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JOINT UK- PAKISTAN TESOL CONFERENCE:

“TESOL: Crossing Boundaries, Overcoming Barriers”

3rd and 4th March 2009

At the International Islamic University, Islamabad

Within the TESOL world, there are many areas of shared interest and recognised practices that appear to be transferable to a range of contexts. There are, equally, personal, societal, institutional and practical barriers that mean that each English teaching context has unique challenges.

The experience of the two host universities in the first two years of their British Council supported TESOL partnership has been that there are many common, arguably global, issues that we face but there are also context specific challenges and barriers that take more imagination and understanding to overcome. The aim of this conference is to serve as a platform where TESOL professionals and researchers can share their strategies and discuss creative approaches that help to overcome some of the barriers.

Practitioners and researchers working in TESOL are invited to contribute any of the following: talks, workshops, demonstrations and product presentations. We are also running special “incubator” sessions for research students and new researchers to present their work in progress.

Contributions related to the main conference theme should fall into one of the following categories:

- ❖ Teaching and learning methods and approaches
- ❖ Materials development, adaptation, transferability
- ❖ Language testing
- ❖ Context specific influences on the teaching and learning of English

- ❖ Personal factors related to language learning
- ❖ Initial teacher training and CPD
Deadline for abstracts: 30th September, 2008

Please use the attached form for submission of the proposal which should be sent to Dr Jennifer Cann at the University of Wales, Newport: jennifer.cann@newport.ac.uk or Mr Muhammad Safeer Awan at the International Islamic University, Islamabad: safeer.awan@iiu.edu.pk

Notification of acceptance will be given by 30th October, 2008

Conference papers will be published in the universities' joint journal, NEXUS: JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN ENGLISH STUDIES following the conference.

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