

**ETA-ROC 2015
General Report
Submitted by Lindsay Herron**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Name: ETA-ROC 2015
24th International Symposium on English Teaching
Theme: Teaching & Learning English for a Multilingual World
Date & Location: November 13-15, 2015
Chien Tan Overseas Youth Activity Center, Taipei, Taiwan
**Date & location of next
conference of this organization:** November 11-13, 2016
Chien Tan Overseas Youth Activity Center
Taipei, Taiwan

YOUR INFORMATION

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CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION DETAILS

1. Who was your main contact person in the hosting organization prior to departure?
List his/her e-mail and/or phone contact information and position in the host
organization.

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2. Main contact person at the conference, if different. (Please list their e-mail address,
etc.)

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PAC COUNCIL MEETING

The PAC Council meeting was held on Saturday, the second day of the conference, in
conjunction with ETA-ROC's annual meeting (according to the schedule, though no
ETA-ROC-specific business was broached).

Key points:

At ETA-ROC's request, ETA-ROC will host the 2016 PAC conference, since it coincides with ETA's 25th anniversary, will be the last year Dr. Leung will chair the conference, and will be the last year the organization can use the current venue, which has announced a rate hike. KOTESOL acceded to this request and agreed to host PAC in 2017, instead. (This change has been approved by the KOTESOL president as well as the IC chair and co-chair.)

JALT, which has taken on the responsibility of designing and hosting the PAC website, would like the partner organizations to provide contact information and calls for papers/presentations for the website.

SYNOPSIS OF ETA-ROC 2015

The 2015 ETA-ROC conference was held over three days at the Chien Tan Overseas Youth Activity Center in Taipei, Taiwan. The conference theme was "Teaching & Learning English for a Multilingual World," with presentations running from Friday morning until 5:40 p.m. on Sunday. The wonderful plenary session, given Friday morning, featured Dr. Mary Ann Christison speaking on the four key elements of student engagement.

Altogether, there were nine featured speakers, 40 booths, and approximately 550 people in attendance (~700, counting booth personnel). Approximately 35 papers were included in the conference proceedings (selected papers printed in the back of the conference program, others on the CD-ROM distributed in the conference bags). Each session was one hour long, with ten minutes between each session. Many of these sessions were paper presentations (two 30-minute presentations per session) that focused primarily on research results (often action research, with practical applications obviously foremost in most presenters' thoughts), while others were hour-long workshops that focused primarily on praxis. Each hour, there were approximately ten rooms to choose from.

The venue, itself, comprised many buildings, including an accommodations center that offered lodging for school trips and conferences alike; an attached building that included the registration tables, OP display area, PAC partners' table, and plenary/invited speaker room; and a neighboring building that included classrooms used for the presentations. Presenters provided their own computers, though a projector and a speaker were included in each room. All attendees were provided with a lunchbox each day, with vegetarian and non-vegetarian options available.

ETA-ROC took very good care of its PAC representatives, inviting us to VIP dinners (sponsored by various OPs) each night.

PHOTO GALLERY



KOTESOL's portion of the PAC partners' table (other PAC partners later added their own pamphlets)



The conference bags



The opening ceremony



The OP display room

At the PAC partners' meeting

