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*Plenary*

## Session – II

- 2.00 p.m.                      Panel Discussion                      : Continuing Professional Development
- Moderator                                      : Prof. Vance Stevens, *Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi*  
                                 Topic    : *Learning2gether To Achieve The Aha! Moment*
- Panelists    : Dr. Shiva Ramaswamy  
                                    *AAC, Rochester, USA*  
                                    Ms. Daniel Ringold, *RELO - India*  
                                    Ms. Sarah Anderson, *RELO - India*  
                                    Mrs. Uma Moha, *ELT Consultant, Chennai*  
                                    Dr. Vinodhini Sara Reardon, *RELO - Sri Lanka*
- 3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.      Plenary II                                      : Adrian Tenant (Special Invitee, British Council)  
                                 Topic    : *A Thali For Eltai*
- 4.00 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.    : Refreshment
- 4.15 p.m.-5.30 p.m.      Workshop Resource Persons:
- TT715      Dr. Numa Markee, *University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign*  
                                 TT716      Ms. Sheila Roy, *British Council*  
                                 TT717      Mr. Kalyan Sarkar, *WizIQ.com, Calcutta*  
                                 TT724      Ms. Sarah Anderson, *RELO-India*  
                                 TT725      Ms. Colleen Garrett, *RELO-India*  
                                 TT726      Dr. Vinodhini Sara Reardon, *RELO-Sri Lanka*  
                                 TT728      Dr. Chitralakshmi S.K, *Govt. Engineering College, Salem*  
                                 TT729      Mr. Daniel Ringold, *RELO-India*  
                                 TT403      Dr. Thiruvengataswami, *Former Professor, NIT, Warangal*  
                                 TT404      Dr. Ilangovan, *ELT Consultant, Chennai*
- Featured Speakers:
- TT413      Dr. Firoozeh PAPAN-MATIN, *University of Washington, USA*  
                                                                      Prof. Francis Britto, *Sophia University, Japan*  
                                                                      Dr. Beena Menon, *Chiang Mai Rajabhat University, Thailand*
- TT414      Dr. Arul Kumar, *ELT Consultant, Chennai*  
                                                                      Dr. Anand Mahanand, *EFLU, Hyderabad*  
                                                                      Ms. Aarthi Murali, *Director, Pincushion*

## Session –IV

- 2.00p.m.-2.20 p.m. Online - Special Lecture : Dr.Nellie Deutsch  
*Founder: Integrating Technology for Active Lifelong Learning (IT4ALL) Canada*
- 2.20p.m.-3.00 p.m. Plenary IV : Prof. Vance Stevens  
*Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi*
- Topic : *Learning2gether to achieve the aha! Moment*
- 3.00p.m.-4.00 p.m. Symposiums II : Teacher Development in the Digital Age  
 Moderator : Dr. Kalyan Chattopadhyay,  
*Bankim Sardar College, Calcutta*  
 Presenters : Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya  
*H M Patel Institute of English Training and Research, Gujarat*  
 : Dr. Dilip Barad, *Bhavnagar University, Gujarat*  
 : Mr. Kalyan Sarkar, *WizIQ.com, Calcutta*
- 4.00p.m.-4.15 p.m. : *Refreshment*
- 4.15p.m.-5.30 p.m. Workshop Resource Persons:
- TT715 Mr. Adrian Tenant, *Special Invitee from UK, British Council*
  - TT716 Ms. Anamika Basu, *British Council*
  - TT717 Ms. Clare O'Donahue & Ms. Daphne Pawelec,  
*British Council*
  - TT724 Dr. P. N.Ramani, *Quality Assurance Specialist, Sultanate of Oman*
  - TT725 Ms.Shefali Kularni, *British Council*
  - TT726 Dr. Shiva Ramaswamy, *AAC, Rochester, USA*
  - TT728 Dr. Saradha Rajkumar, *SSL-English, VIT (Chennai Campus)*
  - TT729 Mrs. Uma Mohan, *ELT Consultant, Chennai*
  - TT403 Dr. Numa Markee, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*
  - TT404 .Revathy Viswanathan & Mrs. Jeya Balasubramaniam  
*B.S. Abdur Rahman University & Easwari Engineering College*
- Featured Speakers:
- TT413 Dr Mr. Jayaraj, *St.Josephs College, Trichy*  
 Mr. Sajan Karan  
*Nepal English Language Teachers Association (NELTA), Nepal*  
 Mrs. Gowri Sivashankar, *Velammal Group of Institutions*
  - TT414 Mrs. Fouzia Banu Jalaluddin  
*Nassarawa State University, Keffi, Nigeria*  
 Mrs. Zakiya Ansari & T.Narayana, *Manipal University, Dubai*  
 Mrs. Jasreen Grewal, *Regional Institute of English, Chandigarh*

## LEARNING2GETHER TO ACHIEVE THE AHA! MOMENT

Vance Stevens, Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi



This talk explains how Learning2Gether came about, and how it draws on and expands its participants' personal learning networks so that knowledge is transferred informally and peer to peer. A crucial aspect of the learning that takes place there is where teachers model to one another how to use Web 2.0 tools to leverage learning through networking, and to apply these to classroom and other professional development opportunities. The talk is couched in the perspective of how teachers achieve the aha! Moment, where they 'get' how technology can become a critical enabler of what they ordinarily try to do pedagogically in their classrooms. In this presentation I will try to provoke an aha! moment by illustrating how a PLN works to enhance such learning by getting people from other virtual spaces to join us in real time, live and online.



## MATERIALS DESIGN: FROM THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE TO FULL-FLEDGED UNIT

Numa Markee, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Prof. Markee will argue that, as Prabhu (1987) so ably demonstrated in the ground breaking Bangalore Project that was implemented in southern India from 1979-1984, good materials design is fundamentally grounded in classroom experimentation by teachers. Prof. Markee will illustrate this position by showing how a task based module he presented at the Nepalese English Teachers Association conference in Kathmandu last year started out life in 1990 as a demonstration lesson of Task Based Language Teaching for teachers-in-training at the University of Illinois. Originally, the Hospital Drawing Task shown here consisted of a hastily drawn picture and a few scribbled notes on the back of an envelope. Over time, Prof. Markee had the opportunity to refine these ideas into "real" materials as he repeated this demonstration many times. In addition, he was able over time to incorporate various improvements based on evidence from video recordings of some of the early demonstration lessons. Professor Markee will conclude his talk by suggesting ways in which Indian teachers of English can adapt these ideas to their own teaching situations.





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