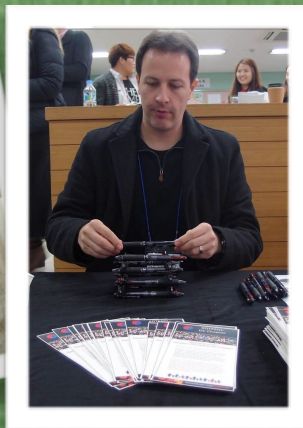


# DCC Spring Newsletter

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KOTESOL: DAEJEON-CHUNGCHEONG CHAPTER

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*11th Annual  
Symposium and  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner*

## Spring is here! Spend it with the DCC!

### Join us this spring!

Your Daejeon-Chungcheong executive has been busy planning the 2015 calendar year.

**Tri-city Workshops** On Saturday, March 28th, we will be having workshops in each area of our chapter (Daejeon/Cheongju/Cheonan). It will be a time of getting to know one another followed by a workshop. We will finish the event at a local restaurant. More information about what each city will be doing will be available on our website and Facebook page very soon.

**Cheongju Spring Conference** We will be having a conference in Cheongju on Saturday, April 25th. The theme of the conference will be Gamification in the English Language Classroom. Are you interested in

presenting? Contact Justin McKibben, Cheongju VP, for more info ([reflexion17@gmail.com](mailto:reflexion17@gmail.com)).

**Bus trip to the National Conference** This year's National Conference will be held at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul. Our chapter will be renting a bus to take to the conference. The W10,000 fee includes a round trip to Sookmyung as well as snacks and refreshments along the way. The conference website can be found at <http://koreatesol.org/nc2015>

**Chapter Picnic** Our annual chapter picnic will be held on Saturday, June 20th. As usual, the chapter will provide food and non-alcoholic drinks. Come out for a time of fun and fellowship!

### Spring Events

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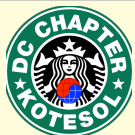
Saturday, April 25th: Spring Conference (Cheongju)

Saturday, May 30th: Bus Trip to the National Conference in Seoul

Saturday, June 20th: Chapter Picnic (Daejeon)



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**Daejeon  
Cheongju  
Cheonan**

## Member Profile:

### Andreas Varsakopoulos



Andreas is a new executive member with our chapter (Member at Large). He teaches at a public school in Cheongju.

#### How did you first find out about KOTESOL?

I found KOTESOL through a quick search on the internet.

#### So far, what has been your best experience with the DC Chapter?

The 2014 Thanksgiving Symposium was excellent. The guest speakers-Dave Sperling, Hyunwoo Sun-are pioneers in the SLA field making invaluable contributions to the modern age of language learning. Getting to meet them, and hearing them share their insights was a surreal experience. Of course a good conference is not only measured by the credentials of its plenary speakers. The individual presentations were also informative with pragmatic advice and strategies to use in the classroom.

#### What do you hope to get out of chapter events?

In a word, inspiration. A common issue in the field of education is repetition, which can lead to an exhaustion of personal creativity. Attending chapter events and workshops, however, is a great way to get inspired.

#### Do you have any suggestions for future events?

I think future events should revolve around reaching out to the community, bringing our co teachers, or a friends and having a conversation about language, and what can be done to improve as educators.

# 11th Annual Symposium & Thanksgiving Dinner



*Dave Sperling, Dave's ESL Cafe*

## What a great time we had last fall!



**One of our biggest September Conferences ever!** We held our September Conference on September 20th in Cheonan. Joshua Davies provided a great plenary on exploring classroom engagement. We followed the conference with dinner at a local Mexican restaurant.

**November Symposium and Thanksgiving Dinner.** We welcomed Dave Sperling from Dave's ESL Cafe as our plenary speaker! We started our symposium with a round table discussion featuring Dave, Pete DeMarco (Prof's Abroad), and Hyunwoo Son (Talk to Me in Korean). The symposium included streams on culture, teacher development,

educational trends, practical workshops, and teaching techniques. We finished the symposium with an amazing Thanksgiving Dinner. Wonderful!

**Chapter Christmas Party .** We had our annual Christmas Party at Solpine Restaurant in Daejeon. Activities included dinner, a gift exchange, and various games.

