



Sultan Qaboos University



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26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018  
Muscat, Oman

### Oman International ELT Conference

Oman International ELT Conference was founded in 2001 in Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, to serve as a professional forum for English language teachers and educators from around the world. The conference provides excellent opportunities for sharing ideas, experiences and best practices in different areas of English Language Teaching. It is an exciting, stimulating and rewarding annual event for ELT professionals in all sectors.

### Conference highlights

- Plenary and featured speakers
- Certified Professional Development Workshops
- Over 70 presentations and workshops
- Exhibition of ELT materials
- Opening ceremony on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018
- Refreshments and lunches for registered participants
- Conference proceedings for presenters

### ELT - Current Perspectives, Trends and Challenges

This year's theme "ELT: Current Perspectives, Trends and Challenges" provides an opportunity for professionals to explore new ideas in the field of English language teaching as well as to consider solutions to the challenges faced. The theme allows for a diverse spread of presentations with topics such as skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, socio-cultural impact and assessment, as well as technology which has become ubiquitous in ELT.

This theme aims to raise questions, encourage debate and consider the focus of the direction in which we are heading in our profession.

### Conference sub-themes

Proposals for presentations and workshops are invited on any of the following areas:

1. Flexibility in EFL teaching/learning: E-Learning
2. Ways to align the gap between EFL practice and theory
3. Continuous education through professional development
4. EFL challenges: differences in learning styles and strategies
5. EFL testing and assessment
6. Problem-based learning
7. Paperless classes
8. Skills needed for the workplace
9. EIL – English as an International Language – meeting the needs of the nation
10. Meeting the needs of our learners
11. New Technologies in the ELT Classroom
12. Facilitating Learner Autonomy
13. Fostering 21st Century Skills in the ELT Classroom
14. CLIL- Content and Language Integrated Learning
15. Teachers as Lifelong Learners
16. ELT Practitioners as Researchers
17. Ways to Enhance Student Motivation and Engagement
18. Sociocultural Issues in ELT
19. Current Trends in Teaching the Four skills
20. Current Trends in Teaching Vocabulary
21. From communicative to interactive competence
22. Edutainment
23. Web-based learning
24. Social media for language learning

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## Submission types

Below is a list of the submission types and their brief descriptions.

### (1) Paper Presentation

A paper presentation is a 40-minute session that is usually interactive and/or followed by 10 minutes for questions.

### (2) Poster

In poster sessions, the information is usually presented on a poster, with or without handouts and may also be in an electronic form, e.g. PowerPoint displayed on a computer screen. It should be interactive between the the presenter and the audience.

### (3) Workshop

A workshop session is a 40-minute activity or task-based session followed by 10 minutes for questions.

## Submitting a proposal

To submit a proposal, please visit the conference website [www.eltconf.com](http://www.eltconf.com) and select the appropriate form. After submission, please wait while the conference Academic Committee review your proposal. You will then be contacted by 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Once you receive their acceptance or regret message, you can then proceed to conference registration.

### General criteria for accepting proposals:

A proposal will only be accepted if it

1. has not been presented at any other regional conferences.
2. is directly relevant to the conference theme.
3. has a clear focus and communicates original ideas.
4. reports on a recently completed research project or a significant phase of the research; has practical use for the audience; or if theoretical, must include useful applications.
5. is linguistically clear and accurate.
6. reflects what the speaker is going to talk about.
7. is submitted within the deadline set for proposal submission.

### Please note:

1. We only process proposals received through our online submission forms. Other ways of submission will not be considered.
2. For practical reasons, no justification will be offered for declined proposals.
3. Deadline to submit a proposal is 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

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Please scan the QR Code to add contact details to your phone address book

## Conference fees

Category	Omani rials
Participant <sup>(1)</sup>	40
Student <sup>(2)</sup>	20
Presenter <sup>(3)</sup>	20
Certified workshop <sup>(4)</sup>	5

### (1) Participant registration

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### (2) Student registration

A maximum of 50 final year students can register

### (3) Presenter registration

**After receiving a confirmation of acceptance**, presenters are required to pay a **non-refundable** registration fee of 20 Omani rials. The completed registration form along with payment should be sent by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to be able to secure a presentation slot.

### (4) Certified Workshops

5 Omani rials per workshop (on-site registration only)

## How to register

- Fill in the registration form online. Please make sure you read the "Methods of Payment" online. Please also make sure you provide us with the correct information and accurate spelling. **We will use the spelling you provide to print your certificate and name badge.**
- If you are a student, please scan your student ID card and attach it to the form.
- If you are paying by direct deposit, please scan your bank receipt and attach it to the form.
- Once you have completed the registration form, please click "Continue" on the bottom left corner of the form.
- The form will let you review your entries.
- When you have ensured the information you are sending is correct, please click the "Submit" button, otherwise click "Previous" and correct any mistakes.
- You will receive an automated confirmation email containing the information you sent to us. If you don't receive the email, please contact us at

[regelt@eltconf.com](mailto:regelt@eltconf.com)

We advise participants to register early as we have a targeted number of seats for registration. Registration will close once the target number has been reached. **(No on-site registration)**

**Please note that** we only accept forms that are submitted online and accompanied by payment or proof of payment. Forms received with no payment or proof of payment will be deleted within two working days.