

JALT 2017 Report

To National Council

Conference Info

Conference Name: JALT2017: Language Teaching in a Global Age: Shaping the Classroom, Shaping the World 43rd Annual International Conference on Language Teaching and Learning & Educational Materials Exhibition

Date & location: Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba), Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan Friday, November 17, to Monday, November, 20, 2017

Date and location of next conference of this organization: Shizuoka Convention & Arts center "GRANSHIP", Shizuoka, Shizuoka, Japan, 23-26 November 2018

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Expense Report

attached

Conference Representation Details

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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HOSPITALITY and COURTESIES: What hospitality was offered by the conference organizers? (conference fee waiver? hotel nights? Invitation to conference banquet? etc.) (Please describe if there were any misunderstandings about who was to pay for what.) Conference fee waiver, three nights' accommodation, reception dinner.

- Attendance fee waiver
- Meals
 - Friday: Meet and greet Friday evening followed by dinner for international partners, paid for by JALT. Saturday: International partners formal dinner paid for by JALT. Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Lunch vouchers onsite cafeteria.
- Hotel
 - 3 nights accommodation was offered - I requested a double room (wife accompanied me to Japan) - I seem to have ended up paying the whole cost (17,064JPY/night) rather than the difference between a single and a double room. (see attached receipt). Nightly room rate for a single room seems to be about 8,000JPY

DUTIES: What representational duties were expected of you? (i.e. appearance on stage for opening or closing ceremony? gift-giving? speeches? attendance at meetings or other official functions?) I was introduced at the opening ceremony and gave out KOTESOL branded items at the closing ceremony raffle

- Attend opening ceremony, international partners were not introduced etc. Attend international forum - provide 5-minute presentation on “Korea TESOL and multicultural approaches to English education”. This was a bit unexpected and not made clear that KOTESOL was going to have to make a presentation until the morning of. Other representatives from various other organizations were also unsure as to their role.
- Attend PAC meeting - see separate report.
- Gifts for JALT president, (Card holder) Conference Chair, (Card holder) PAC partners (KOTESOL Notebooks)

KOTESOL DISPLAY TABLE: What kind and size of display area was made available to you? What time slots were you given? How was traffic at the KOTESOL display area? Were any supply materials provided for you by the host organization (What should the next representative to this conference be sure to take in their “display kit”?)

- International partners etc were afforded half a display table. KOTESOL shared theirs with ETA-ROC (Which didn’t utilize their table) and so we had a full table. Tables were in the so-called “Multipurpose room”, a large open hall space where SIGS and other groups/organizations had display tables around the outside of the room and where Poster presentations took place in the middle. JALT has an enormous number of SIGS etc and so the space, despite being huge, was always full of people. The poster presentations changed in the morning and afternoon sessions and so there was a good flow of people past the KOTESOL table.
- No set schedule as such for manning to KOTESOL table, Thus I was there in between scheduled commitments, attending presentations etc. Was a good chance to talk to other reps from outside Japan etc.

DISPLAY MATERIALS: What display materials did you take with you? (How many issues of TEC and the KOTESOL Journal? What else did you take to distribute or display?) What recommendations do you have for future representatives at this conference in terms of number and type of display/distributed materials?

- 2x proceedings, 2x Journal, 6x TEC
- No additional notes, just be prepared for ½ a table as opposed to a full one.

GENERAL ADVICE: What general advice would you give to subsequent KOTESOL representatives in future in order to be a most effective representative at this conference? Be prepared. Read up on the conference, talk to the previous rep and take plenty of gifts for the executive committee and the other various helpers. They will all be appreciated.

- None - JALT is pretty well organized. I would suggest an additional gift for the international affairs chair who did a bang up job for all the international reps visiting JALT

COMMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: Did you learn anything that you would like us to pass on to KOTESOL's International Conference Committee? (A great organizational idea, fee schedules, some activity/event, great speaker, etc.)

- Don't relegate international partners to the end of the space in front of Gemma Hall - at JALT international reps were in a fairly well-trafficked place which gave us all a lot of chances to speak to attendees and promote our respective conferences etc.
- Ops could be spread around a bit too. At JALT the venue was over 4 floors and there were OP spaces on each floor.

MISCELLANEOUS: Any other comments on the conference and the role of KOTESOL's representative not covered by the above questions

- None

PAC Meeting (Brief notes)

1. Report from PAC 2017 (KOTESOL)
2. PAC 2018 (JALT 2018)
 - a. Shizuoka Convention & Arts center "GRANSHIP", Shizuoka, Shizuoka, Japan, 23-26 November 2018
 - b. Reduce PAC partner un-vetted presentations to two. (i.e. Representative presentation plus 2 un-vetted ones as per agreement at KOTESOL 2017), this allows for more local presentations, PAC partners not unnecessarily pushing out local presenters/making scheduling difficult.
 - c. Hotel - 3 nights.
 - d. Potential for PAC meeting to be on Friday afternoon and involve a professional development component.
3. Reviewing PAC agreements and agreements between individual partners - maybe something to think about in the new year.
4. Publication exchange - follow KOTESOL's lead and distribute electronically.
5. Future PACs slight change to order
 - a. 2018 - JALT
 - b. 2019 - Possibly Thai TESOL (Or even KOTESOL)
 - c. 2020 - PELT - in celebration of their 60th anniversary
 - d. 2021 - ???
 - e. 2022 - FEELTA - This would be PAC 25!
6. AYF 2018
 - a. Shizuoka, Japan
 - b. Recruitment Apr-Jun 2018