

How do I register?

You can register through our website <http://www.tesol-spain.org/convention2009> or write directly to membership@tesol-spain.org. The registration form will be available from October 15, 2008. Pre-registration will end on February 20th, 2009. Prices will increase after this date.

What about travel and accommodation?

For information about travel discounts, hotel or hostel accommodation contact jennybrowntrave@telefonica.net or call Jenny at (34) 652 021 188 or (34) 91 522 8927. Office hours: Mon-Wed 10.30-20.00; Thu-Fri 14.30-20.00.

How do I become a volunteer on the convention organizing committee?

Volunteering to assist with this convention is an excellent opportunity to meet new people within our field, build alliances, and experience the enthusiasm and energy generated when colleagues meet to promote, discuss and share issues. There are many degrees of involvement. You can do anything from running an errand to heading up a sub-committee. Your assistance at any level is needed to ensure this convention is successful. For more information, please contact Birgit Strotmann at convention2009@tesol-spain.org.

Is it an officially accredited event?

Homologación: This event has been proposed for accreditation through the Spanish Ministry of Education.

About Seville...

The convention will be held in Seville, Spain, at the University of Seville. What can be said about Seville? If you have visited before you know its enchantment. If you haven't, you must come to enjoy the sun, the tapas and the aroma of the orange blossoms, which should be in full bloom in March. The site itself is a beautiful 18th century construction originally built for a tobacco factory. It lies in the heart of Seville, one block from María Luisa Park and two blocks from the world's largest cathedral in surface area and its famous bell tower, the Giralda.



About TESOL-SPAIN:

Who we are and what we offer:

TESOL-SPAIN was founded in 1977 as a small, independent, non-profit making Spanish association of English language teachers. Today it is a nation-wide organization with a membership that represents all sectors and regions of English language teaching in the country.

The organization provides a forum for colleagues to meet and share ideas and discuss professional issues. We aim to keep our membership abreast of current concerns with the goal of improving the quality and effectiveness of language education at regional and national level in Spain.

TESOL-SPAIN is an associate member of two international teacher associations - TESOL in the USA and IATEFL in the UK. We also maintain links with regional language associations in Spain and other EFL associations abroad. Through our regional structure, **TESOL-SPAIN** organises workshops and other events in different parts of the country throughout the academic year.

The **TESOL-SPAIN** Newsletter, published 3 times a year, keeps members informed about the latest trends and news in the field. It contains articles on practice and theory, book reviews, information about events and much more.

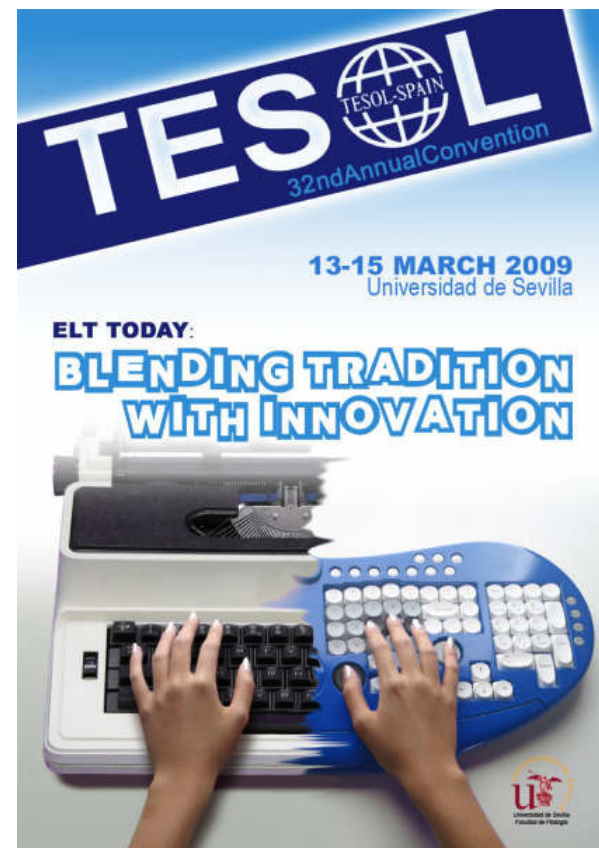
Where do I get more information?

