

## 7<sup>th</sup> International ELT Conference

### “CLIL and ELT: Changing English, Changing Content”

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#### CONFERENCE KEYNOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS

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##### **Piret Kärtner**



Piret Kärtner is the head of the Language Policy Department of the Ministry of Education and Research. She is responsible for the development and protection of the Estonian language, language legislation, promoting multilingualism and catering for teaching and learning Estonian abroad. Piret's background is in teaching English and teacher training. Prior to joining the Language Policy Department, she worked at the English Department of the University of Tartu, Tartu Vocational Centre and M. Härma Gymnasium. She has been a teacher trainer for more than 20 years, reviewed multiple textbooks and written articles on methodology of teaching foreign languages.

##### **Pille Põiklik**



Pille Põiklik is the chief expert working with foreign languages at the Language Policy Department of the Ministry of Education and Research. Her work involves supporting foreign language learning in Estonia through cooperation with organisations in Estonia as well as international networks. Pille's background is in English language and literature. Prior to joining the Language Policy Department, she worked at the English Department of the University of Tartu. At the English department, her doctoral dissertation was at the intersection of American studies, media studies and discourse analysis and her teaching work involved English language courses, academic writing as well as courses on media literacy and discourse analysis.

##### **Phil Ball**



Phil Ball works mainly for the Federation of Basque Schools, based in San Sebastián in Spain. He is a CLIL materials writer and teacher-trainer and was closely involved with the award-winning Basque project, 'Eleanitz'. He has been involved in several European-based CLIL projects, and has written a wide variety of CLIL-based textbooks for the Basque and Spanish socialscience and English language programmes. He co-designed the new 'CLIL Essentials' online course for the British Council and works as a consultant for NILE in England. He is the co-author of the recent book about CLIL, 'Putting CLIL into Practice' (Oxford University Press 2016) and his CLIL textbook series 'Subject Projects' was recently nominated for the ELTONS Innovation Awards in London.

##### **Kelli Odhuu**



Kelli Odhuu is the Regional English Language Officer covering Estonia, Russia and Belarus. Her bachelor's degree is in secondary education with an emphasis on English; her master's is in linguistics; and her doctorate degree is in teaching English as a second language. She has taught English for 20 years in the United States, Bulgaria, Romania, and Mongolia. In 2011, she joined the Department of State and has served in Washington, D.C., Beijing, and is currently serving in Tallinn.

## Rhonda Petree



Rhonda Petree is a U.S. Fulbright Scholar serving as a visiting Teacher of English as a Foreign Language at Narva College for the 2018-2019 academic year.

She holds an MA in English as a Second Language from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and a BA in Political Science and History with certificates in European and Global Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For the past seven years she was the founding director of an academic English language program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Prior to that, she taught adult immigrants and refugees in St. Paul, Minnesota. She began her international education career nearly 20 years ago when she was an Teacher English as a Foreign Language in Aktobe, Kazakhstan.

She is an active member of many professional organizations including Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL), and NAFLSA: Association of International Educators. She is a regular presenter at professional conferences and has presented in the U.S., Canada, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, and Singapore.

## Andre Boyer



Andre holds a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D) with an emphasis in TESOL, a Certificate in TESL, and Masters of Science in Management (MS). He is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and retired from the United States Marine Corps as a subject matter expert in logistics and financial management after 22 years. Dr. Andre was CEO of his EFL Learning Center in Japan for 8 years, Associate Faculty for University of Phoenix Asian Division for 11 years, and recently served as a Peace Corps Volunteer English Teacher/Trainer for 2½ years. Dr. Boyer has been teaching and training teachers in ESL/EFL for over 28 years and has taught at universities, learning centers and schools, and companies in Japan, United States, Taiwan, China, Georgia, and Estonia. His extensive career in management and education has been in bridging the gap between pedagogy and practical application in ELL and business.

## Vjatšeslav Konovalov



Vjatšeslav Konovalov works as a principal in one of the high-schools in Narva. Prior to that, from December 2015 to October 2017, he held the position of a Deputy Mayor of Narva responsible for the areas of education, culture, sports and youths. Before being elected a Deputy Mayor, he worked in Narva City Government as an international advisor and a contact person of the municipality for Narva's sister-cities, and international partner organizations. Prior to the posts in the local government Vjatšeslav worked as a lecturer in the English language and was Head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Tartu University Narva College. Mr. Konovalov has been an initiator, organizer and manager of various international events such as ELT conferences at the College and "America Days" for the city as well as other international projects run by Narva Municipality. He is also a founder of a public initiative group "Narva Bright Actions", whose aim is to help make life in the city more interesting, colorful and engaging through social activities. Mr. Konovalov holds an MA in English from the University of Tartu and has studied in Russia and the USA – he spent a year as an exchange student at Eastern Washington University in Spokane, WA.

## Enn Veldi



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The member of The Dictionary Society of North America (DSNA), Madison, WI, member (since 1993), member of EURALEX (European Association of Lexicography, member (since 1999) IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language), member (since 2002) Linguistic Iconism Association (ILA), USA, member (since 1998) Estonian Terminology Association, member (since 2002) EATE (Estonian Association of Teachers of English, member (since 2002) Estonian Association of Applied Linguistics, member (since 2005). He is a Dictionary expert, project leader, an author of more than 130 publications incl. dictionaries, books and articles.