exams and tests such as the IELTS and Cambridge exams.

- September 2018 (dates tbc)

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