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Visit our website:

www.tesol-spain.org/convention2009



2009 TESOL-SPAIN CONVENTION INFORMATION

(Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in Spain)

Actividad propuesta para homologación

www.tesol-spain.org/convention2009

Where is it?

We would like to extend our thanks to our hosts for the 2009 Convention, which will be held at:

	<p>Universidad de Sevilla Departamento de Filología inglesa www.us.es</p>
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FAQs about Presenting and Sponsoring:

How do I become a presenter?

Visit the **TESOL-SPAIN** website at <http://www.tesol-spain.org/convention2009> to find a presentation proposal form with clear instructions. This form must be thoroughly and carefully completed to be processed. Presenters are not required to pay the registration fee, but those residing in Spain must be members of **TESOL-SPAIN**.

If you have any queries, please contact the Speaker Co-ordinator, **Jennifer Murray**, at speakers@tesol-spain.org.

What is the profile of the presenters?

We are always looking for new, old, novice, experienced, native, non-native, national and international speakers. A special message to new presenters: even the smallest or simplest ideas may be of interest to us and to our members. You never know until you apply. And please do not forget to have a look at our **speaker grants**: maybe you'd like to apply for funding.

What is the theme?

Does "new" always mean "good"? This year's convention theme aims to re-explore the tried and tested and also to consider the fields of activity from both inside and outside of ELT which offer new insights and forms of activity to the ways in which we teach. Reflection and exploration by teachers, materials writers and curriculum developers can be a powerful vehicle for professional development. Areas of interest include teacher training, methodology, curriculum design, materials development, classroom practice, testing and evaluation, teacher interaction, CLIL, and of course information technology. We welcome presentations dealing with the issue of blending the old with the new which will be of wide general interest for all language teachers working in different teaching sectors and with students of all ages.

When is the proposal deadline?

The proposal deadline is **October 31, 2008**.

Is there any speaker grant money available?

There are two grants offered: **Grant 1** is for first time speakers at a **TESOL-SPAIN** National Convention; and **Grant 2** is the *Robin de Andrés Grant* for presentations related to primary or secondary education in Spain. For more information, please check the convention website or contact Olga Fernández at regional@tesol-spain.org.

How do I become a sponsor?

If you would like to display or advertise your product or service, sponsor a speaker or sponsor other activities, contact Gwynnedd Jones at ggjones@gmail.com.

FAQs about the Convention:

When is it?

The convention will take place on **March 13-15, 2009** (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Registration will begin at 15.00 on Friday, March 13.

Who attends it?

The **TESOL-SPAIN** National Convention is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals. There are teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, from E.O.I.s, universities, technical schools and academies, as well as teacher trainers, materials writers and course planners. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of testing boards, national and international authors also take part in the Convention.

Please note that people living in Spain (including speakers) are required to become members of **TESOL-SPAIN** in order to attend the Convention. (See our website for details)

What's on offer?

The Convention offers participants a wide range of presentations by national and international speakers including plenary and keynote presentations, papers, workshops, round tables and product presentations. There will be over 100 presentations during the two and a half days on a wide variety of topics. There will also be an exhibition area where you can browse through the latest publications, try out multi-media materials, find out about what's on offer from the examining boards, about other teaching associations or about professional development courses at home and abroad.

There will also be a jobs board, a materials swap shop and a theatre performance, plus opportunities for socializing not only during the Convention but also at the opening cocktail on Friday and the gala dinner on Saturday.

What is the convention timetable?

The convention timetable is **subject to change**, but to give you an idea:

Friday, March 13, 2009

15.00 -17.00 Registration
17.00 - 20.30 Presentations
20.30 Opening Cocktail

Saturday, March 14, 2009

8.30 - 9.00 Registration
9.00 -19.45 Presentations
21.30 Gala Dinner

Sunday, March 15, 2009

9.30 -17.30 Presentations
17.45 -18.30 Closing Ceremony

(See our website for information in December 2008)