

JALT 2022
General Report
Submitted by Kirsten Razzaq

Conference Information

Conference Name: 48th Annual Conference on Language Teaching and Learning & Educational Materials Exhibition
Theme: Learning from Students, Educating Teachers—Research and Practice
Date & Location: November 11 – November 14, 2022, Fukuoka City

Representative Information

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Current KOTESOL position: member at large

Conference Presentation 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.

Costs

JALT gave me 4 nights at the conference hotel.
My expenses claims are as detailed below:

Date	Item	Cost	Receipt
November 11th/15th	Flight Ticket Round Trip Seoul - Fukuoka	408,500won	Receipt has been requested from Asiana. I had issues with ticketing due to my name being incorrect, and I never received a receipt via email for my final flight ticket. The boarding card does not display the price.

The Pan-Asian Consortium (PAC): Sunday, 04:00 pm – 05:00 pm

I did not attend the meeting in the capacity as an official KOTESOL PAC representative, however I was invited to participate nonetheless.

There were no official minutes taken.

Briefly, the discussion centred on rejuvenating the relationships and communications between member organisations. It was noted that KOTESOL would be hosting PAC in 2023 and the possibility of including the Asia Youth Forum was also raised.

International Forum: Learning from Students, Educating Teachers—Research and Practice

The Forum was held on Sunday November 13th, at 1:40-3:10pm with representatives from 8 organisations including:

BELTA - Muhammed Shahriar Haque
Linguapax Asia - Biba Jelisava Sethna
MELTA - Saidalvi Aminabibi
PALT - Camilla Vizconde
TEFLIN - Nihta Vera Liando
ThaiTESOL) - Thanakorn Thongprayoon
JALT - George McClean and
KOTESOL - Kirsten Razzaq (myself)

Each representative presented their organisation for and then the floor was opened up to discuss the JALT conference and its theme.

Synopsis of JALT 2022

The JALT 2021 International Conference was held from Friday November 11th to Monday November 14th, and the theme was “Learning from Students, Educating Teachers—Research and Practice”. The conference was held at the Fukuoka International Congress Centre in Fukuoka City. The conference began on Friday November 11, with the official opening ceremony scheduled on Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Highlights:

Saturday November 12, 2022

- **Opening Ceremony** 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM
- **Plenary A: Jim McKinley** 9:45 – 10:45 am

Supporting the teaching research nexus: from practice to research

- **Plenary B: Ryoko Tsuneyoshi** 2:35 – 3:35 pm

The Problematic Role of “English” in the Internationalization of Japanese Education

Sunday November 13, 2021

- **Plenary C: Kensaku Yoshida** 9:30 – 10:30 am

The New Course of Study – From the Point of View of the Needs of the Students

- **Plenary D: Karen Hill Anton** 5:15 – 6:15 pm

Crossing Cultures: A Personal Journey

Monday November 15, 2021

- **Plenary E: Yilin Sun** 9:15 am – 10:15 am

Integrating Culturally Responsive Teaching to Achieve Equity and Success in ELT

- **Plenary F: John W. Creswell** 12:55 pm – 1:55 pm

An Introduction to the Logic of Mixed Methods Research

- **Panel Discussion With Closing Ceremony** 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

The six plenary speakers were given an hour timeslot. They were available for a short time after their session to speak to individual audience members. Each plenary speaker also gave an additional presentation in the

main hall. Furthermore, they each were available at an allotted time in the EME Hall for Meet the Plenary at booth #28.

There were five featured speakers, who each had two sessions. Firstly, they were given an hour time slot for their featured presentation. Secondly, they were allotted an additional 25 minutes.

There were two invited speakers, each with an hour time slot.

Aside from in-person sessions, there were concurrent online sessions. 3 online rooms were available for these sessions. Online formats included live streamed sessions (prepared due to travel restrictions at the time), hybrid sessions and pre-recorded (asynchronous) sessions.

In total, there were 484 sessions over the conference period, including both online and in person sessions.

The conference concluded with the Closing Ceremony on Sunday 14th November.

The Venue

Fukuoka International Congress Centre held the JALT 2022 conference. This venue was accessible by public transport including metro and bus. It was also within walking distance of many local attractions, restaurants areas and not far from larger train stations.

The first floor (ground floor) entrance area had a wide onsite registration area and cloakroom, used to distribute presenter and attendee passes. There was also a restaurant for meals and snacks.

The second floor held the EME (Educational Materials Exhibition) and booths for partner organisations and areas for attendees to sit and mingle. Unfortunately, none of the partner organisation booths were furnished with fliers or posters and leaflets, since we were all travelling overseas for the first time and had no pre-prepared materials on hand.

The third floor held the Main Hall where the plenary sessions were held.

The fourth and fifth floors provided small and medium sized conference rooms where the majority of the sessions were held.

Pictures

Speaking (and posing) with Jim McKinley after his Saturday, 09:45 am – 10:45 am session, Supporting the teaching research nexus: from practice to research



EME Hall - Our IAC lunch spot



On Saturday November 12, George McClean hosted the IAC party, attended by all of the IAC members.



The International Forum, attended by the then JALT president Dawn Lucovich.



Receiving JALT gift from host George MacLean, who looked after the IAC bunch for the entirety of the conference.

