



INVITES YOU TO

THE 9th INTERNATIONAL RATE CONFERENCE

**“MORE THAN TEACHING,
TRAINING FOR THE REAL LIFE”**

**31st OCTOBER – 2nd NOVEMBER 2008
BUCHAREST**

RATE is the only national association in our country which is focused on the professional development of teachers of English and other specialists in the linguistic domain. It aims at implementing and reaching the quality standards in teaching English.

Our objectives are:

- To provide access to quality information, experience and materials;**
- To promote self-development in order to meet higher professional standards;**
- To disseminate successful practice;**
- To help teachers bring theory into classroom activity;**
- To meet European standards in education;**
- To offer in-service training courses in partnership with other institutions;**
- To provide mentorship to newly qualified teachers;**
- To encourage the lifelong learning of languages;**
- To promote linguistic diversity and intercultural dialogue;**
- To represent the interests of the teachers of English and make their voice heard in the community;**
- To raise the authority of the teachers of English as professionals;**
- To promote the Romanian cultural identity and values in a tolerant society;**
- To develop and support world communication between English Language Teaching professionals.**

This year’s event will be hosted by BETA branch. The Conference is intended to be an international event whose mission is to offer personal and professional development opportunities for RATE members throughout the country.

The concept of the event:

The Conference covers a wide variety of topics in close connection with teaching English as a foreign language in today's modern world.

The Conference engages various formats: plenary sessions, presentations, workshops, book stands, round tables, interactive debates, interactive contest with prizes.

The Conference gathers famous professionals: teachers, trainers, speakers, text book authors with a vast teaching experience.

The Conference is the best opportunity for the Romanian teachers of English to get in touch with highly qualified trainers throughout the world, enrich their general and language knowledge and develop their teaching skills.

Conference target:

This year we expect 300 specialists in the English language:

- ✓ Teachers of English
- ✓ Linguists
- ✓ Training managers
- ✓ Head teachers
- ✓ Project managers
- ✓ Management consultants
- ✓ University managers
- ✓ Text book authors
- ✓ Publishing houses representatives
- ✓ Other specialists in the field of languages

This means: active people, with a lot of responsibilities at work, greatly interested in their professional development, making a highly qualified audience.

All participants are welcome to take part in our Conference.

REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the Registration Form and return it to Olesia Sava : olesia.sava@gmail.com

Registration fee: 120 RON / 30 Euro

The registration fee must be sent by post at:

Asociația Profesorilor de Limbă Engleză din București (BETA), autorizație de funcționare 2354 /P.J. / 1990, CF 9210405 ,
in : RO 86 BRDE 445 SV 13001284450 at BRD.,sucursala Moșilor.(for lei) and
RO 81 BRDE 445 SV 24924624450 at BRD -sucursala Calea Mosilor (for Euro)

Closing date for submitting registration forms: September 15th 2008

Late registration fee: 200 RON / 50 Euro between September 16th - October 1st 2008

Proposals for workshops with abstracts of about 50 words (with or without some 25 words author presentation) should be filled in and submitted by e-mail to Raluca Herascu: raluca.alexandra@yahoo.com

You may choose your topic from any of the following categories: modern, ever-changing perspectives in teaching foreign languages; language teaching strategies; developing specific language skills; exam preparation; using auxiliary materials/Internet resources/games etc; promoting the teacher-student partnership for studying a foreign language; developing cultural awareness in teaching English; cross-curricular approaches to ELT; being creative and innovative in designing lesson projects with contemporary language developments; teaching English for a tolerant world.

The duration of a workshop is 45 minutes.

Do not forget to specify auxiliaries needed (cassette player, video + TV, OHP, PC + video projector, others).

Closing date for submitting proposals for workshops with abstracts: September 1st 2008

Further details concerning the Conference programme and logistics will be provided by e-mail to those who have filled in and returned the registration form. Do not forget to send your e-mail address, in order to facilitate further communication.

If you want to contact us, please do not hesitate:

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All 3 documents can also be found on our site www.rate.org

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Conference in Bucharest.

BETA board members and organizational team of the Conference

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