

**ETA-ROC 2017**  
**Technical Report to National Council**  
**Michael Free**

**Conference Name:** The 26<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on English Teaching and Book Fair

**Date:** November 11-12, 2017

**Location:** Taipei, Taiwan

**KOTESOL Representative's Contact Information**

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**Conference Snapshot**

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**Theme:** How well is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Living Up to Its Promises for ELT?

**Location:** Chien Tan Overseas Youth Activity Center  
Taipei, Taiwan

**Attendance:** Approximately 800 reported attendees

**Sessions:** 120 papers

8 publishers, 7 invited speakers from outside

4 affiliated organisation speakers

4 workshops, 2 panels, 1 colloquium, 2 poster sessions

**Featured Speakers:** Peter Yan-hao Chen, Liying Cheng, Andy Gao, Stephen Krashen, Paul Nation, Ryuko Kubato, Hajime Terauchi, Csilla Weninger

**Sister Organisation Speakers:** Michael Free, Sano Maho (JALT), Ma. Milagros C. Laurel (PALT), Ubon Sampatchayapong (ThaiTESOL).

**Expense Report**

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Amount of reimbursement you are requesting: 80% of flight (receipt attached).  
442,800 won (rounded down to the nearest 10,000 won) X 80% = 352,000won.

## **PAC Meeting Details**

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This was a lunchtime meeting, chaired by Prof. Andy Leung (ETA-ROC)  
A draft of the minutes of this meeting is provided at the end of this document.

## **Conference Representation Details**

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1. Who was your main contact person in the hosting organization prior to departure?  
Andy Leung. leung\_andytw@yahoo.ca
2. Who was your main contact person in the hosting organization at the conference, if different?  
As above.
3. HOSPITALITY and COURTESIES: What hospitality was offered by the conference organizers?  
Conference fee waiver, 2 nights hotel stay, 2 lunches, 2 dinners (though I didn't stay for the 2<sup>nd</sup>).
4. DUTIES: What representational duties were expected of you?  
Opening ceremony, Presentation (1 hour), PAC meeting (1 hour)  
Affiliates Table: placed literature, copies of TEC, and the journal at the table (no place to sit). Gifts for conference chair and president.  
Notebooks for 2 PAC partners. All delivered.
5. KOTESOL DISPLAY TABLE: What kind and size of display area was made available to you? ! portion of a large table.
6. DISPLAY MATERIALS:  
The usual. Copies of Proceedings, TEC, Cards.
7. GENERAL ADVICE:  
Get an English map of the airport and the venue — many materials are given in Chinese.
8. COMMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. Did you learn anything that you would like us to pass on to KOTESOL'S ICC?  
  
Our conference is awesome!  
Try to get Liyeng Cheng to come talk at a future KOTESOL event, and perhaps Csilla Weninger.
9. Miscellaneous: Any other comments on the conference and the role of KOTESOL's representative not covered by the above questions.  
  
Talked with George McClean (JALT), about future collaborations on a smaller scale than the International Conference. A work in progress.



Prof. Leung at the Opening Ceremony



Michael Free with Profs. Krashen and Nation



Prof. LiYing Cheng



Prof. Andy Gao



**PAC Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday, November 11 2017  
Draft Version  
Michael Free

Chair: Andy Leung, ETA-ROC  
Attending PAC members  
JALT: Saho Mano  
PALT: Ma. Milagros C. Laurel  
ETA-ROC William Lee, Edward Chen  
THAI-TESOL: Ubon Sanpatehayapong  
Kotesol: Michael Free

Guest  
Stuart J. Birkby

Welcome — Andy Leung

Report on Day 1 of ETA-ROC  
120 papers, 350 registered participants  
40 foreign participants,  
8 publishers, 7 invited speakers from outside, 4 affiliated presenters  
4 workshops, 2 panels, 1 colloquium, 2 posters

Report from M. Free on KOTESOL-PAC  
October 21-22 2017, Sookmyung Womens' University

2017 Korea TESOL International Conference  
"Why are we here? Analogue learning in the digital era"

Some basic stats:  
800 attendees, 180 presentation sessions  
40 Committee members, 80 Student Assistants

**25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Theme was chosen raise awareness of the future for face-to-face conferences such as this. With so much stuff online, people are asking "what can I get from this event that I can't get for free on YouTube"?

**More proposals** submitted than ever before.

**New things** this year.

- 1) "Tea with the speaker". I took this idea directly TESOL International. These allow a limited number of attendees the chance to have an informal tea with one of our invited speakers. There's no set agenda for the discussion, it is totally open. Not so well received.
- 2) KOTESOL @25. In this display there was a TV playing a series of interviews on a loop. The people chosen by the publicity team were considered to be people influential in the development of Korea TESOL in

the last 25 years. Along with the video display there were static displays of all our former conference program book covers. There was also a very large poster containing the names of anyone who held a leadership position in KOTESOL in the past 25 years.

- 3) We used an event app this year, "**WHOVA**". Although not perfect, the attendees loved it. We got and are still getting great reviews for it.

### **Venue**

We were back at Sookmyung Women's university again.

We tried a commercial convention center for two years but the plan of moving to a larger center to attract larger sponsorship and therefore increase the revenues was not successful so we are back in the academic setting.

### **2018 Theme**

For 2018 the theme will be "focus on fluency". The plenary speakers have been secured and a number of the featured speakers have also been secured.

Report from JALT

Nov. 23-25

Theme: Inclusivity and Diversity

Feb. 12 – Deadline for vetted proposals

May 21 – Deadline for unvetted presentations

Partner presentations at PAC conferences

1 guest – unvetted, paid (How many nights do we pay for?)

3-5 unvetted (Can we subsidise these at all? Important because of salary differentials between different countries of member organisations).

After JALT, who will host?

Problem with FEELTA having bi-annual conferences.

2020 – 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PALT, but they are scheduled to host PAC in 2019.

They would rather do it in 2020, but will do it in 2019 if necessary.

ThaiTesol

Conference is getting ready – will be held in Chiang Mai

Details soon – some are up on the website.

~End of meeting~